**Students mugged near library**

By Mike Donohue  
News Editor

A male undergraduate student and a female graduate student were robbed at gunpoint early Thursday morning while walking to their car parked near the intersection of Bobby Dodd Way and Fowler Street, according to a Tech police report. Campus was notified of the robbery via a Clery Alert email.

The victims were walking back from the library at 2:45 A.M. when a white sedan pulled up next to them. Two men, described as black and 20 to 25 years old, jumped out of the van and pointed a handgun at the two students. The students handed over their belongings, including two MacBooks, two iPhones and a debit card, without a struggle. The two suspects fled on foot.

**Report shows accounting errors at CRC**

By Sam Somani  
Staff Writer

The SGA Joint Committee on Fiscal Responsibility (JCFR) released a report auditing the Tier III sports clubs accounts maintained by the CRC, stating that “the CRC is not following consistent and quality accounting procedures” with a $7600 discrepancy between the records of SGA and the CRC.

The report went on to say that the CRC is in violation of SGAS Joint Finance Committee’s policies, namely reimbursing more than was approved at the time, spreading expenses across multiple line items of a bill and approving travel allocations for less than 150 miles.

“I feel that there’s nothing more that we could have done, more or less,” said Matthew Vickers, undergraduate member of JCFR. “I think the report speaks for itself and the results speak for themselves. This report is a snapshot of what was going on. It doesn’t tell the full story, but it is a snapshot, as of Feb. 15.”

Previously, the sports clubs accounts were under one major account which the CRC had access to, but changes to SGA policy have created a different account for each sport and emphasized adherence to line-itemization.

“SGA was a lot more lenient back then, but changes to SGA policy have created a different account for each sport and emphasized adherence to line-itemization,” said Taylor Medford, president of the Ice Hockey team. “That’s one of the things I have not liked about the new line item policy, because from our side we have such high variable costs.”

The CRC was required to create spreadsheets which would track the different clubs’ finances separately, as the result of an executive order made by the SGA Presidents last semester. The order was made to address concerns with the transparency of the CRC’s accounting.

“It was really difficult to go back through ledgers in system to verify that money is being spent in line with how it’s being allocated,” said James Black, Graduate Student Body President.

“The purpose of the executive order was to establish a simple reporting spreadsheet for all of the accounts that lie outside of Student Organizational accounts.”

**Dolphins draw crowds to aquarium**

By Lauren Brett  
Contributing Writer

Approximately 1,500 students flocked to the Georgia Aquarium this past Thursday night on March 1 for Georgia Tech Night at the Aquarium, hosted by the Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

The aquarium houses over 500 different species and contains 8.5 million gallons of water. For the discounted price of $12, students were able to experience the world’s largest aquarium, which was open extended hours for participants.

“We’ve tried to focus on the fact that [the Georgia Aquarium] is a top tier aquarium and that it has these new exhibits,” said Sangita Sharma, SCPC President and a third-year AE major. “The goal is to get students out of the Georgia Tech bubble and into the Atlanta community.”

The fourth year of this annual event included something new—a dolphin show. New to the aquarium as well, the dolphin show was open to students while seating was still available.

“To incorporate the dolphin show was a pretty huge undertaking,” Sharma said. “It’s a huge financial burden and we have to get numbers to meet that, as well as logistics such as funneling that many people in there.”

As a result of the greater financial need from the dolphin show, student ticket prices were increased by four dollars from prior years. However, this total remains low compared to the $40 fee for general admission.

“To rent out the aquarium and to get the dolphin show cost approximately $30,000,” said Taabish Rashied, the chair of SCPC’s Atlanta Life Committee, who has also headed up the GT Night at Six Flags and World of Coke.

“Attendance was a bit lower than it has been in the past, but I think that’s also because we increased ticket prices to incorporate the dolphin show experience,” Sharma said.

However, student opinions seem to be positive about the event. The dolphin show was a big hit amongst students.

“I would go next year just to see the dolphin show again”, said Amit Rahman, a third-year BA major.

“I think that almost everyone that saw the dolphin show would say that it was the best part,” said Kyler Mullins, a second-year EE major. “The only bad part of the whole thing might have been, for me, that it seemed like it didn’t last very long, touring all of the different areas of the aquarium.”

The dolphin show, however, wasn’t the only reason for student participation in the event.

**MOVE builds homelessness awareness**

By Aakash Arun  
Contributing Writer

“Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is a great time for us to make an impact on the campus community… It’s a good time to get people engaged with what’s going on in the city of Atlanta and in our world because these are very complex issues, and there is a place for everybody to be involved,” said Tomas León, chair of the committee and a fourth-year ENVE major.

MOVE, which coordinates community service projects in the Atlanta area, saw this week as an important complement to its typical direct service initiatives.

Direct service is our main focus, but awareness is a big piece as well. If Tech students are not aware, they won’t be.
From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By Jordan Lockwood
Staff Writer

Who’s who?
On the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 18, an employee reported a suspicious man at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on 5th Street, who was believed to have previously been seen from the area.

