Undergrad presidential race in run-off

By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

Wednesday, April 14, the SGA elections committee announced the results of the undergraduate and graduate SGA elections at the Student Center commons at 7:00 p.m.

The elections took place from Friday, April 6 at noon to Wednesday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. While most of the executive positions up for vote were filled, the undergraduate president election will go into run-off between frontrunners Jimmy Williams and Corey Boone. There is also one Undergraduate House Representative position, for Architecture, which remains unfilled.

Winners were decided for the remaining executive positions. 3484 students voted in the undergraduate executive vice president election (EVVP). Brenda Morales won with 82.1 percent of the vote, and Aai Kavithklayan garnered the remaining 17.9 percent of the vote.

I feel wonderful. I’m so proud to be able to serve the student body in this way. I’m really looking forward to it,” Morales said. “The first thing I aim to do is really get everything organized so that we have a system that runs smoothly to make sure that I am able to train representatives well… and also contacting administrators so that in turn representatives will be able to contact them.”

In contrast to the undergraduate executive election, the graduate executive vice president and executive vice president candidates ran unopposed. Anthony Baldridge and Katherine Schnure ran for graduate presidency and vice-presidency respectively. 129 graduate students voted for Baldridge in the president election, and 122 students for Schnure in the EVP election.

“One of the greatest [issues within the graduate body] is communications, and bringing together with all the different departments to get opportunities out there for graduate students,” Baldridge said. “Not to mention a number of social endeavors that we as graduate SGA, as well as teaming up with undergraduate SGA, like to offer to campus that could both the graduate and undergraduate students together.”

Of the issues discussed in their campaigns, Baldridge and Schnure aimed to continue to work on certain problems such as health insurance and the construction of a new student center.

Greek Week competition underway

By Matt Schrichte
Staff Writer

Greek Week, a competition that pits Tech’s various fraternities and sororities against each other in events and games such as tug (of war) and dizzy bar races, comes to a close Saturday night after a week’s worth of competitions and philanthropic events.

“Our kickoff event every year is tug, which took place Saturday the 10th. This year we had the biggest turnout we’ve ever had. We had 20 fraternities competing,” said Overall Co-Chair of Greek Week and fourth year ARCH major, Kyle Taylor.

Among those fraternities, this year’s competition included its first ever National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha. All nine Collegiate Pan-Hellenic Council sororities competed as well.

Some other notable differences between this year’s Greek Week and previous years’ include cutting and adding events from last year to better reflect student interest and changing the competition’s time frame back to a single week as before.

“It used to run from Sunday to the following Tuesday,” Taylor said. “We wanted to move it back into one week. It was a little ridiculous calling it Greek Week when it was more than one week long.”

“From start to finish, there are around 25 events throughout the week,” said the other Overall Co-Chair of Greek Week and 4th year INTA student, Mary Piantadose.

While most of this year’s events are the same or similar to past ones, there have been some alterations:

“We cut people’s least favorite events and we revamped the least popular events and then added some new events. Instead of ping pong, we got corn hole and we revamped the least popular events… and we revamped the least popular events,” Piantadose.

This year’s remaining competitive events include a slam-dunk contest, a...
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This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from April 13, 2010.

Students Organizing for Sustainability (SOS) requested funding for tools and equipment to maintain a community garden and defer some of the costs of operation. Last semester, a group of approximately 15 students created a garden on east campus that has since expanded to include multiple crops, including carrots and several types of greens. The organization also partnered with Facilities and Housing to use their composted food waste and increase yield. Among the funding items included in the bill were shovels, gloves, a wheel barrow, etc. The bill totaled $424.31 passed GSS 21-1-0 and UHR 43-0-0.

SGA considered a bill put forward by the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity to host an alcohol awareness and education event. The organization requested funds to bring a drunk driving simulator to campus, a device that allows students to experience the level of impairment of a drunk driver. The bill totaled $754 and passed UHR 34-10-2, and GSS 14-7-1.

The SGA sustainability task force submitted a bill to SGA requesting a funding allocation for Earth Day. The bill requested funding from the Undergraduate Legislative Reserve (ULR). Among the funding items requested in the bill were a used bike from SOS, advertising and food. The bike will be raffled off as part of the Earth Day celebrations. The bill totaled $525 and ultimately passed UHR 37-6-1.

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.

Polish plane crash kills 97 people

On April 14, a plane carrying the Polish president and several other government officials crashed in Russia, killing all aboard. When the plane attempted to land, it did not make it on to the runway and instead hit the treetops. Not only was President Lech Kacynski one of the casualties, but also the deputy foreign minister, the chiefs of the army and the navy, the president of the national bank and several members of the country’s Parliament. The official casualty count given by Russian officials was 97 people. The timing was also unfortunate since Russian and Polish officials had taken some steps forward in coming to terms with the incident where 20,000 members of Poland’s elite officer corps were killed 70 years ago. Several relatives of victims of the massacre were also aboard the plane when it crashed.

Toulouse-Lautrec to show at the High

The High Museum of Art received a gift of 47 works of art from Atlanta collectors Irene and Howard Stein. Many of the works are by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.

The Steins have given the High Museum works by Toulouse-Lautrec in the past. Those and the works in the gift will make up a collection centered on Toulouse-Lautrec’s works will open in Jan. 2011.

O’Brien to move to TBS

Conan O’Brien has signed a contract to return to television in Nov. on TBS to host a late-night variety show. It will run Monday through Thursday and he will likely stay in Los Angeles. He is currently on the road in the “Legally Prohibited From Being Funny On Television” tour. Like the title implies, his settlement with NBC dictates that he is not allowed his show on another network until the fall. O’Brien claims that he will retain much of his former staff like executive producer Jeff Ross.

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For a full list of events, visit www.earthday.gatech.edu
Sting break festival showcased indoors

Kamna Bohra
Contributing Writer

The Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) hosted the Sting Break Festival in the Student Center on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The festival would have been in the Burger Bowl as was last year’s event, but the SCPC moved it indoors due to inclement weather. Free of charge to students, the Sting Break festival consisted of free Tech paraphernalia and food. Additionally, freeSMGA hosted a block party with free cotton candy and sunglasses in conjunction with the festival, and the Freshman Activities Board (FAB) hosted a tie-dying booth for the free T-shirts.

“Tech is a challenging place, but we wanted to show students we care about them,” said Matt LeBrun, SCPC festivals chair and third-year MGT major. He described the festival as a student appreciation day, which was also accompanied by an evening concert by Jet.

“It would have been better outside, but it was fun overall [with] lots of free stuff. I think everyone had a great time, and tie-dye was FabAll!” said Devuthaan Senthuran, first-year ME and a member of FAB.

“It was nice to be able to stop in the middle of my otherwise hectic schedule to see friends and grab food at the same time,” said Dimple Bansal, first-year DSYE major.

Over 1800 students attended the festival, according to LeBrun. The numbers exceeded the SCPC’s expectations, even though the festival occurred in a contained area.

“It condensed things a bit, but offered a much more excited atmosphere,” LeBrun said in favor of the indoor venue, noting its centralization as a reason for higher attendance.

“There were a lot of worries because of the rain, but I think moving it indoors was a big help because there were a lot of people. It felt more crowded, but it was a ‘busy’ crowd,” said Sangita Sharma, SCPC Special Events chair and first-year AE major.

The breakdown of the funds for the event included $12,000 from campus BuzzFunds and $9075 from Student Activity Fees (SAF). The Alumni Association and Coca-Cola donated the Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and beverages, respectively. The cost of this year’s festival came out to approximately $16,449 dollars, compared to the 2009 festival cost of $28,676, according to LeBrun. Lebrun noted that because of the weather, the cost dropped as the SCPC had to cancel its most expensive events, including a Tornado ride, laser tag and rock-climbing wall.

“With budget cuts across campus, for next year, the SCPC’s budget is a bit lower than this year. However, the Student Center is highly committed to putting on great programming. As such, I don’t see this affecting next year’s Sting Break festival at all,” Lebrun said.

Students at the Sting Break festival participated in a series of activities like tie-dye at the Student Center. The event was moved indoors due to inclement weather at the Burger Bowl in West Campus.

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Attendees were able to watch a balloon artist create elaborate figures and objects. The event was free and open to all students.

Students awarded NSF research fellowships

A total of 38 Tech students were awarded Graduate Research Fellowships (GRF) by the National Science Foundation (NSF), surpassing all other colleges and universities in the state. The purpose of the GRF initiative is to foster experts who contribute significantly to innovations in science and engineering. The fellowships include approximately $30,000 per year for graduate study and $10,500 per year for tuition for three years, totaling over $100,000. The list of recipients includes 28 graduate students and 10 undergraduate seniors. In addition, 37 students received an honorable mention from the NSF.
Brenda Morales smiles after winning the election for Undergraduate Executive Vice President against Ajai Karthikeyan.

Elections from page 1

“Those going to possibly take on and reevaluate our current insurance... that will be a big deal this year,” Schnure said.

