Clough announces departure

Farewell, unfinished business addressed to students

By D. G. Wayne Clough
Institute President

This July I will be stepping down from my position as president of Georgia Tech. My ten years here has been a wildly successful one and I have made phenomenal progress in turning this campus into an internationally lauded research university. However, before I leave, there are a few issues I will resolve.

First, I will personally coach our football team to victory against UGA. I’ve scheduled a game during Dead Week. If some of our players are too busy with finals then I’ll step up and play on the field as well. I can play any spot on the offensive line. I also make an excellent cornerback.

Second, I know that this school is a tough academic environment and many students fail with their grades. I am offering to continue anyone who has lost the HOPE scholarship until they are academically eligible again. What’s your prob? Math? Physics? Calculus? Experimental fluid dynamics? I can teach anything. I could teach you my 35 years as a Nobel Prize-winning physicist.

Third, I will solve Atlanta’s drought problem. No more faucet restrictors and low flow toilets for this campus. Using my civil engineering skills, I have designed a series of aqueducts that will divert water from elephant dung.

Fourth, in order to live up the social aspects of Georgia Tech, I will be hosting weekly pool parties at the president’s mansion. There will be an open bar, and bathing suits will be optional—like we used to do at Berkeley in ’69.

To make up for the short supply of females, the pool parties will be regularly stocked with all kinds of women. The guys here have been at a disadvantage with that already. The ladies Tech students are smart, beautiful and classy, but they are just not enough of them. To fix this situation, I have traded our College of Computing for UGA’s College of Nursing. I never liked those CS nerds anyways. So guys, you’re welcome.

Before I leave, I thought I’d let you all know I will be taking the T’Tech Tower with me into retirement. It doesn’t matter that I am telling you of my plans, I am still going to steal the T. You can’t stop me. If I have to fly in tethered to a helicopter and rip it off with my bare hands, then so be it. The most likely scenario involves building and flying a jetpack to the top of Tech Tower. I’ll grab the T and zip off to Washington in my jetpack. On my way to D.C., I’ll make a stop on the roof of UGA president Mike Adams’s house and defeat him down his chimney.

After all my goals have been achieved and I arrive, I, in hand, in Washington, D.C., I will then be stuffed, coated in enamel, ensnared in glass and put on display at the Smithsonian. You can find me under the exhibit titled “Greatest University President Ever.”

Tech reconSIDERS Drownproofing

By Amanda Gaines
Chief Lifeguard

Drownproofing, an infamous course from Georgia Tech’s past years, is now required to teach water survival techniques such as how to float with hands and legs tied together, will be returning to campus. Like past drownproofing implementations, the course will be mandatory for all students.

The administration has stated that the main reason for the return of drownproofing is to fight the obesity epidemic growing amongst today’s youth. The new drownproofing course will also cover other survival techniques useful to land-based situations like getting lost in a desert.

Edward “Bear” Grylls, host of Discovery Channel’s Man vs. Wild, will serve as a special guest lecturer for part of the course. When asked about his teaching plans, Grylls responded, “Of course we’re not going to attempt all of the stuff on my show; just the basics like the proper way to eat goat testicles, how to cut open a camel and sleep in its innards to prevent frostbite and safe umphoria techniques for surviving a drought. Oh, and elephant dung. Let’s not forget elephant dung. We’ll also be learning how to extract sterile water from elephant dung. A pilot program for the new drownproofing course was conducted using honors students this past fall. Honors Dean Dean Zoleck claimed it was a complete success, “we only had to resuscitate five people, all of which have normal brain functioning intact.”

Zoleck also commented on the risks involved in binding the limbs of Tech students and then pushing them into the diving well at the CRC pool.

“We see one or two deaths a semester as an acceptable loss.”

OIT to release students’ computer activity to the public

By Matthew Winkler
Editor-in-Chief

On October 2, 1998, the Technique unveiled a new feature known as Slivers. Originally placed at the top of every page. This eventually evolved into the the Sliver Box as it is today, where members of the Tech community can anonymously submit their random comments online to be published every issue. Today marks the end of that era.

After a run of nearly ten years, the Editorial Board of the Technique has elected to permanently eliminate the Sliver Box from the pages of this fine publication. While we know this disappoints the majority; if not, all of our readership, it is a step in the right direction for this newspaper.

The decision was tough, but well-thought out. The Editorial Board has justified this elimination with many reasons. The Sliver Box has become too much of a love connection versus the already socially inept. It is unprofessional to publish items pertaining to this secret crush and that love of your life who just walked away. Also, the negativity of Slivers detracts from the real journalism taking place in the pages of this publication. While we know there are vendettas that form between certain groups on campus, we do not want to be the catalyst for such feuds.

So from now on we ask the student body to stop expressing their feelings and confront these challenges face-to-face. The Sliver Box will no longer be a veil of anonymity for campus.

To make up for the elimination, editors have placed extra Sliver boxes throughout the paper to clean out our archives. Two Bits Man will also be fired at the end of the year to continue steps toward maintaining the highest of journalistic standards.

While the Sliver has been a staple of the Technique, we hope you continue to find another reason to read each week. Those who only read the Technique for the Slivers...you will not be missed.

OIT’s enforce-
News Briefs

Student Government switches to communism

The Georgia Tech SGA has decided to forgo the traditional SGA election process and instead change over to a communist form of government. Comrade Anu Parvaniyar said, “the move will be beneficial to all students. No longer will student organizations have to fight amongst each other for resources; instead the SGA will run every organization.” Critics claim the SGA switch to communism was not out of consideration for the student body, but a ploy by a power-hungry Anu Parvaniyar to stay in control.

Personal space breached in Glenn showers

While navigating the awkward system of shower curtains in the third floor of Glenn dormitory last Tuesday, freshman Roy Bivens accidentally stumbled into his PL, who was in the middle of his second shampoo-rinse-repeat cycle. Bivens was attempting to reach the vaunted middle shower with the high pressure shower head. Since the incident, Bivens has delayed his normal shower time by 40 minutes to avoid any future shower encounters. Additionally, Bivens has purposefully avoided his PL in Brittain Dining Hall.

Official pecking order of engineers established

The bitter infighting amongst the engineering majors at Tech has finally been resolved and an order of respectability has been agreed upon. The most respected engineering majors at Tech are chemical engineers and aerospace engineers, who have brokered a truce where they share mutual respect for one another. Coming in a distant second are biomedical engineers. They are followed by nuclear, civil, mechanical, electrical, materials science and polymer and fiber, in that order. Industrial engineers are to be given the least amount of respect, barely above the amount given to non-engineer majors.

Student organizations banned from Skiles Walkway

Effective immediately, student organizations are no longer allowed to set up tables or hand out flyers on Skiles Walkway. The ban was introduced as part of a new set of laws passed by the recently turned communist Student Government Association. Members of organizations caught advertising on Skiles will be forced to do labor at the campus post office. Student support for the new ban has been overwhelming. “I can finally walk to the library without being harassed,” said 2nd-year AE Andy Duprain, “now if they’d only do something about those jackasses that try to give you a high fives every Friday.”

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By Peter Fitigild / STUDENT PUBLISHING

This week’s question:
Will Sliver cancellation affect your readership?
Tell us at www.nique.net

Visit www.nique.net
Clough-capades

In my farewell piece I detailed many of my dreams and accomplishments while serving this great institution. I have included a couple of photos for everyone to remember by me in their own special way.

-G. Wayne Clough

(Top) The Atlanta tornado of '08 was my last great accomplishment. Here I scaled the Campanile to bargain with the Almighty to spare Tech. He agreed but my retirement was the payment.

(Bottom) This is an artist’s rendition of when the T will be stolen. The jetpack is state-of-the-art and has been tested to the highest of standards. My plan commences any day now.

Sudoku puzzle

New diet sensation created by GT Dining

By Neena Empanada
Staff Writer

GT dining is starting to gain nationwide recognition for a new diet first pioneered at Brittain dining hall.

Unlike conventional diets, the Brittain diet requires that you surround yourself with food. “Pizza, hamburgers, whatever dishes you enjoy the most, cook enough so that you’ll never run out of food. But—and here’s the key to the Brittain diet—make the food taste as bad as you possibly can,” said Jimmy James, director of GT Dining. Dieters are instructed to use the worst quality food items they can find. Cheeseburgers, for instance, should be cooked from meat scraped off the slaughterhouse floor and cheese made from rat milk. By cooking large amounts of terrible food, Brittain dieters feel too guilty about wasting food to seek substance from other places, and at the same time, the food they do have tastes so horrible that they barely eat any of it.

James commented on the success of the diet at Georgia Tech, “just take a look at all the skinny freshmen we have walking around. They are a direct result of the abundant amount of low quality, low taste food we serve at Brittain.”
It’s a presidential election year, which means it’s time once again for Florida to come around and bop us up the process. This time Florida didn’t even wait for the general election. Instead, they focused on creating turmoil in the primary elections by moving up their election date and having their delegates stripped. Now, they’re calling for a redo. Michigan did the same, but there is an easy fix to that: we dissolve the state of Michigan. The Upper Peninsula will be annexed by Wisconsin and the rest of Michigan will be sold to Canada in exchange for cheap prescription drugs.

Unfortunately, we can’t do the same to Florida because its location is essential to the lifecycle of the US citizen. You know how salmon swim up stream to spawn and then die? That’s basically the purpose Florida serves for the United States. Florida is where we ship our old people off to die, and it’s where we ship our college students off to mate for spring break.

What else are we going to do for spring break? Light house tour of Marie? I’ve done one of those tours before, and the elderly light house tour guides will not let you do body shots off of them, even if you claim you’re part of the Girl Gone Wild film crew.

The mess this year resolves around the Democratic Party, where two candidates remain in contention. Hillary Clinton is one of the candidates. She has vast presidential experience such as actually using the White House bathroom for eight years and acting as a political liaison on a dangerous trip to Bosnia—a trip so dangerous that comedian Sinbad and rocker Sheryl Crow had to accompany her in case they had to take cover from sniper fire in a Bosnian coffee shop hosting an open mic night. Barack Obama is the other democratic candidate. Although he has an insurmountable lead in delegates and the popular vote, and his platform of change strongly resonates with the large block of independent voters, some claim he isn’t experienced enough to be president. I agree. Why elect an unknown senator who, upon inauguration, will barely be one year old and be buried by Chelsea Clinton in 1992 and then George W. Bush from 2016-2024. After that, for 2024-2032, we’ll have enough experience to be capable of answering...and giving the phone to Bill Clinton.

Michael Skinner
Chief Political Analyst

“When that 3 a.m. red phone calls...I want the next president to be capable of answering...and giving the phone to Bill Clinton.”

The best course for America is one that has as little deviation from our past experiences as possible, which is why I have developed a plan that will keep America on a steady path for the next 100 years. The plan relies on the principal that, in the two centuries since America gained independence from Great Britain, we have evolved from a country ruled by a single monarchy into a system where two distinct political families rule. Out of the 300 million people that live in this country, we’ve dwindled our leaders down to the two bloodlines most capable of producing presidents: the Bushes and the Clintons.

The 100 year plan calls for 100 straight years of rule by either a Bush or a Clinton. First we elected George H.W. Bush in 1988, followed by Bill Clinton in 1992 and then George W. Bush in 2000. Next we need Hillary Clinton from 2008-2016, then Jeb Bush from 2016-2024. After that, we’ll be ready for Chelsea Clinton (who also attended the Bosnian trip with Sinbad and Sheryl Crow) for 2024-2032.

For 2032 we’ll elect one of Bush’s twin daughters, and just to mix things up a bit, we’ll elect the other twin in 2036. Bill Clinton’s grandson, Slick Willy Junior, will take 2040-2048.

With future technology we should be able to have a George Bush clone ready for 2048-2056. Hillary Rodham Clinton Junior can have 2056-2064. Then 2064-2072 will be ruled by zombie Barbara Bush, who will be resurrected from the grave using future stem cell medicine. Another Clinton offspring, maybe some sort of two-headed Hillary-Bill conjoined twin, will have 2072-2080. To conclude the 100 year plan, 2080-2088 would be ruled by cyborg George Bush. By this time, Iraq should be stable enough that we can invade it all over again.