When the responding police officer approached him, the man stated his name and provided a date of birth and social security number. Upon further questioning, he produced a social security card with a different name and number than the one he had given to the officer. The officer was then able to identify the man through Tech police records. The man had been previously apprehended for shoplifting 11 times in the past and had been issued trespassing warnings in the area twice in the past two years.

He explained that he was “just hanging around” in the area, but did admit to past arrests for shoplifting and trespassing. He was arrested for giving a false name and trespassing and was transported without incident to the Fulton County Jail.

False Alarms
At about half past midnight on Feb. 19, an employee responded to a fire alarm at the Shirley Clements Newborn Softhall Field. He was unable to enter through the front or side gate due to a chain that had locked the gates closed at each entrance. The officer reported that the locks indicated that they had been locked from the inside, shown by the keyholes facing inward. The locks were unable to be opened with the sector keys or by two additional keys provided by a supervising officer. A responding firefighter cut the chains to allow the officers entry into the facility.

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then got back in their van and drove away towards Techwood Drive. Neither student was hurt in the incident.

“We work continuously to improve campus safety and security of our students through enhanced technology, ongoing education and the active involvement of our police force. In addition, Georgia Tech continues to partner with the Atlanta Police Department to deter crime in the areas surrounding campus,” said Matt Nagel, Institute spokesman in a prepared statement.

The mugging on Thursday occurred as GTPD is promoting use of its Jacket Guardian system, which provides 911 dispatchers a profile of callers and allows students to set a timer when walking home, with the system automatically sending out a call for help if the student does not arrive at his or her destination. The system also allows emergency calls to go directly to GTPD.

They have also debuted SkyCop, a mobile security camera system that has been placed in several places throughout campus over the past few months.

Additional reporting by Lauren Bretz, Contributing Writer

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Global Leadership Conference

Supporters of the resolution were unsure of what event the resolution was for supporting the building of the Streetcar Transportation system and not a bill actually funding the project.

Some felt that it was not SGA’s place to pass a resolution supporting a City of Atlanta issue.

Junior Rep. Hunter Hammond said that the resolution should be put in front of the student body instead of in front of SGA.

JFC policy violation

Undergraduate Treasurer Matthew Vickers told undergraduate representatives that JFC had mandated a student organization save the profit from an SGA-sponsored event for future use by that organization, instead of donating the money to charity. Using SGA funds to sponsor an event giving money to charity is against JFC policy.

The event in question was Qurhani’s and Ramblin’ Raas “A-town Showdown,” held at the Georgia World Conference Center on Feb. 4.

The groups had planned to donate the proceeds from their event to CARE, an organization that fights global poverty.

The organizations said they were unaware that their event was violating policy and blamed the confusion to a lack of communication between SGA and the hosting organizations.

“I think it’s a problem from both sides. I guess it’s their fault for not telling us, and it’s our fault for not looking it up beforehand,” said Kushal Bhula, co-captain of Ramblin’ Raas.

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Super Tuesday yields mixed results

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Romney must win 47 percent of the vote from remaining delegates in order to win the nomination going into the Republican convention in August. He currently leads the candidates with a total of 415 delegates, compared to 176 for Santorum. A total of 1144 nominees are required to secure the nomination.

While Romney is currently the frontrunner, the race remains hotly contested, with some punters claiming that the nominee will not be decided until as late as mid-May.

The race will now move into Kansas, Hawaii, Mississippi and Missouri, which hold their primaries next week.

Technique on break until March 30

Due to the decreased number of students on campus during Spring Break from March 17-25, the Technique will not be printed again until March 30. Updates will be posted continuously on www.nique.net and our Twitter (@thenique) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/technique) outlets.
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March 14, 2012
Celebrate engineering with fun events, music, food, giveaways, and more!

EVENTS

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
“Tech Lounge” — Tent near Campanile
Drop by the tent to speak to employment professionals about job search strategies and receive résumé advice. While there, you’ll also have the opportunity to chat with prominent engineering alumni and special guests from technology and entertainment. Free drinks and giveaways will be provided, as well as the opportunity to win an Ultrabook™, inspired by Intel®.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
“Facebook Live” — Ferst Center for the Arts
Free ticket required! Tickets available from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Student Center box office.
Grab your friends and join Dean Gary May, Intel CEO Paul Otellini, and other celebrity guests for a panel discussion focused on the journey to receive an engineering degree. Be one of the select few to ask a question streamed to eleven other peer institutions in the U.S. and across the Web. Participants will have the chance to win one of five Ultrabooks.

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Recent SGA policy changes required the CRC to change the way they account for sports clubs’ finances. However, an SGA report revealed discrepancies between the CRC’s records and SGAs.

**Top 5 Account Discrepancies:**

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A comparison of the CRC’s records against the official account balance revealed that $7608.44 of all transactions were not recorded by the CRC.