Over 3700 undergraduate students voted for the undergraduate president alone, which featured five candidates up for election. Williams received 43.3 percent of the vote, and Boone received 38.5 percent of the vote. Candidates Wallace Benton, Daniel Nissenbaum and Jeff Porubsky together amassed 20.1 percent of the vote.

“I’m excited, I am so honored that 4433 people had enough confidence for me to be their next student body president,” Boone said.

“I’m excited to make my case over the next week and see how this thing turns out. It’s by no means over for us. It was such a close margin that I’m really, really excited to get back out there.”

“It’s been a great two weeks and we’re hyped up and ready to go for one more,” Williams said.

Jimmy Williams, a third-year BME major with experience working in campus affairs, ran a campaign focusing on restructuring academics and improving campus life.

“Specifically what I’d like to do is put in an institute wide mentoring program to get faculty and students talking about things bigger than just textbook problems. Bringing in outside companies for students to work with and looking to redefine grading that is not pre-defined on bell curves but on objectives.” Williams said. “One thing I’d like to do specifically in student life is to submit by-laws in SGA that would fund food and give-aways for large campus events that would affect some 500-1000 students. With SGA funding these types of incentives, we could encourage collaboration across campus. Another area I’d like to work on is building in campus support... Specifically what I’d like to do here is work on warning [parking] tickets, and have those applied throughout the semester. I’d also like to expand our transportation services beyond the current routines.”

Corey Boone, a third-year MGT major with experience working in committees such as the student rules and communications committee, likewise had his own programs focusing on academic revisions and student life improvement.

“My first goal would be to improve the classroom environment... and that could be done by the mentoring programs also by having our individual schools and colleges place a greater emphasis on discussion from the professor,” Boone said. “I want to incorporate a service option here in Tech. It would be similar to the research option or the international plan... Also opening up our Think Big program to allow students who don’t necessarily live in Georgia Tech housing to be a part of.”

In addition to the elections undergraduate voters cast a yay or nay ballot in a referendum to change the constitution of the Undergraduate Student Government Association. The changes concerned the responsibilities and electoral processes for two executive positions.

The Chief of Staff position will be eliminated, and the Executive Vice President, which will still be directly elected, will assume the responsibilities of the Chief of Staff. A new position, to be called the Speaker of the House, will assume the role of the Speaker of the House, will assume the role of the Speaker of the House, will assume the role of the Speaker of the House, will assume the role of the Speaker of the House, will assume the role of the Speaker of the House. Members of the House of Representatives will elect this position.

The move was prompted by the technical nature of the EVP position, which deals with intimate legislative processes, and works not only to serve the students, but also to run an effective UHR. The referendum passed overwhelmingly with over 2,500 votes in favor of the change.

The election process started early this semester with a series of election code changes and meetings concerning how to and who can run for SGA election. Elections packets for the candidates interested in running were released on March 1 with various election committee meetings held until spring break. The election was overseen by the SGA elections committee. Their tasks included setting up ballots, running the voting system, advertising and adjudicating violations.

“If students wish to run for a position, they met with me or a member of my committee and we pretty much brought them up to speed on the rules on the election code,” said Mike Donohue, a second year-PUBP major and SGA elections chair.

Although these positions and motions have been decided, the run-off election will continue into next week.

“I think that the platform that we’re running on is one appeals to all students across the board no matter what their experiences at Tech have been,” Williams said. “I think one thing to look forward to in the next week is a slight rebranding but the rebranding will solely be visual. The rest of the message will stay the same.”

Noon! Not the shop! I wanted to get married there! RIP tin building! So sick of living with a total slob, get dirty thongs off the floor. I second, third, and fourth “the G spot”... I second, third, and fourth “the G spot”... I second, third, and fourth “the G spot”... I second, third, and fourth “the G spot”... I second, third, and fourth “the G spot”...
Greek from page 1 dodgeball tournament, and Greek Sing and Stroll. Sing and Stroll will feature five fraternity and five sorority groups performing songs in a musical contest as well as a special performance by the CTGs. All leftover tickets for Greek Sing and Stroll will be distributed in the Flag Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, April 16. Like all of the other Greek Week festivities, this final event is open to all spectators—Greek students and non-Greek students alike.

Unlike in previous years, this year’s Greek Week has made huge push to support some of Tech’s established philanthropic organizations. While the annual week of games and competitions for Tech’s Greek population is ending, Greek Week’s two largest philanthropic events, Relay for Life and Tech Beautification Day (TBD) are set to kick-off tonight and tomorrow morning, respectively.

“We decided to pair with pre-existing organizations on campus and work with them to promote their cause and get them all of the volunteers that they need,” Pantadose said.

The Relay For Life event begins at 7 p.m. this evening on the SAC Fields and will last 12 hours through 7 a.m. Saturday morning. This year’s TBD will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. These two philanthropic events, like the rest of the week’s games and contests, award points to all attending sorority and fraternity members.

At the end of the week, points for event participation, attendance, and performance for each participating fraternity and sorority will be tallied to determine the overall 2010 Greek Week champions.

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Opinions

Electoral elections between SGA and students needed

Congratulations to all the candidates who won or are moving on to the run-off in the SGA elections. All the elected persons will no doubt serve Tech well, and we look forward to continued efforts from the other candidates. One of the other outcomes of the election was the position that some candidates were running as ‘SGA outsiders’. Students voiced concerns that SGA seems exclusive and disconnected from the student body, and lower turnout, albeit higher than last year, reinforces this notion.

Many of the viable candidates came from within SGA, which tends to influence the outcome of these elections more than the issues. This clouds the true intention of the elections. It is important to remember that the SGA representatives are not simply leaders of SGA, but elected leaders of the student body. These positions set the tone for the student body when dealing with the administration and outside bodies.

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Election reveals many results

Bridge building between SGA and students needed

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Ticketing mishaps degrade Saturdays

I have had opportunities to experience a phenomenon unlike any other—college football Saturdays (and Thursday Nights). Many school do not have the opportunity to have a college football program, and for that we are blessed as Tech students. But the three years that I have been a student at the Institute, when the ticketing system changed, I began to dread Saturday afternoon.

As a loyal member of the Yellow Jacket community, who proudly bleeds white and gold, I have been sorely disappointed by the actions taken by the current SGA to protect our rights with their collaboration with the Athletic Association (AA) this past year with our ticketing program. As a ‘block captain I was inundated with unorganized lists, a bevy of misinformation, and a slew of emails that I was forced to trudge through without the help of SGA. These issues were magnified on game-days when ushers did not know where one block began and one block ended, and did little to protect the integrity of the blocks.

It is incomprehensible to many in the student body, myself included, how SGA could not protect some semblance of sanity in the ticketing process. Though I understand the power of the AA in terms of money, alumni support, and power, on campus, it is amazing that SGA was simply steam rolled by the AA. This program allowed many, who last year would have been given a seat to be turned away simply because they missed a deadline or did not have a voucher (which was supposed to be deemed irrelevant by our new ticketing system).

Our student body leaders are put into place to protect the rights and voices of the students. We should hold them to that standard as we move forward into a new football season. We cannot simply shake our fists at the AA when we have an outlier that has been given the presence of the AA and Institute President G. P. “Bud” Peterson.

So, it seems inconceivable to continue to allow those in the campus affairs wing of SGA continue this practice, so hopefully this new administration will take a strong footing against the AA and will not crumble in the face of upholding students’ rights and privileges as we cheer on our Jackets this fall.

Hari Gopal
Third-year MGT

Tin Building demolition hurts students

The school’s actions with regard to the Tin Building illustrate everything that is wrong with the administration here at Tech. Take points in order from the article.

[Main points from the article]

1) It is claimed that this is part of developing the alley way between the Skiles Building and the Weber Building but this is unlikely since the Tin Building is between the Weber Building and the Coon Building.

2) It is claimed this will become the main thoroughfare while Skiles walkway is closed but a look at the campus map shows that the main thoroughfare will be the alley between Skiles and Weber.

3) They say this will allow construction on the CULC to proceed more quickly. I take this means the finish date will not be fall of 2011 as previously but will move up to Summer 2011.

4) They talk about how the transit system serves as a proposed new location and how they have the Stingerette service. The Green route does go there but doesn’t run on weekends or late at night. The location at 14th and Hemphill is outside the Stingerette’s service area.

5) It is claimed they are committed to having student involvement but the quote in the article shows they aren’t even sure if they have tried to get student involvement.

I expect that the school will make appropriate noise and then go ahead and shaft the students anyway. I also expect that some of the issues I have raised here (ignorance of the campus and of school policies on the part of a high ranking school administrator, etc) to be swept under the carpet with an appropriate sheet of concern toward the problems.

If Tech’s administration wants to show that they do care about the students then these issues will be handled in a fair public manner. If not then Tech will continue to be “The Place Where Students Come Last”.