For additional consistency, Al Gore and Dick Cheney will continue to be vice presidents. Cheney will be cryogenically stored during the Clinton periods, and we’ll pop a new heart into him every time we wake him up for a Bush term. Gore can use all of his down time to solve global problems by creating spiffy PowerPoint presentations.

After 2088, there will be more Clinton on Bush; it’ll be time to move on. For 2088, we’ll have to decide between a 152 year old John McCain and Barack Obama, who will finally have had enough experience to be ready for the presidency.
Buzz entrenched in porn scandal on buzzporn.net

By Leigh Columbus
Staff Writer

It was recently revealed that over the past three years, Buzz has created a number of sex tapes and nude photographs. Several pictures were leaked over Spring Break on tmz.com. Since then, hundreds of websites have surfaced with photos and videos depicting Buzz in compromising situations. One such site is www.buzzporn.net, which shows Buzz engaging in activities far from the side of amateur pornography, but we were not in a position to refuse the money.” Within two months the pictures were up on buzzporn.net and several similar sites.

Despite the majority of Buzz’s video and photo work being solo films and pictures, buzzporn.net shows that he has created a number of sex tapes and several orgy videos. Buzz could not be reached for comment.

Term ‘Red Jesus’ leads to confusion

Yes, I have orange hair, that due to a misnomer in the English language is often described as red. Additionally, I often wear a distinct deep red hat. Furthermore, I realize that my long hair and accompanying facial hair resembles that of common depictions of the Christian messiah. However, this does not give you the right to call me Red Jesus. How many of you even know my first name? This has gone on too long.

For instance, “okay, it’s just a stupid nickname, it’ll go away soon” I told myself. Yet for four years later I still hear the whispers as I walk around the Student Center, “there goes Red Jesus.” It has become clear to me that, what started out as a nickname has turned into a deep spiritual yearning for someone to lead this campus on a religious journey.

However, I am but a humble engineering student with no desire to lead a religion. The risks are simply too great. It’s like owning a restaurant. It all seems like a good idea, but nine out of ten restaurants fail within the first five years. And unlike a restaurant, I can’t simply close up shop and declare bankruptcy. When religions fail, they fail big time.

You’ll hear about me on the news: “Red Jesus-the Georgia Tech alumni that started a cult and committed mass suicide. Is that what you want?” That is the whole heaven/hell thing is just too cut and dry for my religion.

Do I want to be responsible for sending some guy to eternal damnation because he told one too many fibs? Or what if someone is a complete jackass but he once saved an old woman from a burning building? Do I reward him for one act of selflessness or punish him for living his life as an asshole? I’d probably throw him to the fiery pits of hell if I had to choose.

With reincarnation though, I don’t have to make decisions that last for eternity. I’d just have to let jackasses reincarnated as a pet Chihuahua or something else where he’ll learn some humility.

Just think of the possibilities I’d have with reincarnation. The girl that turned me down for a date? You know that chick is coming back as a dandelion. My obnoxious neighbors who keep blasting loud music past midnight?

Next lifetime they’re both going to be banana slugs, hermaphroditic creatures that often get their penises bitten off during mating.

But I guess that’s the problem I’d have being a deity. The successful religions have principles based on a benevolent higher power. I could never do that.

My religion would be one of rage and vengeance, which is why I need to put a halt to this whole thing before it starts. I’ll say it one more time: I’m not your messiah. Stop calling me Red Jesus.
11th Annual Earth Day Celebration  
Friday, April 18, 2008  10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. 
Take Action: Code Green
It’s Time to Act!

Environmental Leadership Award

If you know someone within the Georgia Tech community (student, faculty, staff, alumni, retiree) who is a LEADER in:
- Recycling
- Clean Air Initiatives
- Water Conservation
- Pollution Control
- Other Environmental Issues

Nominate him or her for the 2008 Georgia Tech Earth Day Environmental Leadership Award. Self nominations also accepted. Submission deadline is March 31, 2008. For an application, visit our website at www.earthday.gatech.edu/leadership.html

Volunteers Needed!
Free Earth Day T-Shirt!

We need GA Tech’s students, staff and faculty to make Earth Day a success. If you volunteer for at least 1 hour you will get a free T-shirt!

Volunteer Hours
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Deadline to volunteer is Tuesday, April 8, 2008
Register to volunteer at www.earthday.gatech.edu

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Donate your excess office supplies and obtain products that you need. Here’s how:

1. Gather your unused office supplies such as folders, binder clips, pens, paper etc.
2. Bring your supplies to the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling on the following dates:
   March 1 – March 31
   Mondays & Wednesdays  9 – 11 a.m.
   Fridays  2 – 4 p.m.
   (For directions, go to www.recycle.gatech.edu/find_us.php)
3. Shop for the supplies you need at Earth Day!
   Only GA Tech students, faculty and staff may participate. BuzzCard required.

www.earthday.gatech.edu
THINK GREEN WEEK
Monday, April 14 – Friday, April 18, 2008
A weeklong schedule of environmentally friendly events spearheaded by
GA Tech’s Earth Day Planning Committee
www.earthday.gatech.edu

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Earth Day Recycling Opportunities

Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Recycling
Recycle your personal computers and electronic items at Earth Day! Items collected will be used for recovery and reuse of valuable materials.

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe
Come to Earth Day and Shoot The Shoes!
ALL brands of athletic shoes will be accepted.
No metal eyelets, spikes or cleats.

Cell Phone & Toner Recycling
Bring your personal cell phone and toner cartridges to Earth Day – and leave them there!

Clothing Swap & Fashion Show
Bring your gently used clothing and swap them for other items.
You can volunteer to assist with collecting and sorting clothes.
Be a model for the day at our Fashion Show!
Contact Carly Queen at carlyqueen@gatech.edu
March Madness ruined by relationship

Girlfriend gives mind-numbing, minute-by-minute commentary to her boyfriend

By Alicia Faye
Staff Writer

7:10 p.m. Wisconsin vs. Davidson: Spud, are those red guys UGA? Boo, you suck UGA! But they’re wearing red. Well I think teams shouldn’t be allowed to have the same colors as other teams. That’s stupid.

Spud, when’s Calvin Johnson going to play? Wow that Bunch guy is tall. Doesn’t your slutty ex-girlfriend go to Davidson, Spud? What did you ever see in that skank? The Wisconsin mascot is Spud, what’s a bastard?

How come they aren’t showing Buzz? Spud, did you ever notice that Buzz has fat thighs? Like you can’t tell from far away, but you can when he’s up close. Is Buzz a boy or a girl?

8:27 p.m. Texas vs. Stanford: Like five seconds and Grey’s Anatomy is on. Just for like five seconds. Like five seconds and then you can turn it back to the game. Like five seconds I swear. Five seconds Spud, come on. You just don’t like that show because McDreamy is so much better looking than you are. Katherine Heigl has pretty thighs. Kinda a horse face though. Like you just want to stick a carrot in her mouth to see if she’ll bite it. Spud, what number is Calvin Johnson? Spud, why isn’t Calvin Johnson playing? Is he injured? Poor Calvin. I hope this doesn’t hurt his chances to go pro.


What about a free throw? Don’t yell at me Spud. It’s hard to keep track of this stuff.

Can we change the channel? Geeks and Gurus is on. Just for like five seconds. Like five seconds and then you can turn it back to the game. Like five seconds I swear. Five seconds Spud, come on. You just don’t like that show because McDreamy is so much better looking than you are. Katherine Heigl has pretty thighs. Kinda a horse face though. Like you just want to stick a carrot in her mouth to see if she’ll bite it. Spud, what number is Calvin Johnson? Spud, why isn’t Calvin Johnson playing? Is he injured? Poor Calvin. I hope this doesn’t hurt his chances to go pro.

10:57 p.m. Memphis vs. Michigan: I was offered to have my name tattooed with all the tattoos is scary. Oh my God, I just had the greatest idea. Let’s get matching tattoos! I’ll put your initials on my lower back next to a like a rose or something. Spud, don’t you think Calvin Johnson is just dreamy? I mean if you were gay, wouldn’t you think Calvin is dreamy? God Spud, you don’t have in secret written all over your body. It was an honest question. Spud, would it be okay with you if I got a Calvin Johnson tattoo too? Haha, I just said “tattoo too.” Tattoo too.

Photo by Dick Vitale

How I’m spending that Tech cash

By Chan Gailey
Former Coach

Hello all you Tech fans. It’s me Chan Gailey reporting to you from the sunny island state of Hawaii. While I know the last time we met it was not on the happiest of terms, don’t worry, I no longer harbor any grudges.

It is well known that I had a little bit of money left over on my contract that Tech still has to pay. Don’t worry I am not going to spend it all. I have about four million dollars, kid! Come on, I’m no fool. I’ve got eyes, you know.

I was offered to have my name placed on a stadium in lieu of my buy-out but figured that would be the easy way out. Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Gailey Field did not have the best ring to it anyway. As Steve Miller would say, I just took the money and ran.

After seven seasons with the Jackets, I had a winning record each season and also took the Jackets to a bowl game every year. This was somehow unsatisfactory. I would be bitter about the entire situation, but I have about four million reasons to be happy. Best of luck to you next year.

Athlete mocked, misidentified after forgetting to wear clothes with school logo

By Ryan Howard
Sports Fashion

In a running break from a long tradition, track and field runner Johan Andos walked out in public wearing no piece of clothing bearing the Tech logo. “I just ran out of clothes and left my sweats in the dryer. It’s no big deal,” Andos said.

During his morning walk to class, Andos was quietly stared down by all the athletes, with soft whispers and speculation of why he would break such a sacred law. Flustered freshman Amy Menunos approached him and asked him where Brittan dining hall was. Andos sheepishly replied that he didn’t know and that the athletes had a separate dining hall. Menunos rushed off to ask another student. “That was totally uncalled for. He should know the protocol. Geez, and I almost asked him if he did the circuits homework,” Menunos said.

When Andos entered his economics class, he was rebuffed by the group of athletes he was about to sit with, who told him that “Sorry, this seat is taken.” He dejectedly joined the loafer wearing, camouflage-hat wearing crowd on the other side. “Is this guy for real? He’s got to get with the program,” said sports enthusiast John Wilhoit.

A f t e r class, Andos approached Professor Ja- nius Ercil to tell her that he would be missing that Friday’s test because of a meet. Ercil stared for a moment and started to laugh. “And I won a million dollars, kid! Come on, I’m no fool. I’ve got eyes, you know.” Ercil said.

Andos walked back to his dorm, where he proceeded to burn all his non-Tech clothes. “I’ve learned my lesson. I’m no longer going to try wearing clothes with school logo again.”
THE END OF AN ERA

After nearly 14 years as Tech’s president, Clough departing to lead Smithsonian

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

For this generation of Tech students, Wayne Clough is the only Institute president they have ever known. That will soon change, as Clough announced in an e-mail to students Saturday, March 15, that he is stepping down from his position as of July 1 to become the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the top administrative position at the renowned educational and research facility.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) will be in charge of selecting Clough’s replacement and appointing an interim president. No candidates have yet been publicly announced, nor has a date been set for selecting an interim president.

An e-mail to students from USG chancellor Erroll Davis gave a general timetable for such processes as consisting of search preparation in the spring and formal solicitations for applications in the fall.

“We will work with the Tech campus to set in motion the search process that will identify a worthy successor to Dr. Clough and someone who is ready to lead Tech in ways that continue to build its national and international reputation,” Davis said in a statement on the Board of Regents’ website.

The figures show that Clough’s tenure has been filled with accomplishments. Since he took over in Sept. 1994, enrollment is up from 13,000 to 18,000; research expenditures have increased from $21.2 million to $473 million; the Institute has embarked on two capital campaigns raising $1.6 billion and is currently in the middle of a $1 billion campaign; Tech has climbed up the rankings, added 25 new majors and the world, and added 25 new majors (23 of which are non-engineering or interdisciplinary). He has received honors such as being named to the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology as well as the National Science Board.

“During the presidency of Wayne Clough, Georgia Tech has made tremendous advances in [furthering] its reputation as an undergraduate institution providing education in engineering, the sciences, and many other disciplines, and has become recognized as one of the leading research institutions in the U.S. It’s through President Clough’s leadership that those changes have been made,” said Provost Gary Schuster.