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CRC staff responsible for maintaining the CRC spreadsheet admitted to internal errors that caused the discrepancies.

“There are errors on our part in updating the spreadsheet involving budget update and data upload entry errors into the spreadsheet,” said Dan Hazlett, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation for Intramurals and Sports Clubs.

The CRC said that these flaws were “human errors” made while updating the CRC spreadsheets to the required SGA standardized spreadsheets after the policy change.

“We were trying to play catch-up with the spreadsheets that we were already using,” said Ken Lovic, Sports Club Coordinator.

“There were errors made entering data. Not illegal entries, just poor entries on our part.”

The CRC used this reasoning to justify some of the differences between their spreadsheet balance and the SGA ledger balance, which is the actual checking account containing funds for each sports club.

“The check [for an expense] was written to the right club, but a simple account entry number in the spreadsheet was typed incorrectly,” Lovic said. “On the ledger, you see that it was made out to the right club but out of the wrong account. A simple ledger adjustment corrects that.”

Another source of error was in rounding amounts between SGA and the CRC.

“These are bills where SGA passes a budget for, say, $5000.46, but when it comes over to us, it says $5000.00,” Lovic said. “But when SGA sends us their spreadsheet, it says $5000.46. [Thus], the ledger and the spreadsheet will always be off unless the decimal is zero.”

As a result of the previous errors, the CRC staff has planned to implement changes to improve the accuracy of their accounting procedures by having increased individual management and checking of accounts and transactions.

JCFR based its report on the data provided to them by the CRC, but it did not consult with the CRC after receiving the data.

“We just wanted to go by the numbers and take a snapshot in time — so this is a conversation starter,” said Michael Ellis, graduate member of JCFR. “We wanted to do our homework first so we could know how to talk to the CRC.”

After the release of the report, the CRC reviewed their records and corrected them to correspond with SGA’s ledgers.

“It’s fair to say that we feel pretty comfortable knowing that we only had a few actual errors,” Hazlett said. “There was one club which spent $27,900 more than they were allocated. That’s the biggest error we had in terms of using money.”

The CRC did not provide the Technique with the updated records for review, saying that they wanted SGA to review them first.

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### News

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After some debate over whether to allocate the funds immediately or reimburse the group later, SGA passed the request for funds.

### Gifted Gospel

The GIFTED Gospel choir asked for funds for their Spring Concert. The event is usually a charity event. This year, however, funds will not be collected to conform with JFCP Policy,” Tiffaney Trouman, vice president of the group, said they wished “to raise awareness instead of funds” and instead use other events for income.

The bill passed unanimously in the House and Senate.
SGA Elections

Candidates must focus on advocacy for student body

With SGA election season gearing up, students should begin thinking about what they want to see in candidates, and more importantly, candidates should begin considering their platforms.

In particular, the candidates for office must consider SGA’s role on campus. SGA members must actively serve as advocates for the student body to the administration and the Board of Regents (BoR). They should seek to initiate and actively drive conversations that address issues central to the quality of student life, such as the rising cost of tuition, fees, safety and student-faculty relations. They should not restrict themselves to providing a student perspective on an idea or initiative when asked. It’s important to work with the administration to tackle problems on campus, but elected representatives should be unafraid to firmly stand up for the interests of the entire student body. This holds true both at the Institute and at state levels.

The Consensus Opinion reflects the majority opinion of the Editorial Board of the Technique, but not necessarily the opinions of individual editors.

SGA should also narrow its focus to tackling those big campus issues and move away from hosting events like I-C_GT Week and GT Night at the Woodruff Arts Center. These events should be moved to other organizations like SCPC, whose stated purpose is more in line with running these types of events.

Candidates should also consider how they will increase discussion with the student body. SGA’s open forums are aimed at doing just that, but few people know about these events when they happen, and even fewer attend, so little real external input is gained. At the end of the day, few Tech students can name their SGA representatives. More telling, though, is the fact that the reaction of few students to a campus issue is to go to SGA. Members of SGA cannot claim to represent the student voice if students don’t trust them to advocate for the student body when working with important decision makers.

Streetcar would strengthen campus

Streetcars once crisscrossed our great city, taking riders around downtown to enjoy its commerce and culture, as they did in most large cities of America from the late 1880s through the post–WWII era. In fact, the first electric streetcars in Atlanta were powered by Five Points in downtown, just as the Downtown Atlanta Streetcar (now under construction) will soon do. This modern streetcar project is expected to drive economic development along its route, which runs through the Georgia State University campus, and revitalize nearby neighborhoods.

In addition to the downtown route, another streetcar line is in works for ATLanta and is present on the Transportation Special-Purpose Local-Option Sales Tax ("T-SPL-OST") which will be put to a vote on July 31, 2012. The T-SPL-OST, which has the support of the Institute, SGA, will create a 1 percent sales tax to generate funds for a list of transportation projects in the Atlanta area. Included in this project list are funds for a segment of the BeltLine, a network of trails, parks, and transit that will serve the core neighborhoods of Atlanta. This segment includes a streetcar component that will connect MARTA stations in Midtown and Downtown with the east and west sides of the city. One of the two proposed routes is along North Avenue, directly in front of Tech’s campus. The other option is 10th Street, which would just miss the core of our campus.