Andrew Flett
Fifth-year AE
Social Security reform key to fiscal health

With the passage of land-
mark healthcare legislation three weeks ago, the United States took a huge step towards ensuring healthcare coverage for all Americans and reduc-
ing the country’s national debt in the long-term. While no bill is perfect, such magnitude can be perfect, the legislation is a far cry from what some Tea Party “socialism” alarmists would have you believe. The mere fact that Americans can no longer be denied healthcare coverage is one that has resulted from over-exuberant spending for Medicare and solution of the national debt. The healthcare reform bill is projected to make reductions to the amount of government spending for Medicare and the national debt. With health-care reform now complete, the federal government must turn its attention to other areas of government spending in order to lower the national debt. Social Security looks to be the most promising avenue for achieving this goal.

The numbers show that the national debt increased rapidly during the post-war years until the tenure of the Reagan administration, when the national debt began to in-
terest rates over time and ultimately hinder economic growth. The healthcare reform bill is not supposed to increase insolvency until 2016, but the financial crisis hastened cash flow out of the program as more Americans availed Social Security benefits. However, I fear that this problem is likely to increase the retirement age to 67, which decreases the length of time for which retirees receive Social Security benefits. While it may seemhardt to force older generations to postpone their retirement, few people realize that when FDR signed the Social Security Act into law in 1935, the average retirement age was 63. Today the average life expectancy for a male is 67.4 and for a female is 80.2. The average life expectancy for an Ameri-
can was only 62 years of age (with 62 being the earliest age for Social Security collection). Today the average life expectancy for an American is 77.7. My generation is being asked to provide longer care for a larger number of people than previous generations. Former President George W. Bush proposed the partial privatization of Social Secu-
rity, whereby a percentage of revenue collected by the fed-
eral government would go towards private retirement accounts, allowing the funds to grow over time and help pay for the price of the Social Security benefits.

Unfortunately, Social Security reform is a political hot-potato that neither side of the aisle wants to tackle.

Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

Buzz

Around Campus

What was the most important issue of the SGA elections?

Jeffery Kuo
First-year ECE

“I was able to combine the diverse cultures on campus to do more together.”

Sahitya Jampana
Third-year ECE

“More environmentally friendly campus.”

Kat Compton
Third-year ID

“More activity from SGA officers.”

Matt Davis
First-year PHYS

“I heard they were trying to get rid of block seating. I didn’t like that.”

“Getting out of your dorm: experience college”

“I hate this school,” is heard around all campuses around the world. There are always go-
ing to be those disgruntled stu-
dents—be they students or even teachers. Only at Tech is there a great example of a type of behavior, and only fostered by the public eye. So why is it that those students feel obligated to share their misfortunes? Is this school really one of the worse environments on our planet?

Students complain about the on-campus transportation, food at Brownwood, or the “shack,” registration, etc. But are these really determin-
ing factors on how your col-
lege lifestyle is defined? There are opportunities out there to explore different cultures and discover impor-
tant people that may stay with you for the rest of your life. In-
stead, let the programs, events, and faculty define how you should gauge a good or bad college experience.

Not all institutes offer study abroad programs, but Tech is part of a list of involved anywhere that you do. In fact, Tech has many partnerships and surprisingly can pull around some of the top students to discover. Usually these opportunities are hard to find, but Tech is more than willing to venture to find a program that would give you both credit and an enriching ex-
perience. Tech is an institute that regurgitates its ideals onto you, sometimes without any obvious signs. The accessibility that Tech offers makes this opportunity one of the most do’s. The satellite campuses offer major classes that would not cause you to fall behind.

People may wonder how some students from certain universities receive job offers quicker and with a higher percentage than others. In-
ternships and the co-op program are the answer to these questions. Nearly three thousand out of the thirteen thousand undergraduates participate in the co-op program, which is labeled as one of U.S. News and World Report’s “Top Ten” co-op programs in the nation. So why risk a lost opportunity for both the present and the future?

Every campus has student organizations that will fulfill your empty pockets. From the culture clubs like the Taiwanese-American Stu-
dent Association to the more creativity-sparking Photog-
raphy Club, there are many different things that will fill in the voids present after the end of school. But what gives Tech such a hands-on culture is the idea and little came out as we saw, even the Republi-
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I am proud to have served Tech during this monumental year

Every April upon our return from Spring Break, something about the Tech campus changes. The fraternities play music a little louder, pollen fills the air, it gets harder to study and the campaign begins for SGA elections. Most importantly, about one quarter of the campus begins counting down the days until graduation. Especially for those walking across the stage and receiving degrees in 22 days, there is no doubt that the 2009-2010 school year has flown by.

On some levels it has been a year like any other. It is a year that began with FASET orientations and move-in, and one that will end with finals and Midnight Breakfast. It is a year in which Homecoming was celebrated and thermodynamics classes were still held. Most of us got a few parking tickets and freshmen still attended 8:00 a.m. calculus classes.

But more than any other time in Tech history, we should consider ourselves lucky to be students at Tech—above the normal, day-to-day life, it was truly a transformational year for the Institute. It was a year that began with the inauguration of a new Institute President, but was met with concerns about safety in off-campus neighborhoods. It was a year when the student body tore down a goalpost and our football team won the ACC Championship. We officially broke ground for the CULC, named two new Institute Deans, and dealt with unprecedented budget cuts.

I have been so honored to serve as your Student Body President over the past year. Above the late nights and early mornings, and the thousands of meetings (literally), serving as SGA President has been the most challenging and draining, yet exceptionally rewarding experience of my life. I am so grateful to all of the members of Student Government and the student body for their dedication to building a stronger Tech community. My goal for SGA has always been that we leave Tech a better place than we found it—and we have accomplished that.

For student government, it has been a strong year of building relationships with administrators, the Board of Regents and legislators. We involved the student body in discussions that were happening at the Institute level about topics such as safety and the strategic plan. We presented a Diversity White Paper, and elevated concerns about quality of faculty-student interaction. At the state-level, we managed to involve the student body in the concealed carry discussion, advocated for a fair and transparent distribution of mandatory fees, and participated in talks of budget cuts through a rally at the Capitol.

We worked to strengthen connections amongst students to Tech. We roped in the freshman class through the first-ever freshmen elections, and celebrated the start of a new school year through a Campus Welcome Back party and the second annual football White Out. Later, we established the first-ever GT Day at the Capitol and “1 <3 GT” Week.

We also tried to make life easier for students through passage of a new, stronger Dead Week policy, establishment of a Trolley stop at Publix, insurance of a close Wingnut relocation, greater control of heating and cooling in freshmen dorms and revisions of the new athletic ticketing system (and an improved launch for next fall).

We tried to gain more student feedback to prioritize projects; we sought student opinion through surveys on dining, parking and transportation, Buzzport and online resources, and academics.

We increased the transparency of SGA by launching a new website. What you and I will both remember as Tech students are the late nights we spent with friends, the laughs we shared and the relationships we built. And for that, I will always be thankful to Tech and its students.

For those of you who will be here for another one, two… or five years, remember to never take your time for granted. Build relationships, establish roots, and be thankful for the laughs we shared and the relationships we built. And for that, I will always be thankful to Tech and its students.

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What you and I will both remember is that we spent our college years, and the answer to a simple question: What’s the good word?!?

Alina Staskevicius
Undergraduate Student Body President
Greek Week focuses on collaboration

By Julia Turner
Contributing Writer

Under the beating waves of the sun, troops of twelve marched into the freshly raked pit of sloshing mud to face each other across a hot pink marked rope and square of caution tape. Hands worked fast to wrap and fasten the sopping towels to the rope and then waited, tense, for the sound of the horn that initiates the competition.

So maybe Tug, the first event of Greek Week, wasn’t quite as epic as the Iliad’s Achilles-Hector face-off, but that’s not to say the two didn’t share a few similarities. Just like that battle, this opening event signaled the beginning of the success of a unified Greek effort.

Unified seems to be the imperative term during this week of fierce but amiable competitions, especially this year, which has proven to be the most widely participated in and integrated week yet.

“Our goal was to make it easy and fun to try to encourage all Greeks to compete,” said Mary Piantadosi, fourth-year INTA and one of the overall chairs of the week, “and now we have a Greek Week where all fraternities and sororities regardless of affiliation can come together and compete for fun.”

This year’s Greek Week has undergone several changes from that of previous years. For instance, the duration has decreased from its former ten days to its original week-long time frame, and two new events, corn hole and a donut eating contest, have been added.

In addition to these minor changes, many of the modifications from previous years have “geared around increasing participation,” said JD Ingraham, third-year AE and logistics chair-man for the week.

One of these type of alterations includes a new prize category, the “Greek Cup,” which Ingraham said “is comprised of spirit points, excellence in a few select even points, and the willingness to work with other chapters for the larger events.” These independent score evaluations facilitate collaboration between chapters, the executive committee’s main focus for the week. Kyle Taylor, fourth-year ARCH and the other overall chair, explained that the Cup

Night Market provides Asian culinary delights

Night Market, sponsored by the Taiwanese-American Student Association, gave the opportunity for students to experience a traditional Taiwanese market and learn more about the Asian cultures that are represented on campus.

By Chris Russell
Online Editor

You’re surrounded by strangers on all sides, not one of whom is speaking the same language. Red paper lanterns swing overhead, casting everything and everyone around you in a warm, eerie glow. Vendors man stalls on either side of you, aggressively advertising their wares to anyone who stumbles within earshot. Each stall boasts a variety of food, none of which looked familiar to me, but all of which smelled quite tasty.