“Personally, I doubt there is anyone on the Georgia Tech campus that will miss him more than I will. Over the last year and a half (since Schuster was named provost) we’ve worked together on essentially a day-to-day basis, and I’ve come to admire his wisdom, thoughtfulness, and ability to get things done,” Schuster said.

Clough said that because he was “close to retirement at Georgia Tech,” the invitation to lead the

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Students to vote next week on candidates, referendums

By N. Denisse Gonzalez
Senior Staff Writer

After a week of campaigning by candidates, Student Government Association (SGA) election polls will open Tuesday, April 1 at noon, giving students the chance to enter their votes for the offices of president and executive vice president, as well as their representation in the Undergraduate House of Representatives or the Graduate Student Senate.

In addition to listing the names of the candidates running for office for which the student may vote, next week’s election ballot will also contain three referendums proposed by the SGA.

The polls will remain open until Friday, April 4, at 4 p.m., and the results of the election will be announced Friday at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Commons.

The biggest proposed change would create a new judicial body known as the Joint Judiciary Cabinet (JJC) that would oversee decisions made by the Undergraduate and Graduate Judiciary Cabinets.

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2.5 times more transmitting power than the old transmitter. This will improve the sound quality and reliability of WREK broadcasts.

“The [FM broadcasts] should be greatly improved. The station won’t drop out at random hours or during baseball games anymore,” one transmitter was from November 1988, 20 years old and breaking down… It was time for a new transmitter,” Shanks said.

The transmitter will not only provide better sound quality in regular FM broadcasting, but gives WREK HD broadcasting capabilities. This will allow WREK to have multi-cast technology. This means that by the beginning of the next fall semester, WREK will be running a second

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No suspects were identified.

An officer responded to a report of theft at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum on March 15. An employee reported that three items were stolen from the second floor press room during the SEC basketball tournament. The employee stated that he left the items on top of the stage area for 15 minutes while he conducted an interview across the room. When he returned, he found the items missing. The items, a cassette recorder, microphone and pair of earphones were valued at $750.

The third referendum to appear on the ballot will add titles to the articles and sections of the constitution.

At some point or another during our revisions we lost the text in our headings which clarified what each article and sections contained. This amendment will recreate the titles, making it much easier to find information in our constitution,” Frazier said.

Frazier introduced the referendum to append headings, while the plan to create a joint judiciary cabinet has been in the works for several years. Students will be provided with the full text of the potential revisions to the constitution when voting.

If no candidate in the executive elections receives a majority of the vote, a runoff election will be scheduled the following week between the two highest vote-getters, following the same schedule but pushed forward a week. The process will repeat the following week if neither candidate receives a majority yet again.
Tornado strikes city, spares campus

By Corbin Pon
Assistant News Editor

During the first few evening hours of Spring Break on March 14, a tornado hit downtown Atlanta. With winds clocking in around 130 miles per hour, the tornado damaged some of the Atlanta’s landmarks. However, Tech received no discernible damage.

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“As far as evidence of the tornado downtown, yesterday we saw the broken windows on the Westin, Omni and some other buildings downtown. They have closed down some blocks near these places and are still cleaning up glass and other debris,” said Laura Nunez, Chemical Engineering Masters student, who was in downtown Atlanta last Sunday. Although some of these buildings sit no more than a mile from Tech, there were no reports of any kind of tornado-related damage on campus.

“They really couldn’t find even a fallen limb when they looked around the campus,” Teresa Crocker, Chief of Police, GTPD said. “We’re thankful that we didn’t have any of the damage received in the downtown area.”

A few hours after the storm had subsided, units from the Tech Police Department and Tech Facilities surveyed the campus looking for signs of damage. They were not able to find any damage in their search, and subsequent examination by state officials also failed to turn up anything.

“This isn’t the end. In fact, this is only the beginning,” said Andy Altizer, director of Emergency Preparedness. “The tornado season lasts from March to May.”

Next week, Altizer and the Police Department will be hosting an administration-level discussion to review the contingency plan for a tornado incident. The discussion group will include the Chief of Police, Emergency Preparedness Director, Deputy Chief of Police, Patrol Commander, Facilities Director, Environmental Health and Safety Representative, Executive Vice President of Administration, Housing, Representative, Communications and Public Relations Representative, Health Services Representative and a representative from the Dean of Students Office.

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Smithsonian was well-timed. “I’ve had a great run here and we’ve had a wonderful time, but you reach a point where it’s time for somebody else to do the job,” Clough said.

He said that he had not been planning to go anywhere else after retiring; however, when he was approached by a search firm who was looking to fill the opening for a permanent Secretary, he began to think his background would make him a good fit at the Smithsonian.

“I realized there were a lot of similarities between this institution, Georgia Tech, and that one, the Smithsonian. The budgets are about the same size. The Smithsonian has a great number of scientists working for them. The curators of the museum are much like faculty. They have a need for fund-raising, something I do here. They’re also a public institution which has to work with elected officials, and I do that here,” Clough said.

One unique appeal that Clough saw in leading the Smithsonian was the role it serves for the United States. “I have always had a strong passionate feeling about the Smithsonian because it’s a great national asset. For our country, and all of its citizens, it’s a chance to see our history and think about our future.... If I can contribute and help them, then I’m helping our country, and I thought that was a nice thing to do in the twilight of my active career,” Clough said.

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Wayne Clough Institute President

In taking the job, Clough succeeds acting secretary Cristian Samper and the previous permanent secretary, Lawrence Small, who resigned in 2007 amid allegations of improper personal expenditures and criticism of his style of management.

Clough said he will face two major challenges: the first is overcoming a “deficit in maintenance” of the museum’s exhibits and of the Smithsonian’s buildings. The second is the need to re-establish the trust of Congress, which provides about two-thirds of the Smithsonian’s funding, after the problems of the previous administration.

“Beyond that, he said there are exciting opportunities to use technology to bring the vast collections of the museum, many of which are unable to be placed in its current exhibits, to people who can’t make it to the museum by using the internet. Having spent nearly 14 years as the president of his alma mater, Clough has plenty of things he’ll miss when he transitions to this new phase of his career. “I’m certainly going to miss the students. They’re one in a million and I think a lot of my [proudest accomplishments] would relate to the improvements we’ve made in student life, and opportunities for our students,” Clough said.

“Dr. Clough is one of the best presidents, if not the best president, Georgia Tech has ever had,” said Ana Parvatiyar, student body president.

“He’s done a lot for students... the ways that he’s expanded not only the research capabilities and the facilities of Georgia Tech but also [improved] the student life experience. We take his record for granted since he’s been here for so long. Students love and respect Dr. Clough and we’re very sad to see him go,” Parvatiyar said. The fact that the decision came at the beginning of Spring Break was not intentional, according to Clough. When the Smithsonian Institution feared that the names of the nominees for the position were going to be leaked out, and not wanting to carry out the process with the nominees made public, they made their decision ahead of schedule. They gave Clough the chance to make the announcement to campus before they would hear about it from somewhere else.
A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

**Violence in Tibet prompts international reactions**

Prolonged violence in Tibet by Chinese authorities continues to plague the country and plunge it deeper in a sea of bloodshed and tension. This has sparked protests and international reactions around the world, most recently with French president Nicholas Sarkozy threatening to boycott the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics.

The French president was the first major world leader to hint at a boycott of the games; the United States, Britain and Germany have all condemned China, but so far have not considered a boycott of the Olympics.

Sarkozy urged China to work with the Dalai Lama.

"Our Chinese friends must understand the worldwide concern that there is about the question of Tibet, and will adapt my response to the evolutions in the situation that will come, I hope, as rapidly as possible," Sarkozy said.

**Wall Street firm sinks in flailing economy**

The subprime mortgage crisis has claimed its most prominent victim to date, namely Wall Street brokerage power Bear Stearns. The firm, which had lost money on its hedge funds that specialized in subprime mortgage lending, was bought by competitor JP Morgan in a deal that was facilitated by the federal government.

The initial offer of two dollars per share, one-fifteenth of Bear’s going market price, was rebuffed by incensed shareholders. JP Morgan raised its offer to ten dollars per share and also agreed to absorb the first billion dollars in losses; the federal government responded by guaranteeing $29 billion in financing. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson categorized the agreement more as a way to provide much-needed stability for the entire financial market rather than a rescue effort for Bear Stearns shareholders.

The Bear Stearns collapse is part of a financial turmoil that is gripping the country: the dollar has sunk to historical lows against the Euro and the Yen, while the price of oil hovers at $101.22 per barrel which is short of the record $111.80 that was touched on March 17th.
Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

By Corbin Pon, Assistant News Editor, and William Brawley, Contributing Writer

This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from both March 11, 2008, and March 25, 2008.

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<td>Joint allocation to Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS): The bill sought $1638 to hold Tech Beautification Day. Bill passed but is going to the conference committee.</td>
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<td>Joint allocation to AIAA: AIAA is inviting a NASA representative to speak on campus and requests assistance in funding speaker fees. The UHR wanted them to look into promoting it more to non-AE majors.</td>
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<td>Joint allocation to FIMRC (Children’s Global Health Awareness Campaign): The bill requested funds for promotional materials for this campaign to raise awareness of about the healthcare issues face by children worldwide.</td>
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<td>Joint allocation to FIMRC (El Salvador Trip): The bill unsuccessfully requested funding for travel to El Salvador for six students. Since it was a retroactive request it received much opposition, although the recently-founded organization argued that it had tried to file the bill ahead of time.</td>
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- My name is Brian Tyson and I am a third-year Electrical Engineering major from Jacksonville, Fla. I currently serve on the Executive Cabinet of SGA as the Institute Wide Committees Chair where I work directly with the President to appoint and monitor student representatives to over 65 committees. I have been actively involved in working with the administration on Strategic Planning for Student Affairs, the Student Engagement Study with Communications and Marketing, the Athletic Association and other campus departments to improve the student experience. My campus involvement includes Ramblin' Rock Club Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., BOSP SOP, Homecoming Talent Show Chair, Minority Recruitment Team and FASET Cabinet. All have given me a unique perspective into many aspects of student life and have propelled me to run for this position. I believe that it is important for the student body president to not only be knowledgeable about student government, but also student life. If there is one thing that makes me qualified for this candidacy, it is the fact that I have built relationships in nearly every facet of Tech life and have served in various roles which have given me campus experience. I have a strong passion for making Student Government a more active vehicle for students and campus organizations by providing a support network through other means beyond financial assistance. I feel that SGA should serve as a strong liaison between the interests of the student body by promoting campus unity and student development. I plan to do this by increasing SGA’s visibility throughout the campus and developing faculty-student interaction within the classrooms. SGA should not be primarily seen as a financial support. The amount of resources that SGA can provide are huge and I feel that we can definitely support the students and campus organizations in a variety of ways. One initiative that I am advocating is making SGA more approachable for students by building lasting relationships. By building these relationships, we can progress as a community and grow together.
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- My Vision
- Bridge the information gap between students and SGA by creating a new executive position for communications and holding open forums about major campus issues.
- Streamline football and basketball ticketing with systems that are efficient and fair to all students.
- Foster environmental stewardship, beginning with enhanced recycling efforts and energy efficiency.
- Promote expanded, high quality student life programming such as centralized campus activities on gamedays.
- Improve campus services, such as continuing to push for a new web portal that centralizes your calendar, e-mail and class information; lobbying Parking and Transportation to give students a discount for paying tickets early and get NextBus screens installed at all stops; and coordinating with GT Police to promote campus safety.
- Advocate academic flexibility, such as making room in more curricula for students to get minors, developing fitness alternatives to the HPS 1040 wellness class and pushing for the creation of more online classes for undergraduates.

My Experience
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- Junior Class Representative
- FreeSGA Member & Advisor

Other Campus Experience and Leadership
- Delta Chi Fraternity (Treasurer)
- Presidents’ Council Governing Board (Burdell’s Best Awards Chair)
- MOVE (Volunteer Fair Chair)
- GT 1000 (Team Leader)
- Executive Round Table
- Georgia Tech Earth Day Committee

My Drive: Why I want to be your SGA President
- I am running because I am passionate about public service; I love Georgia Tech; I feel a responsibility to use my knowledge and experience for the good of my fellow students; and I have a vision for Georgia Tech that I want to see realized.