North Avenue is better suited for a streetcar line than 10th Street for many reasons, the most obvious of which is economic development. The modern streetcar is widely understood to be a huge economic driver for the areas which it serves, and substantial evidence supports this belief. In 2001, Portland, OR became the first city in the U.S. to develop a modern streetcar system. Since the alignment was finalized, the area within two blocks of the line generated $3.5 billion in investment, according to Portland transportation officials. The Portland streetcar also runs through a college campus, and has shown significant ridership among Portland State University students. Tampa’s TECO (Tampa Electric Co.) streetcar line has also seen increased investment along its route concurrent with a surge in transit ridership across the city. Dozens of other cities across the country are now making progress toward their own streetcar lines, many of which are integrated with college campuses in hopes of generating increased economic development nearby. A quick smidgen through Midtown Atlanta will clearly indicate that North Avenue has far more physical capacity—and need—for increased development than does the fairly dense 10th

We welcome your letters in response to technique content that affects campus. We will print letters on a timely and space-available basis.

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The North Avenue streetcar would not only benefit developers of nearby businesses, but also the Tech community by increasing access to amenities and services throughout the city. It would provide students with a direct connection to the eastern and western neighborhoods and to popular and unique destinations such as the Historic Fourth Ward Park, BeltLine East Side Trail (open this fall), Little Five Points, Virginia Highlands and Freedom Park.

Commuters would have a direct connection to south campus from North Avenue MARTA stations, and visitors would have increased options for taking transit to campus for conventions and events, reducing the number of cars circling Ferst Drive searching for a parking spot. It would also provide a safe alternative method for walking to students leaving campus after dark and would be more convenient than the Tech Trolley bus service which would operate at a higher frequency during off-peak hours. The increased foot traffic generated through ridership of the streetcar would effectively create a safer environment, putting more “eyes on the street” to deter crime.

One common misconception about streetcars is that they pencil lines create a jumbled mess of wires above the roadway. This is untrue of modern streetcars whose low-profile power systems are far more integrated into the urban environment than their historic predecessors.

Finally, having a modern streetcar run along the historic campus greenway would showcase Tech’s dedication to sustainability and to creating a vibrant, safe and desirable environment for its students and the community. This streetcar has the potential to enhance the Tech campus as a destination in Atlanta and the rest of the world. It would spur economic development, expand—

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Groups require leadership, innovation

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Have you thought about what your next “involvement move” may be, think about what your next “involvement move” may be, what better way to explore the world and its cultures than to study abroad or exchange programs? There are plenty of opportunities to reduce overall costs in drastic ways. Organizations like World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms providing free housing and food research for work on organic farms, students could live, work and study in locations around the world relatively cost free. If the program were just a few students and a professor traveling about, they could cut down on costs by CouchSurfing, a network of people who share their homes with travelers around the globe, or by staying in hostels. Students then pick up different jobs in the different cities they choose to study at.

The program could work in conjunction with other universities and build off current exchange programs by having students travel from one school to the next staying in dorms and taking classes taught by willing professors. I know sounds like some kind of free spirit and anti-establishment ideology, but what better way to experience the world and contribute a case potential for making a much larger impact on campus. Rather than being bogged down with start-up issues, you can focus on spinning your own leadership style into the organization, ultimately hopefully leaving a larger legacy.

Among Campus

Who did you vote for in the primary?

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Take these things into consideration. If you think you have the next big idea, by all means, see it to fruition. But while considering what your next “involvement move” may be, think about what you’re looking to achieve. There are plenty of options available to you already, and there are plenty of organizations longing for completely fresh renewal efforts. Your best course of action may be far more achievable than you ever imagined.

Life had always been so cut and growing up, I was to go to college and become a doctor, lawyer or an engineer and make as much money as possible. This was great and all when I was 13, but now I’m 20 and can’t stand the notion. Six semesters and a student debt roughly equal to the number of total student body members, and I still don’t know what I’m going to do with my life. Was I wrong? These are all great professions and each is deserving of their own individual praise. Achieving a career in any one of these professions is no easy feat and takes years of hard work. Yet the more I think about it, the more I think to myself, I really do want to spend four years studying behind a desk just to spend my life working behind one, too? How can I be so wrong? I mean, but then I began talking to friends and colleagues here on campus about my mid-college experiences. To my surprise, I wasn’t the only one who felt this way. Maybe my friends and degrees were so similar to mine that I had been wrong to ask the right people, but the more we talked, the more I realized the same thing along the way must have changed. Maybe not with some people, but I saw a whole lot of people weren’t doing anything even remotely anywhere within the psyche of today’s student.