Looking away from the stalls, you step out just in time to be cut off by a man carrying a tray of banana spring rolls and his assistant, sporting a half-dozen batter-fried banana-on-a-stick in each hand. Dodging them, you look behind the stalls, where you see a row of pans, grills, barbecues and ice cream machines manned by frantically working cooks, all busily making the goods being hawked up front.

And then you turn and see that you missed the Stinger and you realize that you are on the Tech campus.

Friday, April 9, the Taiwanese-American Student Association (TASA) hosted its annual Night Market in the biotech quad. Students from Tech’s Asian student associations got together and sold food, trinkets and games from their home countries.

The event’s focus, however, was undeniably the food. While a few stalls did have carnival-style games, the vast majority chose to bring dishes from their home countries.

There was sushi from Japan, fried rice from China, barbeque from Korea, and dozens of dumplings from pretty much

Night Market allowed students to taste a variety of global foods like frozen yogurt from Juicy Green.
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"makes it easier for our chapters in all four Greek Councils that have limited resources to still compete on the same level as our chapters that have a larger membership and/or budgets."

These efforts in making Greek Week open to every member of the Greek Community seem to have proven fruitful, for participation in the events is way up this year, especially for chapters who in the past have been less involved in Greek Week in the past.

"Never have we had so many fraternities participating in all the events," said the technology chair, Kris Jurgowsky, fourth-year CS, "and although it creates quite a challenge for the executive board, we are all thrilled to witness the unity of Georgia Tech's Greek life." Bridgette Krauter, the events chair and a third-year IE, agrees that the increased participation "makes for a very successful Greek Week."

As ironic as the unification theme may at first appear for a week dominated by competition the main objective for the week is for members of different fraternities and sororities to realize their similarities rather than their differences. "When chapters meet members from other chapters they realize how similar they are to each other and are less likely to have the blanket stereotypes of the other houses," said the fraternity philanthropy chair, Memphis Geisert, fifth-year PTFE.

In fact, Geisert's position represents one aspect of Greek chapters that they already have in common: philanthropy. This year Geisert and his sorority counterpart, McCall King, third-year IAML are focusing on two larger philanthropies, Tech Beautification Day and Relay for Life.

One problem with hosting these two big events was the lowered participation or perhaps excitement of smaller philanthropic concerns, but the chairs were not discouraged. "We have tried to have this remedied by a display of the philanthropies that each Greek organization supports on Skiles walkway," Geisert said.

"We are always appreciative of our faculty and staff members that help us each year," Taylor said, and the executive committee has taken some great steps to show it. This year, in addition to the creation of an Alumni/Faculty committee to aid the planning process, there will be an alumni/faculty banquet to show the committee's and all the participants' appreciation for the help and support they received.

"We could not have Greek Week without the support of our amazing faculty, staff and alumni," Piantadosi said.

More than ever, this year's executive committee has committed to reveal that Greek Week is a time for the Greek community to celebrate being Greek, but also to show its positive impact on campus life.

I hope this week reaches out to the non-affiliated students and shows them that Greek life is not about drinking and paying for friends, but about the networking and positive involvement on campus and beyond," Jurgowsky said. Piantadosi summed up the goals of the event with "Everyone gets something different out of Georgia Tech Greek Life, and Greek Week is a chance for individuals to come together within their respective chapters as one cohesive unit: a strong, passionate, unique group of students that cannot be found at any other school in the country."
IsraelFest showcases ‘Israel in a modern society’

By Andrew Nelson
Staff Writer

Following last week’s CultureFest and TASA’s Night Market, Tech’s Jewish student organization GT Hillel hosted its IsraelFest Tuesday, April 13, at the Campanile, attracting approximately 600 people to the free activities and cultural information opportunities.

“We wanted to give the appeal of Israel in modern society,” said Eran Mordel, first-year ISyE and Israel programming co-vice president with GT Hillel. “Our focus of IsraelFest, unlike many other campuses, was about Israel and technology, because that’s what applies to Georgia Tech.”

The attractions throughout the four-hour event were a live musical performance by Axum, informational booths staffed by about 25 GT Hillel officers and members, Israeli foods, henna tattoos, Kacey (a dromedary camel from Sam’s Petting Zoo) and Matkot, a tennis-like game played on the beach with large wooden paddles.

Axum—a hiphop duo from Netanya and Tel Aviv, Israel—performed from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The duo is currently on tour with campuses with chapters of Hillels of Georgia, such as Tech and Emory University. Their music page, with several songs, can be found on Myspace at myspace.com/axumisrael.

While they performed, foods such as falafel, Bissli, Bamba, hummus and pita bread were available to snack on as students visited various booths showcasing different facets of Israeli culture and life. Booths showcased cultural landmarks and social issues as well as scientific ventures and products unique to Israel, such as Ahava—an Israeli cosmetics company that derives its products from compounds from the Dead Sea.

“If you look at the displays it talked about water conserva-
tion, new energy development, and... there were no political displays other than information displays about the military. It’s an all-inclusive, non-partisan event,” Mordel said.

IsraelFest is GT Hillel’s largest event of the year. Their two Israel programming vice-presidents, Mordel and Mitchell Blenden, assembled a committee of about 20 people, officers and Hillel members alike and met periodically throughout the semester. The group spent most of the Spring semester and some of Fall semester brainstorming, making calls and ordering services to take care of IsraelFest.

“[IsraelFest] has been going on for at least six years, and it’s evolved over time. It used to be that IsraelFest was an event on a Thursday night and now it’s a huge event during the day with a band,” Mordel said.

The IsraelFest committee sponsored the event with outside grants, funding from SGA, the Israeli Consulate, the David Project (a national Jewish leadership organization), Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and the members’ own resources.

Mordel contributes to general events for GT Hillel about once every three weeks, like providing Kosher meals for Passover and monthly Friday evening services. As co-vice president of Israeli programming, Mordel and Blenden are now working on bringing a speaker to campus and possibly planning an Israeli game night.

“GT Hillel is the Tech chapter of Hillels of Georgia, which itself is a subgroup of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life—also known as Hillel or Hillel International. Hillel-oriented organizations provide opportunities for Jewish students at over 500 universities all over the world. Hillels of Ga. include Hillel at Tech, Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia, Georgia State University and Emory University, and it partners with students at these universities to provide programs and grants for academic and community events.

“We have a lot of philanthropic events, and we work with other campuses with Hillels of Ga. We had a party in January at Emory at their new house, and to plan the party all the [Hillel] groups came together and raised money,” Mordel said. “We all hold the organization together and plan events throughout the year, but as far as different campuses go, we are autonomous.”

GT Hillel in particular is sponsored by faculty member Shira Rothman, Director of Jewish Student Life. Rothman often helps them with legal matters, professional ties and personal experience with planning events such as IsraelFest.

“[Rothman] is a fabulous person, extremely helpful, and we would probably fall apart without her help,” Mordel said. “She’s the backbone of our organization.”

Students at IsraelFest visit with Kacey the camel while participating in other activities at the event like playing Matkot and eating Israeli food.
Graduation: When you did not fail, but the job market might have

By Chris Russell
Online Editor

With a less than thrilling job market to look forward to, many students are taking stock of the alternatives to finding a job right after college. Below are some options for those seeking answers about what their plans after graduation.

English Language Teacher

Often, schools in foreign countries look for native English speakers to teach English classes either as night classes for adults or classes for young children. While requirements from country to country vary, foreign language skills aren't always a necessity. The programs that hire for these positions often pay airfare to and from the host country, housing and a stipend, as well as subsidizing things like insurance. While not a great deal for long term employment, it’s a great way to spend that year or two of “finding yourself” time after college.

Travel

Once you get a solid job, it’ll be decades before you get the chance to take a six month tour across Europe. Unless you have a hefty nest egg squirreled away somewhere, you obviously won’t be staying in five-star accommodations, but hostels, cheap local eateries and a Eurail pass combined with courageous standards make it possible to spend at least several weeks abroad without completely bankrupting yourself.

The options here are almost limitless. Do you want to spend a month backpacking across Europe? A summer hopping around east Asia? Or even just a few weeks road-tripping around the states? Any of these will give you a chance to see the world you’re not likely to have again for a long time.

Teach for America

Teach for America is an organization that, with the help of recent college grads, attempts to correct education discrepancies by sending teachers to educationally underprivileged areas. After an intense few weeks of training, participants head out for two years to teach at schools in historically underprivileged areas—particularly inner-city and rural schools. If you have any leanings toward education, this would be a great opportunity to get hands-on experience, and, even if you’re not, it’s still a good way of giving back. The program however, is very competitive, and applicants can apply for the 2011 program, at http://www.teachforamerica.org/.

Peace Corp

If you want to make a difference in the world while seeing more of it at the same time, the Peace Corps might be worth looking into. Volunteers sign up for a term of service just over 2.5 years to help with development efforts around the globe. Volunteers contribute in a number of ways, ranging from improving education, providing health services, fighting HIV/AIDS and stabilizing and improving food production. Perhaps more relevant to Tech students is the Information and Communications Technology branch, devoted to spreading technologies to the developing world and educating people about their uses.