The SGA President is the spokesperson for the student body, and you need someone you can trust to do the job right. My vision, experience and drive make me the most qualified candidate, and I would sincerely appreciate your vote.
Candidates for Undergraduate Executive Vice President

Kaitlyn Frazier
www.KaitlynFrazier.com

SGA Experience:
• BME Representative
• Chair, Internal Development Committee
• Vice President, Ad hoc Committee on Health
• UHR-GSS Conference Committees
• Academic Affairs Committee
• FirstSGA

Campus Experience:
• Finding Segment on Ground Executive Board
• Cardiovascular Fluid Mechanics Lab
• Alpha Delta Pi Sorority
• Freshman Class, Panhellic Psi Chi
• Honors Program

I’m Kaitlyn Frazier, and I’m running to be your VP. As the current President of our SGA, I have a unique opportunity to promote legislative action on campus issues. I want to restructure our representative system to give all students, legislative action on campus issues. I want to revitalize our representative system to make transparency and accountability from your Board. An effective Vice President must balance these dual responsibilities, which is why I’ve structured my platform for the upcoming year around two sets of goals.

As Chair of the House, I’m going to demand transparency and accountability from your legislature. After all, Student Government exists to serve student needs, and I’d like to share with you just a few of the ways I will revitalize our representative system to make sure your voice is heard. I’m going to implement voluntary issue caucuses for Representatives to promote legislative action on campus issues. I want to restructure representation to give all students, including freshmen, their equal voice in the House. I will continue to improve our house efficiency, uphold equal access to the Student Activity Fee, and insist on weekly updates and public meetings to ensure you know how we’re allocating your Student Activity Fee.

As a member of the Executive Board, I will fight for a quality student life experience. I believe that students are entitled to reliable services: a streamlined ticketing process for athletic events, GT students should receive understanding from the administration: a grace offense for first-time violators of our complicated parking policies. GT students deserve customized communication and academic tools: a refined T-Square integrated across classes, campus services, and organizations.

Experience is necessary to make these goals become a reality. I’ve been a member of the Undergraduate House for the past three semesters, I am extremely familiar with our policies and procedures, and have served on legislative ad hoc and conference committees. I’m also experienced on the executive side of SGA; as Internal Development Chair, I work closely with the President and Vice President.

Ultimately, I’ve been able to show you that through my involvement on campus I have the student insight, through my experience in SGA I have the experience, and through my vision I have the plan necessary to be your next Vice President. I appreciate your support; it would be an honor to serve you and our Institute.

Candidates for Graduate Student Body Vice President

Linda Harley

Major: Applied Physiology

SGA Involvement:
• Senator
• Graduate Student Senate Secretary
• Women’s Resource Center Committee
• Sexual Violence Task Force
• T-Square Priorities Committee
• Academic Affairs Committee
• Health Services Committee

Background
On a cold winter morning, January 3, 1999, having just arrived from South Africa, I walked onto the Georgia Tech campus experience 10° for the first time. With blue shivering lips I sized up my surroundings and believed that I could and would make a difference. Now, with a BSCE and a MSCE from GT, I’m a third year Doctoral student studying human motion to find improved rehabilitation methods for stroke survivors.

This past year I’ve served as the Secretary to the GSS. This provided me with the unique opportunity to learn many of the intricate, behind the scenes details, I now know what it takes to make SGA work successfully. I was also a leader and the planning and execution of the Graduate Student Symposium which was a resounding success. I believe my extensive SGA experience makes me the best candidate for Graduate Student Body Vice President.

Senator Shulman (presidential candidate) and I have developed the following platform. We’ve run for four years, together, we can accomplish more than the sum of our individual efforts. We have spent time designing class-specific courses and allocating funds that will enable the best outcome for the Graduate Students at GT. Please read Senator Shulman’s information for an in-depth explanation of our platform: Issues/Involvement, Healthcare, Student Organizations, and Resource Usage.


We are committed to CREATING opportunities by CONNECTING Graduate Students to campus activities and organizations and encouraging COMMUNICATION between them. We believe this can be leveraged to accomplish many of our goals.

Create: We want to create opportunities for Graduate Students to participate in important aspects of the institute and to come together and make a difference by standing up for their rights.

Connect: We believe that there are many opportunities on campus available for Graduate Students to become involved in and make a difference. We want to promote graduate student involvement in all areas to help enrich their time spent at GT and to develop as future professionals.

Communicate: We want to promote communication between SGA and Graduate Students so that we can be a voice for them and represent them fairly and accurately on campus. We will mentor the visibility of SGA to better inform all students of our actions and decision-making.

Candidates for Executive Vice President

Jason Middleton
www.MiddletonForTech.com

SGA Experience:
• SGA Architectural Representative
• Parking and Transportation Committee Planning and Development Committee

I am running for Executive Vice President of the great Institute for many important reasons. The most significant of these is to provide the absolute best experience for current students and prospective students. I am devoted every minute of my time here, and I want to make sure everyone else does the same.

I am very possibly the most spirited Tech student you have ever met or will meet. I try to participate in as many activities as possible. I do not devote all of my time to one organization; I have a lack of ‘experience’ with SGA. I am an average student working for the students. Please check out my website to find out more about me and what I do.

My point in all of this is to say that I understand what students want, and if I overlook something or make a mistake, I have no problem being told that. I am a down-to-earth person who will work hard to provide you with the best possible student government.

Leadership. Responsibility. Working for you. Quite simply my goal is to make sure my ‘SGA’ goes to worthy activities with an appropriate percentage of funding. I will work closely with our Institute’s new President to ensure they understand what is important to Tech students. These include: campus safety, an environmentally friendly campus, dead week, realistic parking, better athletic ticketing procedures, COMPLETE campus wireless, lower tuition rates, etc.

I know our Athletic Director, Dan Rakovich, and will work with him to ensure students are pleased with ticketing and game-day procedures. I will work with the Undergraduate House to eliminate the wasted spending of your money.

Most importantly, I will work with you. You are the reason I’m running. You are the people I will listen to.

I have been involved with the planning and execution of some committees. I have experience on the executive side of SGA; as Chair of the Ph.D. Caucus, to the GSS. This provided me with the unique leadership. That’s responsibility. That’s working for you.

Candidates for Graduate Student Body Vice President

Rick McKeon
Who am I? What does the Vice President do? Why am I seeking this office? I can answer those.

I am a Masters student in the School of Public Policy. I have been here at Georgia Tech for almost a full seven years (and yes, that does include summer), I have been an undergraduate student in chemistry and public policy as well. I have worked for various parts of the Institute from the Campus Recreation Center, to Residence Life, to the Georgia Tech Research Institute, among others.

Additionally I have made contacts over this time in the President’s Office, to the Provost’s Office, to the Dean of Students’ Office, to the Department of Auxiliary Services, to the Student Publications Office, to the Georgia Tech Cable Network, to WREK, to the Greek Community, to the Athletic Association, to the Library, to the Music Department. I know there are more, but you get the picture and there is so much space here.

The Vice President is charged with a few duties in our by-laws, among them serving as the chair of the Graduate Student Senate meetings as the chair of the Executive Council Meeting, as a member of the Executive Council Meeting, assisting in the role of the President in their absence, and serving as an advocate for graduate students on all campuses. Thus we need a Vice President that has strong time-management, a good understanding of graduate students, and a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Also, I am running for the Vice President is coordinating the Graduate Student Picnic each August.

I am hooked on efficient and effective government. I first got involved in student government back in high school, and my father says he read Robert’s Rules of Order. I am glad I did. After a couple of years of student government in high school, a couple at Georgia Tech, and also through working around those in state government here in Georgia for a couple of terms I can say that my ability to move through agendas, main motions, subsidiary motions, points of order, and the occasional committee of the whole is well established. I feel that I can further the medium with my established contacts at the CRC, as well as with the Assistant Director for Graduate and Family Housing, Moz Kosma. I have worked for Residence Life for five years, have established good relationships with the International House and international students, and have planned many events for large areas of campus, as well as personally helping coordinate several leadership conferences in far away states (most of which took place in New York and Maine while I was still a student in Georgia). I would love to be able to build off of my experience in the Graduate Student Senate, and serve said body so that I may continue to give back to our Georgia Tech community.

Thank you for reading. Please be sure to vote, and encourage others to vote, for we graduate students are an important and growing segment of campus life.
Michael Aaron

I am a first year PhD student in Bioengineering. I am an Officer and Web Administrator of the Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Association (MEGA), and I am a member of the Georgia Tech Rugby Football Club.

Currently I am invested in three campus projects. First, I am working to get computers for general student use in the CRC, that will enhance the educational environment of the CRC by transforming the facility into an interactive learning center employing the latest technologies.

Second, I am involved in the project of designing, building and funding a mobile technology challenge ropes course scheduled for completion by fall 2008. In addition, I would like to see Georgia Tech use a completely sustainable facility as the office or headquarters for the course to truly go above and beyond expectations and provide the campus and Atlanta community with a state-of-the-art challenge ropes course that serves as a model for the future of Georgia Tech.

Third, I will be working with the new Vice Provost of Academic Diversity through a committee appointment to increase underrepresented minorities and women in graduate programs here at Georgia Tech. I fully intend to see my projects and commitments come closer to actualization, and one or two fulfilled by the start of the fall semester.

Each of the three projects revolve around three central themes: Appropriate use of technology, enhancing communication and increasing diversity either on a campus level with recruitment efforts or on an individual level by encouraging students to become more well-rounded and engaged in multiple facets of the University.

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Cheers!

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Candidates for Graduate Student Body President

Aaron Fowler

www.VoteFowler.com

Masters in City and Regional Planning

Campus Involvement:
• Graduate Student - At Large, 2007-2008
• President, Clough’s Water Conservation Task Force
• Graduate Reviewer - The Tower
• Student Planning Association
• The Living Room

Government Work Experience:
• Forsyth County Department of Planning and Development
• Georgia Department of Transportation, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
• Effingham County Planning Department

As a current member of the Graduate Student Senate, and as a previous undergraduate of Georgia Tech (Public Policy ’06), I have a deep love and respect for our institution. There are few other schools where the student body has such a high innovative spirit as our own. As our institution continues to grow in student population and reputation, I believe that we must use that ingenuity to address three key issues. Below is my vision for the future of Georgia Tech.

Increased Environmental Stewardship

This year’s drought has reminded us that we must be more environmentally conscious. As a member of the President’s Water Conservation Task Force, I have overseen the administration bringing about a 20% reduction in water use on campus. We should applaud our administration for taking such drastic steps for the drought, but we must also work to do more to limit our impacts on the environment.

I will work with the administration to expand our campus recycling program to include campus buildings and dorms that have yet to be included. In an effort to increase community involvement, I believe we should also create means for local businesses and residents to participate in our recycling program.

As a leader in technology and science, I believe Georgia Tech should be at the forefront of using green energy. I will work with the Undergraduate President to encourage fraternities and sororities to go green, by installing free solar panels through a program with the Citizens Corporation.

Reduce Health Insurance Costs

Outgoing President Brock Wester did an excellent job this year in ensuring that GRA stipends were increased, but we must be steadfast in our efforts to keep the cost of college to a minimum. In an ongoing effort, I will continue to strive for a reduction in health insurance costs for graduate students. Ultimately I believe that the health insurance for graduate students should be covered through the grants which fund graduate research assistantships. I will work to include this stipulation in all future grant applications.

Increased Meeting Space/Student Center Expansion

As our student population has grown over the years, meeting space on campus has become harder to come by. Many student organizations must plan months, if not a year, in advance to reserve adequate meeting space on campus. As President I will work with the next President of Georgia Tech to emphasize the importance of implementing the student center expansion plan that was conducted in 2005.

Andrew Shulman

Majors: Business Administration & Aerospace Engineering

SGA Involvement:
• Management Senator
• Joint Finance Committee (JFC)
• Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC)
• President’s Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (PTPAC)

Background

I have previous experience making me uniquely qualified to be President. I’ve consistently demonstrated myself in leadership positions where I make a positive impact, served as Treasurer and VP of my fraternity, was Marketing Chairman for Colorado’s Dance Marathon and helped raise over $40,000 for Children’s Miracle Network. I also served as Judicial Chairman of the Interfraternity Council, at Tech, I’ve been exposed to many of the issues facing students. I’m part of JFC and I’m very familiar with SGA’s budgeting and funding processes. I’ve worked extensively with student organizations to help them secure the funds they need. I’m currently the only Graduate Student on JCOC. Serving on JCOC has given me an understanding of how student organizations are managed and how SGA and the administration interact with them.