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**OPINIONS**

**HOT** or **NOT**

**Peterson-ville**

While students are used to seeing a mess of tarps and plywood in the middle of campus, this time the mess had a purpose. MOVE, as part of its annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, put together a mock shantytown in the center of campus to raise awareness of the homelessness problem in Atlanta and show how thousands of people across the U.S. live every day.

**Storm wreckage**

After a massive thunderstorm hit the southeast of the U.S. and Atlanta was no exception. Thunder, lightning, rain and tornado warnings slammed the city, and students got a front-row seat to the pyrotechnics. When the dust settled, though, the city quite had a mess to clean up. Though the storm only lasted a day, it caused $46 million of damage.

**OUR VIEWS | HOT or Not**

**Valiant effort**

The women’s basketball team was just one win away from their first ACC title, but that win proved too elusive. A last-second three-point shot missed as the Jackets fell to No. 5 Maryland 68-65 in the title game. Even if the ending was not the happiest, though, it still capped an impressive season that those friends can trust you as well. If it seems a friend has had too much to drink or is about to enter a dangerous situation, act on that instinct and step in—even if it means checking in early yourself to ensure a friend makes it home safely.

**Lost time**

While he might be one of our founding fathers, this week students will be cursing his name as they lose an hour of sleep to one of his more deplorable inventions: Daylight Savings. On Sunday, March 11, the clocks roll forward an hour in the wee hours of the morning, meaning the lucky students will lose an hour of sleep, and the unlucky ones will forget to reset their alarms.

**Letters from page 6**

**During break, students should have fun, keep safety in mind**

It’s no secret that Tech students work hard. Commitments to full course loads, student organizations, campus events, internships and co-ops—perhaps not all at once, but many at the same time—ensure that when mid-March arrives each year, you have earned a few days to relax and prepare for the end of the semester. As Dean of Students, however, it is always wrenching to hear how the choices of a student adversely affected him or her vacation.

For those students traveling out of town, be sure you’ve chosen to travel with friends you trust, and that those friends can trust you as well. If it seems a friend has had too much to drink or is about to enter a dangerous situation, act on that instinct and step in—even if it means checking in early yourself to ensure a friend makes it home safely.

When going out, stay together and go home with the same group. Before going out, designate someone to be in charge of transportation for the night—whether that means serving as a designated driver or having the number of a taxi service stored in one’s cell phone—to ensure there’s a safe plan for getting home. If staying at a hotel, ask the front desk staff or concierge to recommend transportation options as well as any areas of town to avoid.

If you are of age and choose to drink during the break, drink responsibly. I hope you’ll note some good advice from our Health Center staff.

Eat before and during drinking. Keep track of how many drinks you’ve had. Stick with only one kind of alcohol. Alternate alcoholic with non-alcoholic beverages. Make a plan about how many drinks you’ll have and stick to it. Avoid drinking games. Have a friend let you know when you’ve had enough. Pace drinks to one or fewer per hour.

Meeting students from other schools can be a good chance to make friends outside of Tech, but be cautious. If you meet someone you’d like to see again during your vacation, arrange to meet in a public place and bring a friend.

For those students remaining on campus over the break, please keep in mind that campus will not be as lively. Exercise caution while walking alone or with friends, and use the Stingrnette. Stingr and Trolleys will be running less frequently, but the Stingerette will operate from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. as the student safety during the break.

Remember, Spring Break is your opportunity to take a week away from Tech’s rigorous academics and enjoy your time off. I encourage all of you to invest in some rest and relaxation.

If something does happen during the week that you need to discuss, please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with me or someone else from the Dean of Students staff by visiting deansofstudents.gatech.edu or calling 404-894-6367. If you need to speak to me or a member of my staff while away, please contact the Dean of Students Office at 404-894-6367. If there is an after-hours emergency, contact the GTPD at 404-894-2500.

To keep safety in mind throughout the week, follow safety tips on Twitter at @SafeStingerBreak or visit safespringbreak.org.

Amy Ingle
President, GT Students for Progressive Transit

It’s “RATS”, not “RATs”

i saw that one of my high school friends is majoring in dance at uga, i’m still laughing about it

Why doesn’t filthy Wien love me?

I’m sorry, Red Shirt guy. I wasn’t talking about you! Promise!

OMG, why did you sit next to me? your smell LINGERS

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Kate Wharton, a fourth-year EIA major from Cincinnati, Ohio, is well versed in not only making big changes in the world. A President’s Scholar, Wharton is heavily involved with AIESEC, a global student-run organization that aims to promote cultural understanding through exchange. Kate was president of AIESEC GT in 2010. Through AIESEC, Wharton has traveled to countries like Guatemala, Turkey, Vietnam and India. She also worked for The Jaago Foundation, a non-profit in Bangladesh, which founded English schools in the slums, where she was completely immersed in poverty for four months.

For more than a year, Wharton has been involved in research about people displaced by violence and their education outcomes in Colombia. She also helped design a sanitation system for a refugee camp last year.