Start a Business

If you have any desire to own your own business, right out of college is the time to give it a try. Without bills hanging overhead, a family to support or a boss to ask for time off, you have less to risk by giving it a shot. Financing opportunities for socially or environmentally sustainable projects, as well as ideas for general start-ups can be found at the Institute for Leadership and Entrepreneurship, http://ile.gatech.edu/.

There are many alternatives after graduation that students can explore without having to commit to a job or career.
A student acting as a vendor at Night Market serves a scallion pancakes, a large amount of the food served at the event were lesser-known items, meant to inform students about Asian cultures.
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Tech welcomes Crash Kings and JET for nostalgic performances at annual concert

**CONCERT**

**Crash Kings**

**JET**

**VENUE:** Burger Bowl

**GENRE:** Alternative Rock

**TRACK PICKS:** “Mountain Men,” “Are You Gonna Be My Girl” and “Cold Hard Bitch”

**DATE:** April 8, 2010

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By Kelvin Kuo

Photography Editor

Every year, just after spring break has passed, the Student Center Programs Council brings in a band for a Sting Break concert. Last year featured bands such as OAR, Augustana and Parachute. This year brought in opener Crash Kings and headliner JET, one up- and-comer and one established band. Sting Break was held on April 8 at the Burger Bowl on Tech campus, the same location as the homecoming concert the previous fall.

The Burger Bowl wasn’t sporting a super-sized crowd, but rather a meager half full venue. Many in attendance were in fact outside the gates, with more crowding on the hills than against the stage.

Crash Kings is an American rock band formed in Los Angeles, Calif. in 2006. It consists of two brothers, Tony and Mike Beliveau, who are the keyboardist and bassist respectively. Jason Morris adds the beats to the music, finishing up this trio as the drummer. This unique trio adds a complex zest to the rock genre with a tuneful, aggressive and hard rock sound.

Their music stems from the introduction by keyboardist and lead vocalist Tony, who provides their interesting sound. Tony, commenting on his own music, said “I visualize a place where I feel complete peace—usually a place of natural beauty, immersed in nature. Songs like ‘Mountain Man’ and ‘Come Away’ came out of me being out in nature.”

Many of the songs have not made it onto mainstream radio or television yet except for their first single, “Mountain Men,” which they were able to finish up their act with to provide a lasting memory of their performance. This song was composed to resemble the intensity of the slopes that Tony and Mike grew up loving.

JET opened up their set with songs from their recently released album, “Shaka Rock,” which didn’t draw much excitement from the crowd. Although the band tried to provide an energetic show, there was not much feedback coming from the audience. However, the emergence of “Are You Gonna Be My Girl” and “Cold Hard Bitch,” from their number one singles during the year 2003, caused a burst in the crowd.

JET and Crash Kings gave nothing short of the expectations, with Crash Kings setting perfect stage for headliner JET. Although the mood of the concert didn’t produce the rock vibe you would get elsewhere, the music was spot on. Sting Break always brings in big names with great music. These concert events are a must see for any student around campus.
DramaTech’s Producers excels in acting, production

By Daniel Fuller
Contributing Writer

A singing pretzel, a dance number with street-walkers and a director in drag all serve to create the fun, zany tone of DramaTech’s latest musical. I have seen every spring musical at DramaTech for the past four years and The Producers is certainly the best. Full of slapstick antics, witty one-liners and absurd musical numbers, the show keeps its energy until the final bow. DramaTech proves with this show that college productions can be professional quality. Originating from the creative mind of Mel Brooks, The Producers follows the exploits of an accountant and a washed-up Broadway producer who set out to make millions on a scam that involves producing a “guaranteed flop.” Without spoiling the plot for those who are unfamiliar with the musical or the film, it is enough to say that nothing is sacred. Over the course of the musical, it makes fun of just about everyone from Jews to Adolf Hitler. On the other hand, for those who are familiar with the musical, DramaTech’s latest incarnation feels fresh and new. The songs, dances and dialogue are performed with vigor and creativity, demonstrating that the director didn’t simply watch the movie and use it as her blueprint. Many of the characters, while maintaining their original spirit, diverge from their movie equivalents, delivering lines with new interpretation. Unfortunately, the momentum of the musical slows down slightly during what should be the show-stopping number, but it quickly picks up again immediately afterwards and the remainder of the performance is infused with vitality. The music is strong from both the ensemble and the live orchestra, accompanied by amusing choreography that is filled with ridiculous costumes and numerous visual gags. There are some points when the cast struggles with the enunciation of their lines, but they make up for it with their energy and enthusiasm. The two leads (Leo and Max, played by John Tibbetts and Michael Sullivan) are especially good, resulting in many entertaining scenes. They carry the show not just with the quality of their singing but also with their quirky, bickering interactions that channel Neil Simon’s “The Odd Couple.” Leo fills the role of a compulsive neurotic while Max plays the selfish, slovenly man of loose morals, resulting in an amusing conflict of personalities and ideals. All six leads were exceptionally well-cast for their roles, each one delivering a different set of laughable, zany antics and hilarious moments. Besides the protagonists, the neurotic accountant and the greedy producer, the show is rounded out by a dumb Swedish blonde (Sally Ahlrich), a cross-dressing director and his assistant (Graham Sweeney and Daniel Wilson) and a pigeon-loving Nazi playwright (Greg Kinsey). These certainly aren’t typical Rogers & Hammerstein stock characters. The remaining ensemble also shines in this production, unwilling to be overshadowed by the stars. Each cast member has the chance to play many parts and take their turn in giving the audience a good laugh. Furthermore, the orchestra pit gets a line of their own, and even the stage managers get dragged into a few of the scenes, demonstrating that this production is truly a collaborative effort. Speaking of the stage managers, they deserve a special commendation for their hard work in this musical. At every scene change, they completely transform the set as entire walls are rotated, removed and replaced. The modular, constantly changing set design is an impressive spectacle to behold, one that really establishes the scale and scope of the work that has gone into this musical. With unique, and sometimes quite outlandish, costumes to accompany every new scene, DramaTech achieves production values that are even better than some professional productions of the same show. This show is worth breaking your mold. Not only is it excellent in its execution, it also purposefully defies theatrical conventions in ways that are hilarious and refreshingly different. Whether you are a music-lover, a comedy fan, or just someone looking for some good entertainment, you’ll find something worthwhile in The Producers. It will continue playing at DramaTech for the next two weekends on April 16, 17, 24 and 25. Don’t forget to look for the two cameos of DramaTech’s signature toaster!
Audiences revel in Date Night

By Patricia Uceda
Contributing Writer

Tina Fey and Steve Carell’s latest movie Date Night proves to be more than just a slapstick comedy with its refreshingly realistic portrayal of married life. While the movie has no shortage of funny and outrageous moments, it remains relatable and engaging through its depiction of real everyday problems married couples face.

Fey and Carell play Claire and Phil, a suburban New Jersey married couple with kids who have fallen into a rut to say the least. Every single day of their lives is boring and exactly the same; they go to work, come home, deal with everyday problems married couples face.

Every Saturday they reluctantly go on date nights that have become mundane and predictable. They are aided by one of their neighbors, the two crooked no-shows who unknowingly drag Phil and Claire into this mess. James Franco and Mila Kunis have small roles as Taste and Whippet, the two crooked no-shows who unknowingly drag Phil and Claire into this mess. They are very funny in their roles, and also serve the purpose of reminding Phil and Claire about their marriage and the things that are bothering them. In this way they are able to open up to each other and delve into what their underlying issues are, earning a new respect and fascination for each other, as well as re-igniting lost passion.

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Phil makes a hilarious cameo, and Ray Liotta and William Fichtner also have small roles as a crime boss and a corrupt politician that are both delivered well.

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Even the same appetizers everytime. Spurred by the breakup of their two friends in a similar monotonous marriage, the protagonists begin to question their own marriage and wonder if they have become excellent roommates instead of man and wife in love.

In a moment of impulsive determination to shake themselves out of their rut, they decide to take date night more seriously and actually put some effort into it. Claire dresses up, and Phil decides to take her to a fancy, expensive restaurant in the city for once. Faced with a snobby maitre d’ who refuses to seat them, Phil takes drastic action and steals the reservation of a no-show couple. All goes well until two scary looking men show up demanding to talk to them outside.

It turns out the no-shows weren’t exactly law-abiding citizens, and Claire and Phil were mistaken for them. Suddenly they find themselves entangled in a blackmail and extortion scheme that has them running for their lives all over the city.

The resulting madcap adventure has a lot of laughs as the boring suburbanites from New Jersey suddenly have to face off against corrupt cops, a crime boss and other questionable characters. They are aided by one of Claire’s former real estate clients Holbrooke, played by Mark Wahlberg. He is hilarious in his role as a buff security expert who constantly makes Phil question his own manliness by remaining shirtless in every single scene.