Linda Harley (VP candidate) and I stand together on the following issues. Please read her segment for our platform and why we’re running as a team.

Involvement

We believe that participation in student groups is hindered by their lack of visibility. We want to connect graduate students to these groups and believe IT can be leveraged to accomplish this goal. Groups could T-Square to set up ‘wiki’ pages to better publicize themselves and communicate with members.

We’ll work to improve orientation for students so they learn about important things not currently covered, like groups applicable to their field of study.

Health Care

We’ll hold the administration responsible to increase stipends to graduate students to offset rising fees and living expenses in Atlanta and believe that every student should have access to affordable insurance. We’ll work with the Health Center to improve the prescription distribution process so that reimbursement occurs at the time of purchase.

We’ll work to establish daycare facilities so that parents don’t have to drop out of school because no childcare is available. We’ll also work with the administration to establish a maternity leave policy so that graduate students can keep their paid GRA/GTA positions.

Student Organizations

We’ll work to improve the process by which student organizations are chartered, changes to the organization are applicable to their field of study.

Resouce Usages

There should be a concerted effort to better manage and utilize campus resources for the benefit of all students and an effort to provide organizations with better access. Student groups should have access to technologies and facilities on campus and should not be forced to purchase their own. We’ll work with the administration to come up with alternative solutions for holding large-sale events besides the Student Center Ballroom.

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Campus crime causes paranoia

By Tim Van de Vall

Opinions Editor

"Female students should be given teleportation powers so that they can swiftly and safely arrive in their rooms."

Emily Chambers
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I am a reasonably intelligent, healthy 20-year-old female living on campus. I believe that I possess average abilities, which are adequate to get me through the day, if I were to ever be attacked, so I take precautions. In fact, many members of this editorial board can attest to a lonely evening or 20 spent walking or driving my car into self-defense. That being said, the recent paranoia gripping so many females on college campuses is beginning to drive me crazy. The tragedies that have been inflicted on college students are horrific, and violence towards innocent students on campus is a terrifying prospect that does justify action, both on the parts of campus police and administrations, as well as individuals. But where do we draw the line?

Recently, I have been warned not to do any of the following, out of fear for my precious safety and virtue: do not walk home unescorted, as you might be attacked or raped. Do not walk home with just one guy, as he might attack you or rape you; do not call a taxi as the service you get connected to might be false, and they might attack you; and do not drive home alone at night, as someone hiding in or under your car might attack you.

Unfortunately, I don’t have an entourage of well-trained ninja-mentors willing to walk me home and guarantee my safety, nor do I have teleportation powers so that they can swiftly and safely arrive in my room. Because you see, much like getting home, elevators place one in a complete conundrum of danger.

Young ladies are never to ride in elevators alone, as you don’t know what will happen on the floors between your origin and destination, a horrible person could get on and attack you (if there are no floors between you and your destination, then my mother’s advice does not apply to you, as she would simply inform you to use the stairs, assuming they are well lit and occupied by the well-trained female ninja protectors mentioned earlier). You are also however, never to get onto the elevator with a man or group of men that you don’t know, as again, they are dangerous.

In a final caveat to the eleva-
tor safety plan, one should never stand around in the lobby listening to the perfect elevator companions either, as you could be as easy prey and then... you get the picture. Basically, elevators should be removed from all buildings and female students should be given teleportation powers so that they can swiftly and safely arrive in their rooms without ever running the risk of encountering a male with ill-intent.

Now, assuming that a student of reasonable intelligence and health has managed to navigate the complexities of traveling across campus and using elevators, he or more likely, she, still faces imminent danger in locations such as public rest rooms (Oprah did an entire episode a while back on the various ways that criminals can steal your purse while you use the ladies room, it was horrifying), buses and the most bizarre location of all, near shrubbery (thanks to the Marietta college campus police force for that one).

This is just a sampling of the many helpful advices that I am solicited with on a daily basis, completely uninvited! I might add. Students of Tech, other women of Tech, I am just going to say it. Shrubbery is not dangerous. Public rest rooms, the library and elevators are all not dangerous. The advice we are given on appropriate safe conduct has become ridiculous.

Campus crime is an undeniable serious issue, but rather than focusing on the steps that the victims should have to take to limit their lives so as to remain safe, campus safety should be an exercise in deterrence.

Walking home alone at night does not cause attacks, criminals cause attacks. Students, and yes, especially female students should be smart, and should listen to that internal voice of paranoia, but at the end of the day, you have to get home somehow, and you are probably going to walk by shrubbery, use elevators, or get in a car to do so.

So go. At the risk of sounding like C. S. Lewis on his Narnian wins. Be smart, but be rational, as really, if you follow all the rules of safety you would end up sitting alone in your room with a machete.
Courtship learned the hard way at Tech

It was all fun and games until my buddy quietly uttered, "Dude, just go for it." I looked over at the two girls studying at the table next to me and a wall of fear hit me. I felt my ego shrink and the giggling duo seemed to grow horns and breathe fire. Somehow, I mustered the will to speak. "Hey you guys. It looks like you two like to laugh. 'Th-that's cool. We like to laugh too," I stammered, instantly regretting my lame line.

The girls donned their best MTV 'whatever' faces and said nothing. I pressed on, "We should go out sometime. C-can I get your number?" They looked at each other again and grimaced. Finally one of them said 'Wow. Um... NO.'

It was one of the most awkward and uncomfortable moments of my life. But somewhere in the gloom I felt pride. Pride that I had just overcome immeasurable anxiety and hit on two sorority princesses. That afternoon embarrassment marked the beginning of a wild adventure. My buddy and I each hated our lonely inner nerds and were on kamikaze missions to destroy them and become the ladies' men that we dreamed of being. It wasn't easy.

We came up with crazy plans to talk to girls. For example, we would voyage to Emory to ride their shuttle for hours, forcing conversation on the unfortunate passengers. It was kind of like going to class, except with a new professor ever fifteen minutes. Over time we went from being creepy to mildly charming, and the numbers and dates finally started to come.

In the 5+ years since that day in the library, I have managed to date some absolutely wonderful and gorgeous women. It has been mind-blowing, especially since I started out as a mumbling nerd who pointed out to girls that 'we like laughter too.'

Growing up, I identified with the logical side of life where math and science just makes more sense. But when it comes time to shop for a mate: it is clearly not about logic. I thought of myself as a pretty normal Tech student. Most of my friends didn't have girlfriends, nor did they have the slightest clue how to get one. For the most part, talking to women was an exercise in pain and emotional woe. Sound familiar?

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International offices lack both cubicles and formality

When I spent five semesters working at a medium-sized software company in the Atlanta area as a co-op student, there were certain things that I came to take for granted. I think my company was pretty much the epitome of the generic business—even the name was evocative of Office Space—so I expect that my experience is a fairly good reflection of the business culture of the American corporation.

For nearly two years I lived the life of the cubicle-based code monkey (even though I was not a programmer but a business analyst) and grew accustomed to all the same corner that accompanied it. I had the typical office phone, the typical office internet, and listened to matches of the typical overheard conversations through which I grew to know much more about my neighbors than they doubtless wanted me to—or than I wanted to know about them, for that matter. I had the standard office issue stapler (not even a sliver one! I could care excessively about), the typical assortment of pens and pencils, the highlighter and the file folders. I blissfully lacked any tacky cubicle decorations (no Dilbert cutouts from the Technique for me), but my neighbors more than this, the sheer culture of the companies I have encountered here is different. The sheer culture of the companies I have encountered here is different in far more ways than I could have guessed.

A few of the things that I once accepted as an inevitable part of business life are now absent (with various degrees of conspicuous absence), but even more than this, the sheer culture of the companies I have encountered here is a radical departure from what I was previously used to. Sure, here I am working for a much smaller company than I was in the U.S.—the entire staff consists of only around 30 people, and the staff at my company has an average age somewhere in the vicinity of 23. But I've been to several customer visits and seen examples of similar differences in action at much larger (and more senior) firms.

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Students give back during break

By Hamza Hasan
Staff Writer

Spring Break offers Tech students a chance to get away from the stresses of school for a week. Students traveled to many different places ranging from home to the beach, involving themselves in a range of activities wherever they went. Several Tech organizations took students on Spring Break trips. The Christian Campus Fellowship (CCF) journeyed to Juarez, Mexico, where they helped build homes in an impoverished community. “It was amazing how adequate a 220 square foot house was for the family, and how thankful they were for it, while most of us live in much larger houses and still want more space and more material possessions,” said Morgan Chislett, a first-year UACA. She also described how much fun they had while accomplishing community service. “Sincerely, we drove to freaking Mexico for Spring Break. How awesome is that,” said Dean Landers, an ME undergraduate student.

This trip to Mexico was not the only Tech organization to go somewhere on Spring Break. Trailblazers also ventured outside Georgia, but went to three distinct places by going in different directions. “I was amazed how adequate a 220 square foot house was for the family, and how thankful they were for it, while most of us live in much larger houses and still want more space and more material possessions,” said Morgan Chislett, a first-year UACA. She also described how much fun they had while accomplishing community service. “Sincerely, we drove to freaking Mexico for Spring Break. How awesome is that,” said Dean Landers, an ME undergraduate student.

This year’s site was next to the More Americas Center, a third-year IE. Juarez was an eye-opening experience. It’s easy to forget how privileged we are, but when you are presented with the extreme poverty there it forces you to appreciate where we are, Landers said.

This trip to Mexico was not CCF’s first. They went last year as well and comparatively saw a difference in the community in the one year they were gone. “This year’s site was next to the site we did last year, so it was amazing to see the impact we had on the family... and now their neighbors. I hope that this change continues so that in the future I can come back to a completely different Juarez,” said Stephanie Yang, third-year Computational Media major and WAM webmaster.

One of the most profound traditions of WAM every year is Take Back the Night. This year, Take Back the Night celebrated its 14th year since its inception on March 11. Organized by Zeta Tau Alpha, WRC and third-year Physics major and Programs Chair Carrie Gold, Take Back the Night is a candle-lit ceremony at the Campus Union aimed at raising awareness and educating the Tech community about rape and sexual violence. “I am the Women’s Awareness Month advisor. I work as a program coordinator at the WRC. Zeta as well as Panhellenic has worked together to put on this event,” said WAM faculty advisor and WRC Program Coordinator Colleen Peterson.

This year, Take Back the Night included survivor stories, poems, information about resources from the WRC, the Georgia Tech Counseling Center and Police Department, a performance by the GIFTED Show, [experiencing a] cultural duality... some are caught in the middle." Andres Rodriguez
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La Unidad Latina facilitates discussion on cultural identity

By Yoon Kim
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the library played host to a small but diverse group of students who gathered to discuss various cultural issues, such as conflicting cultures in life at Tech. The mood was very comfortable and mellow, a perfect environment for such a serious discussion. Hosted by La Unidad Latina, also known as Lambda Upsilon Lambda, a Latin American fraternity on campus, the event was comprised of a diverse group of students who find it difficult to balance life in America with their own culture. Often, peer pressure or family pressure can force students of different ethnicities to make a choice concerning whom to associate with and if they are in or outside of the individual’s ethnic group. Sometimes there can be...
Renowned physicist discusses *Einstein’s Dreams*

By Lori Kumar
Contributing Writer

On March 5 in the Management Building, Alan Lightman, a renowned physicist and novelist, gave a lecture to interested Tech students. The event was organized by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Honors Program.

Gregory Nobles, head of the Honors Program, and Paul Houston, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, delivered introductory remarks. Many of their comments were relevant to Tech’s budding scientists. For example, Houston spoke of the necessity of valuing the public’s opinions and concerns in the scientific field.

Lightman is distinguished in both the scientific and literary worlds. He has won a National Science Foundation pre-doctoral fellowship and has written a literary bestseller, *Einstein’s Dreams*.

Currently a humanities professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), he is unusual in that he embodies both literary prose and high scientific caliber. Giving the audience some insight into his life, he spoke of some of his wackier scientific endeavors as a young boy, including induction coil experiments and rockets with improperly made wings.

Lightman remarked that human beings and their behaviors would often confuse him and cause him tension. Caught at the crossroads of literature and science, he maintained that the contrasts between these two fields fueled much of his creative growth.