After graduation, Wharton plans to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro for charity and travel through India. Wharton’s plans for the immediate future include working for Deloitte Consulting in Washington, D.C., in their Federal Practice Division, which works with government agencies. Long-term, however, she hopes to return to the non-profit sector. Wharton’s passions include post-conflict resolution in developing countries, specifically the issue of refugees and displaced people.

“Women have very different perspectives and problem-solving skills, so when you bring women into different processes, whether that’s peacekeeping and international development or science and technology, it’s bringing something very important,” Wharton said.

The current Interim Chair of the School of Economics, Usha Nair-Reichert loves her job. “I’m privileged to be part of the journey. The passions of the students here at Tech keep my idealism and passion alive,” Nair-Reichert said.

Nair-Reichert has faced much adversity in her life, yet she takes it in stride. “Growing up in India, I was often told there were a lot of things I could not do. Whenever I’m faced with adversity, I take it as a challenge. I won’t let it overpower me,” Nair-Reichert said.

Not only does Nair-Reichert teach as a Tech professor, but she also spends her Saturday mornings at English Avenue teaching basic banking and money management skills to members of the community.

She hopes to start a non-profit one day that engages young people. “Young people here have passion and idealism, and can do something with it,” Nair-Reichert said. Nair-Reichert is excited about the recent increased recruitment of women at Tech. “It’s a very different campus from when I first started in 1995. We [Tech] need to be able to recruit and retain the best talent,” Nair-Reichert said.

Through programs like the ADVANCE program, Nair-Reichert benefited from the recent family-friendly initiatives for people in search. Now a goal announced by the National Science Foundation, a balance in the life of people in research careers promotes inclusive excellence. “It really facilitates a better work-life balance,” Nair-Reichert said.
WRT seeks to improve ratio

By Nirav Bhatia
Contributing Writer

Sixty years since the first woman was admitted to Tech in 1952, the male-to-female ratio continues to be an interesting topic for discussion. Even though the 38% share of women in the incoming freshman class is better than previous years, there still is a need to inform more women about the benefits of a Tech degree.

The Women’s Recruitment Team (WRT) at Tech is an organization dedicated to this very problem, their main goal being recruiting high-school girls who are considering an education at Tech, and helping them with the application process for admission.

“It is important for girls to know about a Tech degree because it gets them great jobs,” said Jennifer Jones, a WRT member and third-year MSE major.

“Our advisors are admission counselors. We work with them to promote Tech education to girls who are sophomores and juniors in high school,” said Lauren Gross, a WRT member and fourth-year ME major.

The recruitment process involves answering questions that applicants have about Tech, dispelling stereotypes and sharing with the girls the great things about campus and the institute.

“Most girls have questions about whether they can be involved in... sororities, Housing, Dining Halls, Freshman Experience, study abroad, internships or co-ops,” Gross said.

The WRT doesn’t just contact potentials when they are still thinking of applying to schools, but gets in touch during the application process.

“We call girls who have started the application for Tech to remind them to finish the application, and to answer any of their questions about Tech. Little things like writing birthday cards to any girls that have applied also helps. We’re not trying to dissuade them from going to another school, we’re trying to tell her how good Tech is, as it has been in our experience,” Gross said.

Some of the activities organized by the WRT are Girl’s Night Out, for out-of-state women who have been accepted at Tech. For admitted in-state women, the WRT has three or four socials, where they invite them to socialize and ask questions.

“We are planning to introduce a softball tailgate this semester,” Gross said. This will be in addition to football and volleyball tailgates introduced last Fall.

The Futures Program is also a vital strategy for recruiting women at Tech. Hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Admission and the WRT, it allows high-school sophomores and juniors to visit the campus and meet with faculty, staff and current students, and seek answers to questions relating to academic programs, study abroad, internships, research opportunities, etc.

Despite the efforts of WRT, there is still an observable gap between the number of women and men at Tech. Since the team’s inception in 2005, Tech has experienced only a 2 percent increase in the amount of women. “I don’t think Tech is intimidating,” what holds [girls] back,” Jones said.

A better exposure to Tech’s environment can also be a greater influence in women’s choice. “I wish that everyone can actually come to campus instead of calling and sending emails,” Jones said.

Efforts like those of the WRT go along in changing the minds of many young high school students about their future and the college they pick. With continued strides such as these, it is certainly possible to obtain a more balanced ratio at Tech.

Despite the higher percentage of women in incoming freshman classes, many classrooms still feature fewer females than males.

Tech celebrates, embraces Intl. Women’s Day

By Madison Lee
Contributing Writer

Tech observes International Women’s Day on March 8 with events that celebrate the strides taken by women in their communities and across the globe. These programs highlight women who have made a difference and encourage others to follow their example.

“It’s motivation to work hard... an opportunity to appreciate the cultural contributions among the women at Tech and to love how despite our differences, we can all come together, appreciate and support one another,” said Shere Tamaklo, President of the Society of Women Engineers and a third-year NRE major.