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By Robert Solomon
Contributing Writer

I’m quite certain that the first thing you are asking yourself is “Who is Pat Metheny?” Though my own age dwarfs the majority of the people here, even I knew little about him, save for his renown as a jazz fusion guitarist. I can already imagine the rolling of eyes as they scan this page, and with good reason. Most jazz fusion guitarists evoke the image of an older white gentleman, with hair that only a musician can get away with. If you were to look at Pat Metheny, you would likely have guessed his profession, for he has an amazing head of hair that can only be adequately compared to a lion’s mane. However, you are likely not interested in Pat Metheny’s hair, so let us continue.

In the interest of full disclosure, I only attended this show due to the fierce fandom of my friend. I can safely say that I had no idea what to expect, besides hearing some chops that a guitar magazine might describe as “buttery smooth.” Walking into the Ferst Center, I was not disappointed. If you were to look at the Ferst Center, I was not disappointed. Metheny’s jazz-fusion amazes and is certainly in their comedic element. They are what make this movie work, along with the fact that it is completely relatable. Claire’s aggravation at her inability to have alone time without constantly having to cater to the needs of her family is something all moms will relate to.

Phil’s frustration and insecurity with hunky men such as Holbrooke will resonate with family is something all moms will relate to.

While the plot of the film isn’t terribly well-constructed, with the final showdown feeling a tad premature and rushed, this film is obviously meant to be a comedy rather than an actual full-blown action thriller.

Expect to laugh a lot, but don’t expect to be too intellectually stimulated by intricate and complex storytelling, there is some profanity as well as sexual situations and violence, so younger children should probably stay away.

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The Alien vs Predator (AvP) franchise traces its origin all the way back to the late '80s when Dark Horse Comic’s Chris Warner, along with several other comic authors, first decided to pit two of film’s most iconic and deadliest species against each other. Over the decades, the AvP universe grew to cosmic proportions with the production of games, films, novels, action figures and comics, all expanded, based on and enriching the already mesmerizing AvP mythology.

With the upcoming new Predator film schedule to be released in theaters by July 9 this year and the rumored that Ridley Scott, director of 1979’s original Alien, is planning to direct an Alien prequel, the AvP franchise is on its way to making a comeback into mainstream media. However, before the takeover officially starts, Sega, in combination with Twentieth Century Fox, decided to give the fans a taste of what’s coming up in the form of the video game, Alien vs. Predator (AvP), released Feb. 16 in North America for several major platforms.

In this modern gaming era, where First Person Shooter (FPS) games dominate the market, it is very hard—even for a franchise rich in its history of production of games—to be original and innovative. This fact, along with past trends that dictate games based on comics or movies must fail, puts Alien vs. Predator at a disadvantage from the start. However, the game does a surprisingly superb job of overcoming these adversities while staying true to the franchise’s history and its characters.

The single player mode of AvP is divided up into three independent but related stories that together formulate an overarching plotline. Each of the stories will have the players playing as either one of the human Colonial Marines trying to find his lost comrades and commander all the while trying to survive waves of extraterrestrial attacks, a lab born Xenomorph (Alien) attempting to free its queen and other members of its species from the cruelty of human experiments or a noble Predator on a mission to purge all other dangerous species off the face of the planet.

Like mentioned above, the stories are all interrelated. Players will notice that actions taken while playing as one species will have dire consequences on the progression of another. This is particularly fascinating as now players will adapt three different points of view and a deeper interpretation to a seemingly at first unimaginative storyline.

Although AvP’s plot presentation is interesting, its success does not exceed the gameplay which fully characterizes the franchise. As people might expect, playing as the three different species brings different experiences and requires different strategies all together. Whereas speed and stealth through the darkness are essential to the plans of Aliens who focus exclusively on melee attacks in close range, the more flexible Marines or Predators might take a different approach.

The Marine gameplay will remind players of most of the basic FPS gaming experiences. Roaming through the map looking for new weapons such as rifles, shotguns, flamethrowers, etc., players will find themselves in situations they have been in over and over again in other survival/horror FPS games. Close corridors covered in darkness and the exquisite outlines of Xenomorphs, perfectly rendered by the game’s powerful graphics, right before baring off your head, will have you jumping in your seat at any moment. Playing as the Xenomorph (Alien), a personal favorite, on the other hand, brings an entirely new experience. Besides the previously mentioned enhanced speed and disguises, one of the key and most fun elements of the Alien gameplay is the ability to traverse on any surface. Walls, ceilings, cliffs, the sky is the limit, literally.

Watch in fascination as the entire simulated world rotates on your every command as you jump from one surface to another, not to mention the strategic advantage this provides you over your enemies. The game also provides this particular species the ability to break environments that provide light for better stealth. All this environmental interaction really shows off the powerful engine this game is built upon and provides a lot of fun.

Last but not least, the Predator gameplay stays true to the mythology of this particular species. Anything and everything reminiscent to Predators such as heat vision, cloaking devices, disk launchers, javelins and more are at the player’s disposal. AvP even added a jumping mechanic that helps Predators hide in high, difficult-to-see areas such as tree branches and building structures. Playing as a Predator generally requires more strategizing, which fits nicely with the history of the creature.

Overall, the perfectly alluring experience. Although the gory and bloody first person Mortal Kombat style finishing moves, “Trophy Kill” or “Stealth Finish,” expresses extreme brutality, they stay true to the mature-rating films on which all of this was based. It also gives a certain satisfactions to rip the head and tail off an Alien from the perspective of a Predator.

However, sometimes the difficulties of the game can be frustrating. When it’s hard to kill a single Alien sometimes with an arsenal of weapons, AvP will sometimes pit the players against a group of enemies with a single pistol. The bright side is that this provides replay values, which is something that the player will not get from the multiplayer experience.

It is hard to imagine that something done right for part of the game can also bring its downfalls, but this is true for the multiplayer aspect of AvP. While all the wonderful powers and weapons introduced earlier will make the players feel like a true hunter in the single player mode of the game, it makes the multiplayer experience extremely unbalanced. One hit kills, no matter how awesome they might look, should never be part of the multiplayer experience without some sacrifice accompanied with them.

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starts on April 17 and features a wide variety of barbecue burgers and desserts as well as Mexican and Italian cuisines. The Taste of Marietta event starts on April 25 and features more barbecue as well as several seafood options. The Taste of East Cobb will feature an interesting medley of seafood, Italian and Creole cuisines. Finally, Taste of Alpharetta will feature several Asian and Mediterranean dishes and will include alternative rock bands such as Sun Domingo and State of Man. Entrance is free for all events.

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Combine your passion for food and nature this May 1 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. As part of the latest sustainable food craze, the Botanical Garden features a brand new $2 million Edible Garden expansion. Starring mini crop circles and featuring a collage of vegetables, fruits and herbs, the Botanical Garden also contains an outdoor kitchen with an oven and fireplace for guests with a culinary bent. The festivities will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grand opening day and will include activities with Garden admission, as well as food and drink available for purchase. For more information, please visit www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

Atlanta Film Festival this weekend

The Atlanta Film Festival is currently running from April 15-23 and is featuring even more independent movies than ever. The Film Festival will cover a wide array of topics and issues, such as music, comedy, African-American culture as well as LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) issues. Certain movies are directly originated from local talent, such as the short film “To Comfort You”, directed by “NCIS” star and Fulton County native Pauley Perrette. Also featured at the festival are several documentaries on the working lives of comedians, such as Tommy Davidson, Sarah Silverman, and others. Tickets for regular screenings cost $10. For more information, see atlantailmfestival.com.
By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

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5. New Mexico county
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14. Presidential power
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19. Flare up
20. Malice
21. Declare openly
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23. Fleming or Taylor
24. -- nous
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38. Mug
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46. Bores
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55. Decimal-system name
57. Essays of --
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71. Part 2 of quip: 2 wds.
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83. English festival
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100. Aquarium fish
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102. College VIPs
103. Kind of ball or card
104. Town in ancient Greece
105. Isaac's mother
106. See 5 Across
107. -- vera
108. See 35 Across
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110. One in a litter
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112. -- vera
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Softball  from page 31

Just like the fifth, Jones led off the seventh with a single, followed by a Yee walk, and a Kuzma sacrifice. Weseman was walked setting up a force at any base, but Priebe was hit by a pitch to tie the game at four.

Rush came up to bat with a chance to end the game, and a single to left field gave the Jackets a 5-4 victory.

Caitlin Jordan fields a grounder at Mewborn Field. Jordan recorded a pinch-hit RBI single in Sunday's victory over Virginia.

Baseball  from page 32

Putting up three runs in the second against Tech sophomore left-hander Jed Bradley.

The Jackets cut the lead to 3-1 in the sixth, as junior shortstop Derek Dietrich hit a solo homer over the right field wall to give Tech their only run of the game.

Virginia responded in the bottom of the seventh inning, though, driving in three more runs on four hits and two Tech errors to go up 6-1.

Bradley, who gave up eight hits and four earned runs in his outing, was replaced in the sixth by senior right-hander Patrick Long, who pitched through the end of the seventh inning.