His lecture concentrated on how literature and science do not have to contradict each other and in many ways, they actually support one another. Writers and scientists share common aims since both writers and scientists share the same unconscious desire for order and beauty.

He pointed out that for a long time, the scientific community upheld the notion that the orbits of planets were perfect circles rather than ellipses.

Many great scientific achievements have been creative and fulfilling forays plumbing the depths of human imagination. Albert Einstein’s theory of relativity was in many ways an eccentric, individualistic foray into a world of his own, which enabled him to perceive some truth to life.

At the same time, there is no doubt that scientists and artists often differ in what they regard as most important. Scientists like to stipulate clear definitions and theorems, a reduction

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By Brian Casey / Student Publications

Break service expedition.

CCF's trip to Mexico.

Infant during Sims holds an in Juarez.

Top: Stephanie Solis poses with the worksite.

WAM from page 13 Gospel Choir and a candle lighting ceremony. Participants attended a reception after the ceremony. Proceeds from sales of t-shirts at the event went to the Piedmont Rape Crisis Center. It’s been a lot of fun, it’s been really cool working with Caitie, you can really tell the cares about the event and what she’s doing. It’s been really exciting working with one of my sisters outside my sorority,” said second-year Architecture major Rachel McLaughlin. The presentations were geared toward statistics to educate the Tech community. For example, at Tech alone, one in four women may be the victim of rape. In addition, 15 out of 16 rapists will walk free of consequences. This event in particular is used to raise awareness of sexual violence through education, statistics [and] stories...One in four women...will be sexually assaulted at some time in their lifetime. Every two minutes someone is sexually assaulted,” Peterson said. I’ve never been sexually abused, but I think that it’s important to educate girls about sexual abuse and [that] it’s a really important thing [to know],” Yang said. Not only do these events incorporate the Georgia Tech community, but they also involve the participation of sponsors and guests from across the country. For example, at the first organized Red Dress Fashion Show event at Tech, WAM members and participants will be modeling dresses provided by Macy’s as part of the American Heart Association’s “Go Red for Women.” The initiative is a campaign against heart disease in women, which is the number one cause of death for women.

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Night of Diversity premieres at Tech

By Blake Israel
Online Editor

This past Monday, at 8:00 pm, the Student Center Theater hosted a diverse selection of entertainment performances from a host of different organizations. Diversity Night, an event celebrating the diversity of Tech students, was hosted in honor of the first anniversary of the chartering of the Georgia Tech chapter of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Chartered at Tech on March 25, 2007, DPhiL is the newest member of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC). The MGC was founded 2 years ago in order to “compensate for the lack of unity amongst multi-cultural Greek-lettered organizations,” according to the group’s website.

“[Even though DPhiL is an] Asian interest sorority...we felt the best way to celebrate was a showcase with our friends and other organizations that we work with and to be able to [show] the diversity of our school as well as our community.”

Alison Kao
Fourth-year IE

Tech Wushu Team took the stage to give a demonstration. Their fluid moves and daring acrobatics had the audience in silent anticipation of what was to come next. The front row spectators squirmed as the final performers for the Wushu team used traditional Chinese swords with even greater speed than before.

Next, the sisters of the Sigma Rho Sorority, Inc. and the brothers of the Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity, Inc. performed another stroll. Their choreographed moves received much laughter and cheering. The Tech breakdancing team TekStyles also took the stage performing dazzling footwork and statuesque freeze moves that impressed everyone in attendance.

The sisters of the Lambda Theta Alpha Latina Sorority, Inc. then performed a “salute.” A salute is similar to a stroll but without any music to dance to. The salute is also a more formal introduction of the members of a fraternity or sorority.

The acapella group Taal Tadka performed two very peaceful tunes in English and other languages. Their unique combination of beatboxing and ethnic singing made them a delight to the audience.

Coming close to the end of the night, the brothers of Lambda Fraternidad Latina, Inc. performed a long and intricate series of salutes.

Last, but not least, the sisters of the UGA chapter of DPhiL performed their stroll. And with much applause to their performance, the night ended.

“It was pretty successful, considering we filled [the theater] to full capacity. People came up to me and said, ‘Wow! That was one of the most amazing shows I’ve seen.’ [They] were really pumped up about it,” Kao said.

The Wushu Club from Tech was one of the performers at the showcase, displaying gravity-defying acrobatics and smooth, fluid moves.

AUDRA MCDONALD
Saturday, March 28, 5 p.m.

The Mikado by the CARL RUSSA
OPERA COMPANY
Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m.

In this sparkling and lavish comedy classic, Britain’s oldest opera company presents a recreation of the original 1885 opening, using Gilbert’s own prompt book for the direction, staging, and choreography. The company features 20 artists, including an orchestra, for this project which took four years to complete.

The Tech chapter of Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. recently celebrated their one-year anniversary by presenting the showcase.

Photo courtesy of Delta Phi Lambda
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No "in between" choice.

During the discussion, students talked about how hard it was to fit in with people outside of their ethnic group and the different obstacles they needed to overcome to fit in. There even seemed to be some boundaries between people of the same ethnicity who were unable to speak the ethnic language.

Many of the obstacles that come up between different ethnic groups are a result of the lack of understanding and communication between the groups. Sometimes, there is an unwillingness to understand the other side.

A lot of discussion stemmed from the idea of a cultural conflict. A common issue is (experiencing a) cultural duality... some are caught in the middle," Rodriguez said.

Surprisingly for Michael Boyce and Andres Rodriguez, President and Vice President respectively of Lambda Upsilon Lambda, many others shared the same experiences.

"A lot of people have the same basis," said Sierra Schmidt, first-year Biochemistry major.

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tionist approach.

Writers however, feed on the various thoughts, experiences and perceptions of their readers.

They write broadly enough to enable each to create his/her own masterpiece, a subjective experience as well.

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Lightman also mentioned that in the early 20th century, subjectivity became a part of the scientific experience as well.

For the first time, Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle revealed how perception can alter supposedly objective reality.

Science and literature may have more in common than is usually realized. I felt that the Lightman discussion will really enlighten me about different aspects of science that I wouldn't think about on a regular occasion.

Lightman maintained that it is important that scientists do not wholly define their job or role as that of seeking abstract truths.

"It's exciting to have a well-known writer such as dating.

"Some people believe there is a checklist of requirements to be Latino."

Andres Rodriguez
Third-year ME

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Jonathan Coulton has probably written a song or two about it. This up-and-coming internet music individual, whose paths are converging, with the crowd's appetite for more, Coulton proceeded into "Ikea," a satirical look at the Swedish craze found in the home of many a college student and divorced bachelor. From there on, with the crowd's appetite for more, Coulton proceeded into "Ikea," a satirical look at the Swedish craze found in the home of many a college student and divorced bachelor. From there on, with the crowd's appetite for more, Coulton proceeded into "Ikea," a satirical look at the Swedish craze found in the home of many a college student and divorced bachelor.

Wolves of the Crescent Moon follows the lives of three individuals, whose paths are marked by misfortune.

By Hamza Hasan
Staff Writer

I read Wolves of the Crescent Moon with low expectations, assuming it was an objectionable novel written for that sake alone. I was surprised.

Yousef Al-Mohaimeed’s novel of chance inspires and evokes a response to Gabriel Garcia Marquez's style and Tony Morrison’s content. The book details the lives of various Arabs and Africans, but converges on the histories of three individuals: a Bedouin tribesman without his left ear, a Sudanese native enslaved and brought to Riyadh and an orphan boy, the product of lust, without an eye. The plot yearns for resolution for these characters, and in many ways, achieves it.

Wolves of the Crescent Moon is Al-Mohaimeed’s first book to be published outside the Middle East. The book is translated from the original Arabic by Anthony Calderbank.

It is banned in Saudi Arabia, but the Diwan al Arab magazine and the Egyptian Journalist’s Union both appreciated the writer's contributions to Arab culture and literature. His praise is not unfounded.

Al-Mohaimeed’s careful orchestration of physical and personal characteristics is unique and refreshing. Most will not be surprised by certain eventualities but instead amused. Unfortunately, the actual surprises do manage to leap the reader in the face, dealing with gore and violence as much as rape and inhumanity. The squeamish and easily upset should read with care, as Al-Mohaimeed appropriately brings about the horrors of the lives of these characters.

The author is a maestro in style as much as he is in plot and story. His diction is easy to follow, and he seems to tell the story while simultaneously writing it. For me, the book took less than three hours to read, which is good for a 174-page book.

This novel was probably not meant to be some literary masterpiece heaping intelligence, but an esoteric didactic, revealing the darkest sectors of a land ridden with darkness.

His descriptions of the environments and of the characters are flawlessly done. Al-Mohaimeed makes very frequent references to Arab culture, from clothes to baths, but the glossary in the back may not be necessary because of how seamlessly he integrates the cultural references. Still, some credit should be given to the translator.

Al-Mohaimeed crafted a time-less sculpture of the modern Arab world—or rather, the clashes of coping with modernity in a culture infused with bourgeois classes mingling with the paupers and peasants of society. Slavery, rape and hypocrisy consistently plague the unfortunate, but for some reason, Al-Mohaimeed’s storytelling ability instills the reader with a sense of hope, or at least contentment.

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By Andrew Ho
Contributing Writer

Lively Saturday nights are frequent in bohemian Little Five Points. This was especially true last week when eccentric singer/songwriter Jonathan Coulton, as well as the amusing musical duo Paul and Storm, hit the stage at the Variety Playhouse.

To briefly inform those who’ve missed out in the past few years, Jonathan Coulton’s musical career began in the form of weekly podcasts titled “Thing a Week,” during which he wrote and sang new songs ranging from geeky and spunky to disturbingly humorous. Coulton, a self-described geek, has been writing, performing, recording and giving away his music for years.

He is an unusual guy known for writing funny and unusual music on a wide variety of topics—robot, monkeys, Tom Cruise, soft drinks, I awe, etc. Think of the most random thing ever, and Jonathan Coulton has probably written a song or two about it. This up-and-coming internet music star is currently trying to see if it’s possible to make a living as an independent musician without a label. A lot of his music can be downloaded for free on his website.

Paul and Storm opened at the Variety Playhouse that night. It seemed unfortunate that a good majority of the crowd (myself included) hadn’t heard of the pair until then—all based on a show of hands, at least. This would change quickly as they started with the appropriately titled “We Are the Opening Band,” a song that so comically self-defeating that it literally caused panties to be flung onto the stage (11, as they counted out!).

From there on Paul and Storm captivated the audience with their off-beat, folky-sounding repertoire, which contained tunes that ranged from a tribute to the little-known inventor of chicken nuggets, “Nugget Man,” to their personal take on a song for Schoolhouse Rock; the deceptively-named “Count to Ten.” They also belted out a series of quirky jingles for products such as Kleenex, Twister, Cheetos and Fresh Step Kitty Litter. While a good number of these songs might be inappropriate for public airwaves, their outlandish lyrics sung to such a traditional sound got more than just a few giggles.

Culminating in their finale, the cheating crew took on the role of some 600 pirates for a ballad of seaside woes from the perspective of a captain’s wife in “The Captain’s Wife’s Lament.” When Jonathan Coulton took the stage shortly after, things seemed to begin on a somewhat hushed note. Launching almost immediately into “The Future Soon,” the tale of a spurned, vengeful nerd and his plans for the future, Coulton proceeded into “Ikea,” a satirical look at the Swedish craze found in the home of many a college student and divorced bachelor. From there on, with the crowd’s appetite

Wolves tells dark but compelling modern Arab tale
Roland Emmerich has had an epic career. <i>Independence Day</i>, <i>Godzilla</i> and <i>The Day After Tomorrow</i> are all movies he has directed that focus on something that is completely enormous. Whatever it is – alien spacecrafts, a mutant lizard, a snow storm – it has to be mind-numbingly huge. So how can we take this tried-and-true blockbuster formula and apply it to his latest explosion of light and sound on the screen, known as <i>10,000 B.C.</i>? This time it is applied to the size of the adventure, of course! Oh, and the animals. There are some seriously huge animals to watch out for.

Let’s start with the good things first. For the most part, <i>10,000 B.C.</i> is a visually pleasing movie. Watching the mammoths stampede during the hunt is fun, and the birds provide an exciting chase scene. The landscape shots provide beautiful looks at snowcapped mountains, dense jungles and sandy deserts (yes, all three – I’ll explain later).