On Saturday, March 10, Tech’s Women Alumni Network (WAN) is hosting a tailgate for Women’s Day of Service (WDS), which took place on March 3, is an annual WAM event that engages female Tech students in many different volunteer activities around the Atlanta area.

The first WDS coincided with International Women’s Day in 2008. This year about 50 students participated in various service projects, including a local animal shelter, the Frazer Center for families with disabilities, and the Ahimsa House, an organization that takes in pets of domestic abuse victims.

“WAM as a whole is about building a community and creating opportunities for women and male allies from Tech who are interested in service and women’s issues... a chance to connect,” said Gwen Hughes, WDS chair and a second-year PUBP major.

“Opening remarks for WDS were given by Sarah Perkins, Tech’s Community Service Director.”

“In order to create positive social change, we need collective action that engages [everyone] from direct service to advocacy and awareness to philanthropy. Women’s Awareness Month illustrates this spectrum of service and the importance of working together to create change,” Perkins said.

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why does all music on WREK have to suck? Who listens to this garbage? We get it, you’re weird, let’s move on... ah, hvz week, the time of the year when you can tell who is cool and who plays hvz

the graduation caps and gowns are “one size fits none.” one last time— thanks, tech

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Everyone who took Greco’s test Monday in Management, I copped out... silver and pink nikes, I bought a cupcake b4 vday... you are really cute

I thought I was a nerd... and then GT happened

I want to vomit all over your red sweatshirt

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History shows progress for Tech women

By Gaines Halstead
Assistant Focus Editor

In 1917, Tech’s Evening School of Commerce admitted its first female student, Annie Teitelbaum Wise. Graduating in 1919, Ms. Wise became the first woman to graduate from the evening school and then became the school’s first female instructor a year later.

While this milestone may seem unassuming, the admittance of Ms. Wise was three years before the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment and the Commerce School’s official recognition of admittance for female students. Yet for all its accomplishments in the early half of the twentieth century to promote women’s rights, the next few years proved to be a step backwards for Tech. In 1931, the Commerce School was transferred to UGA by the Board of Regents and the following year the passage of Section 32-123 of the Code of Regents and the following year

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The first women came to Tech, not to prove a point, but to pursue the opportunity to study at Tech and become engineers,” said Yvette Upton, current Director of Outreach and Student Affairs, Savannah campus, and former first Director of the Women’s Resource Center on campus.

It would take another sixteen years and a nation-wide movement of women demanding equal rights for Tech to finally open all of its majors to women.

Throughout the next three decades, women’s enrollment drastically began to rise. By 1995, the Women, Science and Technology minor was developed, offering the nation’s only minor in women’s studies to focus on gender, science and technology.

“Now that we’ve hit over thirty percent, it is really helpful to change the dynamics on campus. Overall, I believe it is an important achievement for Tech,” Upton said.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a national organization that is devoted to the support and success of women in exciting technology and engineering specialties. SWE conferences are held throughout the year, giving members opportunities to meet women from all around the world as well as speaking with SWE professionals and networking with sponsor companies.

Each week, GT SWE holds meetings on Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Flag Building atrium. The executive board, along with the forty to sixty regular members, discuss current initiatives, delegate committee chairs and build a professional relationship with one another.

Despite what the name of this organization suggests, anyone can join SWE. This includes men, non-engineers and anyone who supports Women in Engineering. One of their biggest recruitment events is “Tea with the Dean” held at the beginning of the fall semester.

“The Tea with the Dean event helps girls understand the kind of support system they have at Tech in terms of all the professors that are willing to help them out,” said Sheree Tamaklo, GT SWE President and a third-year NRE major.

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SWE does more than just support current engineering women in their career. They have a flourishing outreach program that seeks to introduce young women to the engineering industry. “This year, SWE held six outreach events and reached over 700 girls, not only in the Atlanta area but in the south Georgia area, which is our scholastic draw this year,” said Lizzie Kornegay, VP of Outreach and a second-year ISyE major.

“We try to show young girls engineering is an available professional option for women and the benefits of engineering,” Tomaklo said.

“SWE also provides a great basis for women to build their leadership skills alongside academic achievement. SWE is not just a collegiate organization. It is a professional organization so once you’re done with SWE at Tech, you can continue your SWE experience as a professional engineer for the rest of your life,” said Dimple Bansal, Secretary and a third-year ISyE major.

There are resources specifically for women on campus. The Women’s Resource Center, established in 1998, has been a gathering place for women and provides crisis intervention and other resources.

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considering how much we pay, free sandwich should be provided for students living on-campus
To the selfish people outside the library who smoke and throw cigarette butts on the ground: STOP IT!
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WHAT’S IN A NAME:
VASSER WOOLLEY CHEMISTRY LABORATORIES

Vasser Woolley, ChE 1917, loved Georgia Tech. As a student, he was a member of the Glee Club and served as business manager for the Technique. He was also a Kappa Alpha and a member of Tech’s oldest national honor fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi. After graduation, he served as a 2nd Lieutenant in World War I, and later worked as a chemist at the Thomas Edison Laboratories in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

Woolley returned to Atlanta in 1924 and joined his father and Paul Seydel Sr. at the Seydel-Woolley Company, a chemical processor for the textile industry. He was with the company for nearly forty years, rising to the position of Chairman of the Board.