Tech got two runners on in the top of the eighth, but Virginia right-hander Tyler Wilson struck out three straight to quell the Jackets’ hopes of scoring. In the bottom of the inning, Bard allowed three more runs to score, all but sealing the 9-1 loss and yielding the series to Virginia. ‘‘We didn’t do anything [well] today,’’ Hall said. ‘‘[Virginia] won the series by playing better than we did for three games, and now we have to... make improvements to get better for next week.’’

On Wednesday, April 14, Tech traveled to Kennesaw State for a non-conference game and won their sixth game in a row 7-3.

The game started off slow as both pitchers were in control of their pitches. Rush would not allow a run until the fifth inning but by that time it was too late for Kennesaw.

Tech scored their first run in the fourth inning when Kuzma drew a walk to lead off the inning. Rush was then intentionally walked to put Kuzma on second base and Sinclair homered to give Tech a 3-0 lead.

Tech continued scoring runs in the fifth inning. Yee led off with a single and Kuzma was hit by a pitch moving Yee to second. Priebe singled to load the bases and Rush hit a grand slam to help Tech a 3-0 lead.

Chase Pope started the game strong for Tech but allowed a two-run homer in the top of the eighth, but Virginia right-hander Tyler Wilson was able to get four runs back in the bottom of the eighth, but Virginia’s lead was trimmed to six but allowed UGA to get four runs back in the bottom of the eighth, but Virginia’s lead was trimmed to six.

However, Tech wasted no time in getting those runs back and in adding to their lead. In the fourth, Dietrich doubled to score Rowland from second and Plagman followed with another double to plate Dietrich.

Four straight walks scored four more runs for the Jackets to increase their lead to 13-4. Another walk with the bases loaded and a fielder’s choice scored two more runs in the fifth inning.

Skole continued to put runs on the board for the Jackets when he hit a grand slam in the sixth to push Tech’s lead to 19-5.

Some of Tech’s younger players finished the game for the Jackets but there was no drop off in production. Six more runs for the Jackets in the eighth resulted in a comfortable 25-6 win.

The Jackets wore down the UGA pitching staff, forcing the Bulldogs to use 10 pitchers. Tech drew 14 walks in the game, and 12 of those came in the first five innings.

Taylor Wood throws a ball at Russ Chandler Stadium. Wood allowed two runs, both unearned, in two innings at UVA and UGA.

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M-Tennis stumbles at top-20 foes

By Steven Cappetta
Advertising Manager

The No. 24 ranked men’s tennis team had two rough road matches against No. 20 Duke and No. 19 North Carolina on April 10 and 11. Going into the weekend, the Jackets held a 15-3 overall record with only one loss coming in conference play. Duke defeated the Jackets 4-3, extending their win streak over Tech to eight.

The Blue Devils held a 13-6 overall record this year, with their only conference loss coming to a close 4-3 match against No. 3 Virginia. North Carolina saw similar success on the weekend over the Jackets, winning the match 5-2.

In Tech’s first matchup against Duke, the Jackets pulled ahead early as they won the doubles point to put them up 1-0. Juniors Guillermo Gomez and Dean O’Brien defeated the No. 63 tandem of Alain Michel and Torsten Wietoska 8-5. Tech then clinched the doubles point when juniors Elior Porvin and Ryan Smith overtook Dylan Arnold and David Holland 8-5.

Even though the doubles point was already won, sophomore Trevor Kev-King and freshman Juan Spir lost a close match against No. 3 Virginia. North Carolina did similar success on the weekend over the Jackets, winning the match 5-2.

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Women’s from page 32 marked the first time in nearly two months that Falconi had lost a set. The Tech sophomore rebounded, though, easily taking the final two sets for a 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 victory that put Tech ahead 3-2.

Duke took the court two matches in another three-set battle. Ngo won the first set against No. 19 Zsilinszka but fell in the second and third sets as Zsilinszka took the match 5-6, 6-3, 6-2.

With the match coming down to the wire, all eyes turned to the court four match between Blau and Clayton. In what was easily the closest contest of the day, the second and third sets both required a seventh game.

Clayton appeared to be on the verge of victory, earning a three-game advantage over Blau in the third set. Still, the Tech sophomore rallied from the deficit and held on in a tiebreaker to pull out a clutch victory and secure the match, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 (8-6). It marked Tech’s fourth straight win in conference play after an 0-3 start, and the Jackets handed Duke their third ACC loss.

“With a team effort today against the reigning national champions, I thought we showed true character and grit to lose the doubles point but come back and win the match,” said Head Coach Bryan Shelton, courtesy of rambliwreck.com.

The Jackets had little time to celebrate, though, as a day later they faced another challenge against No. 2 UNC.

After the pregame ceremony, the match began with doubles play. Court one was a close match to the end, but Krupina and Falconi pulled out an 8-7 victory over UNC seniors Sanaz Marand and Katrina Tsang after winning a tiebreaker 7-5.

Once again, though, by then the doubles point had been clinched. Shannon Featherston and Jocelyn Friiend rolled to an 8-3 third flight victory over Ngo and Killborn, and Jelena Durisic and Sophie Grabinski took down Blau and Davis 8-5 to give the Tar Heels the early lead.

The Jackets had little luck in singles play, as the first three matches to finish all ended in the Tar Heels’ favor and clinched the match for visiting UNC.

Featherston’s match against Davis on court six was the first to finish, as Featherston gave UNC a 2-0 lead with a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

Krupina played close in the second set of her match with Jelena Durisic but ultimately fell 6-1, 6-4.

Ngo had a tough matchup against No. 51 Tsang on court two, and Tsang’s 6-1, 6-3 victory clinched the match for UNC.

Even with the outcome set, the Jackets went on to take two of the final three matches.

Blau picked up a straight-set victory on court four. Despite a late push from opponent Gina Suarez-Malaguti, Blau held on for a 6-3, 7-5 victory to put Tech on the board.

Falconi, who had gotten off to a quick start against No. 32 Marand, faced a stiff challenge late as Marand mounted a comeback.

After Falconi took the first set 6-1, Marand edged out a victory in the second set, 7-5. The match went to a super tiebreaker that remained close for some time, but Falconi finally managed to put away her opponent and win the match 6-1, 7-5, 12-10.

Grabinski’s three-set victory over Kilborn, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, provided the final margin of the match. The Tar Heels picked up the 5-2 victory, staying undefeated in conference play while improving to 21-3 overall.

Tech’s four-match win streak in ACC play ended, and the Jackets moved to 13-7 overall and 4-4 in ACC play despite their strong effort against the Tar Heels.

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COASTAL DIVISION

Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets - 28-5 overall - 12-3 ACC

Halfway through the conference schedule, the Jackets remain atop the Coastal Division on the strength of an offense that is averaging over 10 runs per game. Including Wednesday’s blowout win over Georgia, the Jackets lead the ACC with 354 runs scored.

Six Jackets are hitting .340 or higher, and the Jackets’ team OBP of .432 is second only to N.C. State among ACC teams. The biggest strength of Tech’s lineup, though, has been its top-to-bottom left-handed power. The team as a whole has 70 home runs this year, second-most in the nation, and Tech is on pace to record its fifth season ever with 100 home runs; senior first baseman Tony Plagman is tied for the league lead with 12. Sophomore third baseman Matt Skole, Plagman and junior shortstop Derek Dietrich are atop the conference in slugging percentage.

Junior right-hander Deck McGuire has anchored the pitching staff, going 5-2 with a 2.26 ERA and a 1.04 WHIP. Behind McGuire, a pair of sophomores, lefty Jed Bradley and righty Mark Pope, have been solid starters for Tech. With junior closer Kevin Jacob out, senior Andrew Robinson has anchored the bullpen, posting a 0.90 ERA in 20 innings. The staff as a whole has a strong 3.52 ERA.

The Jackets dropped two of three at then-No. 4 Virginia last weekend before their big win over UGA. Tech has tough in-conference tests remaining against Clemson and Miami, but both of those series will take place at Russ Chandler Stadium.

Miami Hurricanes - 24-9 overall - 11-4 ACC

For the last few years, Miami has seemed to dominate the ACC but this year they are second in the conference behind the Jackets. Miami is led by a pitching staff that has an ERA of 3.56. They have only allowed 261 hits so far in 298.2 innings pitched this season, and only 18 of those hits have been home runs. Left-handed starter Eric Erickson has an ERA of 2.81 and has only allowed 13 runs and six walks in his eight starts, and fellow lefty Chris Hernandez is allowing batters to hit .223 against him and has 50 strikeouts in only 49 innings pitched. Right-hander E.J. Encinosa and southpaw Daniel Miranda are key cogs in a strong bullpen, with senior David Hernandez as the closer.

With its strong pitching, Miami does not have to score many runs to win games, but junior Yasmani Grandal puts up big numbers. Grandal is second in the ACC with a .414 average and he is second in hits with 53. Sophomore Harold Martinez provides the power for the lineup as evident by his nine homers.

Miami has had a strong first half and have not lost back-to-back games to date. However, Miami has not had a hard schedule so far and their only ACC sweeps have been against last-placed Duke and Wake Forest. Miami will face their first true test against UNC, April 16-18.