The score for the film is what you would expect for this kind of outing – rousing orchestrated pieces with deep horn melodies and powerful drums – and it works well within the context of the atmosphere that the story is trying to achieve. But what is the story behind <i>10,000 B.C.</i>?

This is where elements begin to get problematic. It is as though Emmerich awoke one morning and said to himself, “I want to make a movie about people and huge mammoths!” and an important producer with cigar-in-mouth replied, “Mammoths? I love it! Here’s lots of money!”

The story has the simplicity of a Dr. Seuss book, but without the creativity or fun. It is a thinly disguised basic love story that consists of one tribe of people meeting with other tribes, gaining their trust and pursuing a bad tribe that has taken some of the good tribes’ people as slaves. The plot is not necessarily bad; it’s just bland and riddled...
Langerado in Alligator Alley

By Jarrett Oakley
Contributing Writer

As I sit pondering this article, torrential rain and tornado winds rip over my dilapidated tent. Fire ants are crawling everywhere, and cow parties litter the camp sites set up for soaked patrons.

This was the setting for the Langerado Music Festival, which ran from March 6-9, and I didn’t care one bit.

Set in the sweltering Alligator Everglades of Big Cypress Indian Reservation in Fla., 50 miles from any form of civilization, some 60,000 people piled into cars to camp and see a truly spectacular experience on the part of Langerado....

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Langerado had incendiary shows by Headliner bands: R.E.M. also dabbled into new songs from their latest album, Accelerate, to be released this April.

Politicled expression was in full tilt at Langerado. State Radio, whose lead vocalist and guitarist Charlie Stokes was formerly with Dispatch, displayed some political anger in such vibrantly powerful songs as the reggae rock tune “CIA” and its joyful counterpart, “Sudan.” Both served as expressions of how the patrons currently feel about the nation.

When day turned to night and the Beastie Boys mounted the stage, it was a different story. With Mix Master Mike, Mike “Mike D” Diamond, “MCA” Yauch and Adam “Ad-Rock” Horovitz returning as the boys from Brooklyn, their iconic blend of hip hop and alternative rap whirled everyone into a head-bopping frenzy. “Body Movin’,” “Ch-Check It Out” and “Pass the Mike” pumped adrenaline into a head-bopping frenzy. The comparison between these two mega-music festivals is like comparing two mega-music festivals is like comparing a Chevy to a Dodge. Echo had none of these luxuries, but R.E.M.’s show was immense.

Held in contrast to Langerado was my only other previous experience at a music festival, which was at the Echo Music Festival in Atlanta in fall of last year.

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Even the rather upbeat rock tune “Code Monkey” took on a more melancholy tone that worked just as well in comparison. This isn’t to say that Coulton was all on his own throughout the show, as Paul and Storm arrived back on the stage to provide backup vocals, the liberal use of maracas and tambourines and a good deal of on-stage humor between the two.

Coulton drew just as many entranced moments of silence as he did laughter...
Stop explores realities of war

**DIRECTED BY:** Kimberly Peirce  
**RATED:** R for graphic violence and pervasive language  
**GENRE:** Drama  
**STARRING:** Ryan Philippe, Channing Tatum, Joseph Gordon-Levitt

**RELEASE DATE:** March 28, 2008

**OUR TAKE:★★★★☆**

By Philip Tharp
Staff Writer

The over-arching theme of companionship in *Stop-Loss* breaks the mold of the typical war movie, providing the audience with a satifying experience as well as serving as a reminder of classics such as *The Deer Hunter*.

One would think that it would be hard to remain politically neutral when filming a movie about war, but director Kimberly Peirce never significantly strays in a way that could lead to the classification of her film as anti- or pro-war.

*Stop-Loss* begins with a first act focusing on a group of soldiers as they approach the end of a tour in Iraq. The film intersperses handheld, documentary-style footage with somewhat traditional, albeit shaky-cam inspired, coverage of squad leader Brandon King (Ryan Philippe, excellent) as he leads his team in war-torn Iraq. After a devastating ambush in the heart of the city, Brandon and his squad return home to a small town in Texas.

Some of the soldiers, including Brandon and Steve Sherer (Channing Tatum, slightly over the top), are finishing their second tour, and have plans to start a life back home, leaving the army behind. However, even the best laid plans don’t always reach fruition, and several unexpected disturbances prevent the soldiers from returning to a normal life. Steve starts experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which, mixed with alcoholic bingeing, lead to conflicts with his fiancée. Brandon, unfortunately, becomes a first-hand victim of stop-loss, the army policy (some-what of a loophole) which allows the United States government to require soldiers to continue military service past their expected date of release. In his attempt to fight this back door draft, Brandon goes AWOL, travelling to Washington D.C. with Steve’s fiancée in an attempt to receive help from government people of a higher power.

“The movie was inspired by the soldiers and I interviewed throughout America, because I really wanted to tell a story that was emblematic of this generation’s story,” said Peirce, commenting on her source material for the movie. It has been nine years since her powerful film *Boys Don’t Cry*, but Peirce returns with gusto, filming *Stop-Loss* with a firm yet subtle hand, allowing the events of the story to unfold naturally on screen. And these events are more pertinent than ever as the war in Iraq still continues, affecting the lives of teenagers and young adults throughout the country.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**Manilow Returns**

Barry Manilow will perform at Philips Arena this Saturday, March 29 at 5 p.m. This show was resched-uled from the Jan. 19 show that was canceled due to bad weather. Ticket prices range from $10-109 and can be purchased through Ticketmaster or at the Philips Arena box office. Tickets for the Jan. 19 show will be honored at this concert.

**Avenue Q At Fox**

The Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Avenue Q* is playing at the Fox Theatre from March 25-30. Some days feature more than one show. Although the show features puppets, *Avenue Q* is recommended only for mature audiences. Tickets range from $19-55, depending on date, time and seat location. Find out more at www.foxtheatre.org.

**Indie Masquerade**

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with clichés.

But this is where it gets ridiculous. Somehow after what appears to be a day of walking, our heroic tribe has moved from their snowy home in the mountains to a jungle. No kidding, like a tropical rainforest. One of the characters even exclaims how hot it is.

Fast forward to what appears to be another day or so (a voiceover later explains that “many moons” have passed), and the tribe is now in the desert. Big, sandy dunes are all around. The abrupt changes in scenery are almost absurd, but it helps to overshadow the lack of actual plot.

The Cranberries’ second album No Need To Argue helped secure the Irish alternative rock band’s fame and popularity in the 1990s. No Need To Argue went on to sell over 16 million copies worldwide.

By Jennifer Aldoretta
Staff Writer

Hearing one of your favorite songs from way back when or catching a movie on television that was a childhood favorite can bring great memories flooding back. Our newest column in the entertainment section of the ‘Technique’ helps to do just that. It is our hope that you, our readers, will get a little bit nostalgic and decide to revisit some childhood favorites.

Fourth-year Aerospace Engineering major Tyler Sartin reminisced about some of his favorite music while growing up back in the day:

“Bloom’ or ‘Drain You.’ ‘Drain You’ is great. And then from Nirvana’s Nevermind album, and the band’s first album released under a major label, Reprise Records. Dookie was Green Day’s third album, and the band’s first mainstream music scene. ‘Smells Like Teen Spirit’ was the album’s lead single that helped achieve Nirvana’s legendary status.

Remember these?...

Tyler didn’t mention this, but I’d like to add that “Zombie” from the Cranberries’ second album No Need To Argue is also awesome.

Cover Courtesy of Geffen Records
By Jennifer Aldoretta
Staff Writer

Since I have been fired, this will be my last column. As such, I’m going to speak about something that most people disagree with. I love George W. Bush. Bush will be remembered as one of the greatest presidents of this country. True, he has an enormous unforgettable rating now, but you know who else only had a few devoted followers and was widely hated? Jesus.

The most controversial Bush issue is over his war in Iraq. Although I fully support the war, I can’t actually fight in one because of my exercise-induced asthma, which I discovered during my first season of youth soccer. While the rest of the team ran laps, I sat on the bench, drinking a Capri Sun. I learned two lessons that soccer season. First, in sports and other non-sedentary activities such as war, I’m best suited to the role of cheerleader, like former cheerleader and current president George Bush. Second, the best flavor of Capri Sun is Tropical Punch.

With the war in Iraq, Bush has ushered in an era of freedom that will spread across the globe. The effects are already present in Cuba. Like holy water to a demon, exposure to freedom has physically harmed communist Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. Cuba, by its close proximity to the United States, has been so overwhelmed by America’s shining aura of freedom that it has caused Castro to fall ill and be replaced by his brother. If we keep slapping “I support the troops” ribbons to our SUVs then this aura of freedom will grow so large that eventually it will reach Venezuela and partly displace its head of state, Hugo Chavez. I can’t end this column without giving my thanks and support to the troops overseas. As a 22 year old Bush dove, I’ll do whatever I can to support the war in Iraq (besides actually enlisting in the military because of the asthma).

If there’s anything I can do for our troops who are risking life and limb, just let me know. I’ll be over here, in America, drinking a Capri Sun.
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Softball wins five straight

Players look on as the ball is hit with some elevation. The team was able to win its fifth straight game after a slow start to the season, improving to 15-21 overall. The Jackets next play No. 19 North Carolina.

The offensive output of the first game began in the fourth inning, when junior Whitney Haller led with a single and advanced to second with a sacrifice. Haller came home for the only run Tech needed after senior Becky McCraw was able to single into centerfield. The Jackets only added to their lead that inning, scoring two more runs. Freshman Chrissy Jones was able to hit in another run and freshman Jessica Weaver, after getting to the base on a walk, was able to score after a RBI by Stephanie Butler brought her in.

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By Hahnming Lee
Sports Editor

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10 of those shots. She finished with 12 points and eight rebounds. While Tech’s offense played well, the defense dominated the Hurricanes and never let them get close to overtaking the lead. The defense forced 16 turnovers, held Miami to 31 percent shooting and outrebounded the Hurricanes 45-34. Tech built a double digit lead in the first half that they made larger and larger.

“We lost the last time we played Miami, and we felt like we let one slip away... I know the kids and staff were very motivated to have an opportunity to avenge that loss, and we know how important it is for the NCAA tournament play and seedings,” Head Coach MaChelle Joseph told ramblinwreck.com.

Tech then played No. 25 Virginia in a matchup of the heartbreaker they played within the same week. In the earlier game, Tech had lost to Virginia in double overtime, 103-101. It was a game that had seeding implications in the ACC tournament to Virginia in double overtime, 103-101. It was a game that had seeding implications in the ACC tournament. Though three players on the Virginia team scored double figure points, the rest of the team combined for just eight points total.

The story of the game was the defense played, with both teams holding the other to under 40 percent shooting from the field. The Jackets forced more turnovers and had 12 to Virginia’s 8, but the Cavaliers out rebounded and outshot the Jackets.

Tech had opportunities to steal the game. In the first five minutes of the first half, Virginia missed nine of 10 shots. At 2:53 left to play, Mitchell was able to cut the deficit to just one point and allow the Jackets to make the comeback. Unfortunately, the Cavaliers went on to score eight straight points and regain a comfortable lead.

After the game, Tech could only wait for the next week, where teams find out their seating and their opponent. While it was likely that Tech was going to make it in, it was unknown where they would end up playing. They were chosen in the Greensboro region as a 10 seed.

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MaChelle Joseph
Head Coach

Neither team had much success on the offensive side of the boards, with the exception being freshman LASiah Hemingway. Hemingway was the only one of the Jackets to score in double figures, getting 19 points on 9-for-16 shooting.

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Baseball takes three from VT

By Randy Darnowsky
Staff Writer

The Jackets opened up ACC play with a sweep of Virginia Tech.

Tech cruised to a blowout victory in the first game, winning 14-1. Derek Dietrich, who hit the ball over the fence twice during the game, paced the offense. David Duncan pitched eight innings with three strikeouts.

The Jackets loaded the bases in the third inning. Chris House was first to hit and lined up the middle to get the offensive output going. Then, Jeff Rowland bunted to bring the runner into scoring position. Charlie Blackmon repeated the play with another bunt single. With the bases loaded and no outs, Plagman was hit by a pitch to score a run. Dietrich responded by driving deep for a grand slam that went beyond the left field fence. Long continued the rally with an infield bloop. Jason Haniger was also hit by the pitch preceding a RBI-double by House.

In the seventh, the Jackets provided the pitcher more insurance runs. House grounded the ball up for the middle for a base hit and after Blackmon was hit by the pitch and Plagman walked, Feltes crushed the ball for a two-run double. In similar fashion, Haniger also hit the ball over the fence twice during the game, winning 14-1. David Duncan pitched eight innings and had three K's.

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Brad Rulon pitches in relief. He helped Tech by pitching a scoreless eighth inning in the third game, one the Jackets went on to win. Strong showing in the second game, winning 6-4. In the second, Haniger connected with a ball that went over the right-field fence for another home run. In the third, House walked after two successful bunts by Jay Dantzler and Blackmon. Then, Dietrich hit a bloop to bring in two runners.

In addition, Dantzler crushed the ball for a home run right before Feltes, who launched the ball beyond the centerfield fence for the second homer of the fifth inning.

Hicks saved the game and ended a last-minute rally by the opposition with a pitch over the plate for the final strike-out of the game.

The Jackets swept the Hokies in a tight match-up, triumphing 2-1. Zach Von Tersch gave a strong showing on the mound. The right-hander only gave up one earned run and had six strikeouts over seven innings. The Jackets’ offense won the game with a homer by Feltes in the second and a run scored by House in the following inning.
Baseball wins four of five games after FSU sweep

By Akshay Amanenemi/Matt Hoffman
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Looking to bounce back after being swept in Tallahassee, Fla., the Jackets welcomed Duke to Atlanta last weekend for a three-game series. Tech was able to take two-of-three from the Blue Devils, winning the first two games on Friday and Saturday, but coming up short of the sweep on Sunday.

In the first game on Friday, Chaz Blackmon, Derek Dietrich and Jeff Rowland each picked up two hits with Dietrich and Rowland getting runs to load the bases and giving up four runs. Rowland got started early, hitting a triple in the first which led to the first run of the game when Thomas Nicholas hit a sac-fly to bring in Rowland. But in the top of the second, Duke responded with a two-run double by Matt Williams to give the Blue Devils a one run lead over the Jackets.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Jackets capitalized off of three Duke errors. After Jeff Rowland walked, he advanced to third after the Duke Second Baseman committed the first error of the inning. In the second game, Jay Dantzler, Dietrich and Rowland each picked up two hits with Dietrich and Rowland each earning an RBI in the 4-2 Tech victory over Duke. Eddie Burns went into the top of the third inning. After a pitching change, Chase Burnett added another home run in the bottom of the eighth.

Burns went into the top of the fifth with a no-hitter going, but it was broken up after Ryan McCurdy got a single and was able to score Duke’s first run of the game after Alex Hassan brought him in with another single. Rowland responded in the bottom of the fifth with a lead off home-run, his second of the year, and gave the Jackets the lead back, 2-1, over the Blue Devils.

Tech was not able to complete the sweep on Sunday, falling to Duke 10-5. Zach Von Tetzell picked up his first loss of the season after he was taken out after the second, giving up four runs on three hits; three of the runs were earned. Dietrich picked up two more hits, finishing off as the only Jacket to have two hits every game during the series.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Blue Devils were able to take the lead back, 2-1, after a double play, despite a 3-0 and a 3-1 count. Logan then grounded out to end the inning and the threat.

Tech scored again in the bottom of the third. With one out, Plagman reached on an error by the first baseman. Murton followed with a double just inside the third base bag that reached the corner. Left fielder Dusty Bennett bobbled the hop and allowed the run to score. Feltes put the Jackets up by six with one swing of the bat in the bottom of the fourth. Nichols walked to lead off the inning. After a pitching change, Blackmon was hit by a pitch and Dietrich walked to load the bases. Feltes then pulled a 3-2 pitch off the left field foul pole for the grand slam. Plagman then singled to left field ahead of the second scoring hit of the inning. The Jackets put on an offensive display the next night as well when the Alabama State horaties came to Atlanta.

In the bottom of the fifth, Tech started to pull away with Dietrich and Feltes hitting back-to-back runners. Murton, Jay Dantzler and Jeff Ussery hit back-to-back RBI doubles and back-up catcher Cole Leonida homered to finish off the scoring. Chase Burnett added another home run in the bottom of the eighth.

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Chase Burnett dives into the base and is called safe. While Tech won the first two close matches, they lost in a blowout in the third game.
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The SEC began to look for an alternate venue to finish the tournament. As Philips Arena’s proximity to the Dome also rendered it inoperable to host the remainder of the tournament, and the Arena at Gwinnett Center already had a Georgia Force game scheduled for the weekend, the SEC decided to look into using the Alexander Memorial Coliseum to host the remainder of the tournament.

"After the Duke game on Friday night, Paul Griffen, our Senior Associate Athletic Director, got a call from Calleal Johnson, probably around 10:15-10:30, letting him know that there were some problems with the Georgia Dome and was wondering if our building would be available...We had the building available and campus was on spring break...we thought we could do it logistically," said Dan Radakovich, Athletic Director.

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The decision to use Alexander Memorial Coliseum did not sit well with many fans since the seating capacity of the Georgia Dome far exceeds that of the Coliseum. The universities had to put restrictions on whose tickets would be honored.

"They told us that if we had a ticket through our university, we could get a ticket into the Coliseum," Rose said.

UGA was able to win the tournament even though they came in ranked last in the SEC and had to play two games on Saturday. Members of the UGA Basketball Pep Band still attended all four games even with the circumstances.

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"The staff made [the logistics] incredibly easy and thank goodness for cell phones because the communication was very important to get everybody we needed," Radakovich said.
Women’s tennis split matches

By Steven Capetta
Contributing Writer

Tech played four top-20 ranked teams over the past few weeks, three of which were away matches. The only match of the four to be played at home was against No. 20 Vanderbilt on March 5.

Vanderbilt came out on top 4-3 on a night in which sophomore Amanda McDowell and senior Kristi Miller were unable to finish off the match with wins at position No. 1 and No. 2. Freshmen Maya Johansson and Noelle Hickey were the only Tech players to win their respective singles matches.

The women’s team was scheduled to have a match against Florida State that Friday, but weather conditions in Tallahassee forced the match to be postponed until April 2. On March 9, the Jackets faced No. 11 Miami Hurricanes and came out on top, 6-1. The girls swept all three doubles matches and every singles match, except for the No. 1 position where Miami’s Laura Valverdu overtook Miller in the third set in a particularly close match.

After a two week break, the team traveled to North Carolina this past Friday to take on the No. 13 Tar Heels. Tech won 5-2 over the Tar Heels, ending their five-match win streak and matching their first victory in Chapel Hill since 1998. Junior Christy Striplin gave Tech the win with the match she won over North Carolina’s Laura Reicher.

The day after, this past Saturday, the women’s team traveled to Durham to take on No. 9 Duke. The Blue Devils knocked off Tech 4-3 after sweeping doubles, and Duke’s Ellah Nze won the match’s deciding team point over McDowell.

The women return home this weekend for more ACC play as Tech plays NC State on Saturday and Wake Forest on Sunday. They then travel to Florida State to make up the match that was originally cancelled. It is their last road game of the season, sandwiched in between six conference games at home.

Tech is currently 3-1 in conference. It is tied with North Carolina for third place in the ACC Conference standings with Duke and Wake Forest ahead of them with four conference wins each.
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Women end season in tourney

By Hahnming Lee
Sports Editor

Tech’s women’s basketball teams concluded their season after losing to the Iowa State Cyclones in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 58-55. Tech was not able to rally back in the essentially partisan crowd in Des Moines, Iowa.

Senior Jill Ingram was just one of two players in double figures, scoring 21 points. She shot an impressive 8-for-12 from the field and 5-for-9 from behind the arc. She also added 8-for-12 from the field and 5-for-9 two point shots and making none. Montgomery finished zero-for-nine from the field.

Still, despite Tech’s numerous offensive woes, their lockdown defense was able to keep the game close to the very end. They went into the second half with a small lead, holding Iowa State’s offense to just 20 points, but only scoring 24 points themselves. While the Cyclones’ percentages were very high (45 percent from the field, 38 percent from three-point range), they committed 18 turnovers to the Cyclones’ eight. This led to 16 points off turnovers for Iowa State, which only had five.

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Tech hockey coach passes away at 48

By Matt Hoffman
Contributing Writer

Legendary Tech Hockey Club head coach Greg Stathis passed away last Monday at Cornwall Hospital in Marietta, Ga. He was 48 and resided in Woodstock, Ga. He passed away from complications with his second kidney transplant.

Stathis was the hockey coach at Tech for 17 years where he accumulated 348 career victories in 17 seasons. He was the only coach to lead his team to all 10 Memorial Health Hockey Classics in Savannah, Ga. He coached his last game against Georgia at the Classic where his team beat UGA, 3-2, completing a three game sweep of the Bulldogs over the entire season. In his last game against Vanderbilt, his Jackets took the ice and beat the Commodores 3-2. While at Tech, he coached the team to a second place finish in the Division III Hockey Tournament and two teams to a third place finish.

He also coached his last game against Chattanooga, his Jackets took the ice and beat the Bulldogs, 7-2, completing a three game sweep of the Bulldogs over the entire season. In his last game against the Bulldogs, his Jackets took the ice and beat the Commodores 3-2. While at Tech, he coached the team to a second place finish in the Division III Hockey Tournament and two teams to a third place finish.

He was also the only coach in the American Collegiate Hockey Association to average 20 wins a season. He also had a remarkable record in that every one of his players graduated in his 17 year tenure as head coach.

“Greg was a small man in stature, but he had a giant heart and was the kindest gentleman I had ever known,” said Sarge Day, assistant coach and business manager of the Georgia Tech Hockey Club. “Greg was a man of honesty and integrity, traits taught to him by his parents, John Stathis and the late Cleo Stathis.”

“Greg was also the bravest man I have ever known, who fought…with tremendous courage without ever complaining,” Day said. “Greg was famous for seeing the good in everybody and his positive attitude…was an inspiration to everyone who knew him. To know Greg Stathis was to love him.”

According to Day, Stathis insisted his teams play with “class and honor.” He strongly believed in the
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Men’s basketball loses to Duke in ACC quarters
By Matt Hoffman
Contributing Writer

Tech was able to top Virginia in their opening round match of the ACC tournament, but came up short against Duke in the second round. This closed out Tech’s record at 15-17 for the season.

Senior guard Anthony Morrow and senior forward Jeremis Smith were eleven lead changes within the Jackets and Cavaliers. There was a hard fought see-saw battle between the teams, which were three’s.

As in the first half, the Jackets were much more efficient on the offensive side of the ball. They shot just under 60 percent both from the field and behind the arc. Their free throw shooting was a solid 85 percent.

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“[UVA] depends on [Singletary] so much. Our whole game plan was to try to keep the ball out of his hands so much. Our whole game plan was to make them work to get touch plays...In that timeout, we were talking about how we were getting sloppy and let the game slow down and start to crawl and that’s not where we wanted it to be,” Hewitt said.

“Pushing the tempo is all about team work. It starts from the defensive end by making stops and getting rebounds...Big men helping around the floor always helps to push the tempo, and with the guards pushing the ball up the court we were able to get tempo at the pace we wanted to play at,” Smith said.

Once the Jackets retook the lead with 11:24 to play, there was no looking back. The Jackets went on an 8-1 run, which opened up a seven point lead, the largest of the night up until that point.

A 12-2 run with just over five to play to 5:21 allowed the Jackets to take an 18-point lead, all but clinching the victory.

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“[UVA] depends on [Singletary] so much. Our whole game plan was to try to keep the ball out of his hands and make them work to get touch...It was surreal. The ceiling was like a big parachute going in all different directions. Loud, loud, loud noise. Then, people on the floor started leaving and stuff started falling out of the sky. Over my right shoulder was the rip in the Dome. They told us to stay in our seats and looked at my husband and said ‘We’re out of here.’ We got to the exit and they wouldn’t let us exit because the storm was still coming, so we waited about an hour before we got out’ said Carla Rose, an Arkansas fan.

After the tornado had passed, the overtime game was completed. The original last game of the night, UGA vs. Kentucky, was not able to finish again.

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