Virginia Cavaliers - 27-8 overall - 10-5 ACC

The No. 3 Cavaliers are currently third in the ACC Coastal standings but they are the only team to beat the ACC-leading Jackets in a series.

Virginia is a highly skilled ball club with star caliber players all across the diamond. The Cavaliers are tops in the ACC in team batting average at .341 and are second in team ERA at 3.66. Their pitching staff is also third in strikeouts with 306 and they lead the ACC in saves with 14.

Virginia boasts the conference’s top left-handed starter in Danny Hultzen. Hultzen has the smallest ERA of any ACC starter at 2.04 and opposing batters are only batting .269 against him. Like other ACC leaders, Hultzen has won five games but he has had to pitch more innings in getting those five wins (53). Hultzen also leads the conference in strikeouts with 66 and only has only issued 10 walks. Hultzen allows UVA to get off to a strong start and closer Kevin Arico does a great job in finishing the games off, with an ACC-leading 11 saves.

At the plate, UVA is led by junior Phil Gosselin and his ACC-best 55 hits. Senior Tyler Cannon protects Gosselin in the lineup and is hitting .383 in 128 at-bats this season. Cannon also leads the ACC in doubles with 14.

Virginia has managed to win a lot of quality games so far this season including a sweep of Boston College. UVA won its series against Clemson and Georgia Tech and muddled an ACC-high 26 hits in a game against Rhode Island on Feb. 27.
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The strength of this N.C. State squad is by far its offense. As of Wednesday evening, the Wolfpack were second in the conference in runs scored at 353—just one behind the ACC-leading Jackets. Center fielder Kyle Wilson has been an ideal leadoff hitter, posting a .398 average and a league-high .523 on-base percentage. Wilson has 28 walks against 23 strikeouts, and his speed has come in handy; he is 12-for-13 on steal attempts.

Of the 13 position players who have started in at least a dozen games, only two have OBPs below .400.

The Wolfpack are below .500, though, because of the struggles of their pitching staff. The staff as a whole has an ERA of 5.23 and a WHIP of 1.60, and their top starting pitcher, right-hander Jake Buchanan, has an ERA of 4.38.

Since being swept at Clemson in their first ACC series, the Wolfpack have held at .500 in conference play and have not been swept. They picked up a win against then-No. 15 Miami and won two of three to take their home series against then-No. 1 Virginia in early April. N.C. State’s propensity to end up in shootouts has hurt them at times, but in general the strength of the lineup will continue to make them a dangerous team in the latter part of the season.

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By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

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Kristine Priebe trots around the bases after hitting a home run in Sunday’s win over Virginia. Priebe’s first-inning two-run homer helped Tech build an early lead as the Jackets won 8-0 in five innings.

By Alex Mitchell
Assistant Sports Editor

After their disappointing home loss to UGA, the Tech softball team hosted a weekend series against ACC rival Virginia. Tech swept the series and in doing so, won their fourteenth consecutive ACC series dating back to last season.

On Saturday April 10, No. 10/6 Tech hosted two games against the Cavaliers and won the first game 5-2.

Game one turned out to be a pitcher’s duel as both teams elected to start their freshmen pitchers. freshmen Hope Rush (19-4) for Tech and Melanie Mitchell for UVA slined their opponent’s bats until the fifth inning.

In the fifth, junior center fielder Christy Jones got on base with a one-out slap single. Jones then stole second base, which opened up first base for UVA to walk redshirt senior second baseman Jen Yee. Sophomore catcher Kate Kuzma followed by hitting a sacrifice fly that allowed Jones to hustle to third base. With second base open, Yee stole second to get Tech two runners in scoring position for junior first baseman Kristine Priebe. Priebe hit the first pitch she saw into left field scoring two runs for the Jackets. Rush plated Priebe with a two-out double to give Tech a 3-0 lead heading into the sixth inning.

UVA scored two runs in the sixth inning to trim Tech’s lead to one, but Tech managed to get the runs back in the bottom of the inning. In the sixth, sophomore right fielder Jessica Snclaire led off with a single, and Jones hit a sacrifice fly to score her form third. With the bases cleared, UVA decided to pitch to Yee and she made them pay with her twentieth homer of the season.

In Saturday’s game two, Tech struck first when Rush hit her 12th homer of the season to give the Jackets a 1-0 lead after two innings.

Tech continued to score in the third inning. Yee led off with a single and proceeded to steal second base. Kuzma followed her with an RBI double that gave Tech a 2-0 cushion.

Junior pitcher Kristen Adkins threw five scoreless innings for the Jackets, but struggled in the sixth inning. With already two runners on base and nobody out, Adkins walked the next batter she faced on four pitches to load the bases. Adkins could not find the zone with the next batter she faced and also walked her on four pitches to score UVA’s first run.

Sophomore pitcher Jessica Coan relieved Adkins and did her best to minimize the damage. UVA scored two runs off of Coan to take their first lead of the series 3-2.

Down a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, Yee led off with her 21st homer of the season to tie the game at three. After a quick out, sophomore shortstop Kelsi Weseman doubled and Priebe hit a game-winning homer to clinch the series with one game still to play.

On Sunday April 11, Tech wrapped up the series with UVA with a 8-0 win.

In the first inning, Yee led off with a walk and advanced to third on a steal and a sac bunt by Kuzma. Weseman plated Yee with a double, and Priebe followed with her 11th homer of the season to give the Jackets an early 3-0 lead.

The Jackets continued to hit well early in the game when Kuzma hit a three-run homer to give Tech a 6-0 lead. The lead would be enough for starter Coan. She pitched a gem: five innings, zero runs, two hits, and six strikeouts.

On Tuesday April 13, Tech wrapped up its home stand with a 2-0 win.

In game one, Coan added to her impressive pitching resume with four perfect innings before being relieved by freshman pitcher Rachel Glazebrook. Coan’s performance was exceptional considering that she did not have to be perfect in order to get the victory. Tech jumped out to a quick 11-0 lead in the first inning. Tech had their ideal start to the frame as Yee singled, stole second, and Priebe doubled to give Tech an early lead. Later in the inning, Rush walked to load the bases and sophomore third baseman Danielle Dike was hit by a pitch to score another run. After a few more RBI singles and hit batters, Rush hit a three-run double to cap off the big inning.

The Jackets added two runs in the second and Yee hit a homer in the fourth inning to put the score at 14-2.

In the second game, both pitchers threw the ball well and the game was scoreless until the third inning. Yee hit a double that just missed being a homer by a few feet and Weseman drove her home with a single.

The Jackets did not have lead for long as GSU struck for three runs in the fourth inning. A couple of Tech errors and weak singles gave GSU a 3-1 lead.

Rush entered the game in relief and gave up one run in the fifth inning to give GSU a three-run cushion.

In the bottom of the fifth, Jones led off with a single and promptly stole second base. GSU elected to walk Yee and Kuzma blunted both runners up 90 feet. Weseman hit a single to score both runners but Tech was unable to tie the game and had to settle with a 4-3 deficit.

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No. 10 Softball victorious in six straight at home

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Baseball goes 1-2 vs. UVA, thrashes UGA on road

By Kyle Conarro and Alex Mitchell
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After notching four straight wins at home, Tech's baseball team hit the road this past weekend to play Virginia, dropping two-of-three to the fourth-ranked Cavaliers. Tech bounced back, though, with a huge 25-6 win over Georgia on Wednesday, April 14 to secure the season sweep over the Bulldogs.

The Jackets moved to 28-5 overall and 12-3 in conference play after the four games. In the UVA series opener on Friday, April 9, Tech went down 7-4, as junior right-hander Deck McGuire gave up six runs on six hits in six and two-thirds innings. The Cavaliers first run came in the very first inning, giving them an early 1-0 lead. They struck again in the fourth, again driving one in to give them a two run advantage.

The fifth inning proved to be more fruitful for the Jackets' offense, as they knocked in four runs to take a 4-2 lead over Virginia. The lead came behind back-to-back homers against Cavalier starting pitcher Danny Hultzen, the first a three-run shot by senior first baseman Tony Plagman and the second a solo homer off the bat of junior catcher Cole Leonida. Unfortunately for the Jackets, their fifth-inning surge would be their only offense of the game.

After allowing another Virginia run in the bottom of the sixth and three more mid-way through the seventh, Tech pulled McGuire and sent sophomore left-hander Luke Bard to the mound to close out the inning. Before he could get out of the inning, Davie gave up a solo shot to Virginia outfielder Dan Grovatt, giving the Cavaliers the 7-4 edge that would carry them through the last two innings.

Tech freshman right-hander Mike Bard was able to hold Virginia scoreless in the game's final inning despite giving up two hits, but the Jackets were unable to overcome the three-run deficit. Although he gave up six runs in the outing, McGuire did record six strikeouts on the day. The loss was his second on the season, putting his record at 3-2.

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In the final game of the series, Tech's defensive woes continued as they went down 9-1 to drop to 12-3 in ACC play. The first inning was scoreless on both sides, but the Cavaliers struck early again, courtesy of ramblinwreck.com.

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