In June 1962, Woolley was one of a 100-member group from Atlanta, many of them community, business, and arts leaders, on a tour of Europe’s art museums sponsored by the Atlanta Arts Association. Upon their departure from Paris, the plane crashed just after takeoff, killing 130, including Woolley.

The Vasser Woolley Foundation, established in 1961, has been a generous supporter of Georgia Tech for years, making numerous gifts to endowments that support multiple Vasser Woolley Chair professorships, and faculty enrichment within the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry. The Foundation is a member of The Hill Society, Georgia Tech’s most prestigious association of principal benefactors.

In 2010, the school allocated a portion of the funds to name the suite of chemistry laboratories in the Clough Commons in Woolley’s memory. It is a fitting tribute to a man who served his alma mater, his profession, and his nation so proudly.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

John Krige
Melvin Kranzberg Professor in the History of Technology

John Krige, who holds the Melvin Kranzberg Professorship in the History of Technology, is an acclaimed historian who has published widely on science, technology, and the post-World War II reconstruction of Europe.

Krige was originally trained in his native South Africa as a physical chemist and went on to attain a second PhD, at the University of Sussex, specializing in the history and philosophy of science. He became the Kranzberg Professor at Georgia Tech in 2000, and in addition to serving as director of graduate studies in the School of History, Technology, and Society and editing the journal History and Technology, Krige was the Charles A. Lindbergh Professor of Aerospace History at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, and a fellow at the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies at Princeton University.

A half century ago, Melvin Kranzberg was a groundbreaking scholar who helped to establish the history of technology as an autonomous discipline. In 1958, he cofounded the Society for the History of Technology, and he spent decades researching and writing about the links between technological development and society, economics, and culture.

Kranzberg received a PhD in history from Harvard, was awarded a Bronze Star for his service during World War II, and joined Georgia Tech in 1972 as the Callaway Professor of the History of Technology. When he retired in 1988, Tech named a professorship in his honor, supported to this day by friends and family.

LOOKING BACK:
A PROMISE WORTH MAKING

Duane Carver, CMPE 2010, was part of the first entering freshman class to receive a Georgia Tech Promise scholarship when the program was founded in 2007. Three years later, he became the first Tech Promise scholar to graduate.

An academically gifted high school student in Brunswick, Georgia, Carver and his family struggled with limited financial resources, and were briefly homeless, living in his mother’s car. Because of Tech Promise, he was able to enroll at Georgia Tech and complete a computer engineering degree in three years.

Tech Promise was designed for students like Duane Carver—academically qualified Georgia residents whose families lack the resources to afford a Tech education. The scholarship is available to students whose families earn less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level, or about $63,000. For almost five years now, it has been changing lives by opening the doors of opportunity.

“I don’t think people realize how huge this is for us,” Carver said in 2010. “I’m now on the way to reaching my dream, and Tech Promise has allowed me to do it.” For hundreds of bright young men and women throughout Georgia, with big dreams and even bigger talents, it is a promise worth making. Currently, 331 undergraduates are enrolled as Tech Promise Scholars.

Campaign Georgia Tech is a 61.5 billion effort to enable Georgia Tech to define the technological research university of the twenty-first century.
The story follows Ted (Zac Efron), who “spoke on behalf of the trees” as a child, to his reclusive Once-ler (Ed Helms), who “spoke on behalf of the animals” as a man. The Once-ler then proceeds to tell Ted about how, when he was a young man, he tried to cut down the trees for profit, and was then confronted by the mystical creature known as the Lorax (Danny DeVito), who “spoke on behalf of the trees.” After hearing the story, Ted is left with the task of planting the last seed on earth and bringing trees back into the world.

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Bioware’s recent release of Mass Effect 3 has managed to take the best features of both its predecessors and create what is undoubtedly one of the most satisfying finishes to any franchise, let alone trilogy, to date.

The game opens on Earth, where Commander Shepard is about to be put on trial for his actions in the previous installment. Before the trial can be decided, the planet comes under attack by the dread Reaper fleet.

In spite of all their preparations, humanity’s defenses are quickly overwhelmed. It is easy to see that, without help, the planet will be quickly overrun.

The player’s first few minutes of gameplay are spent amidst the crumbling structures of a dying city as he/she finds a way off the planet to gather whatever support is possible from other alien species. While the prequel gave a sense of detachment from the Reapers by portraying them as an inevitable, but faraway, threat looming somewhere over the horizon, Mass Effect 3 immediately establishes the desperation of the situation at hand. There is no cavalry coming. The Reapers are here. They have decimated Earth’s forces and there is one last hope for the galaxy.

The in-game AI has been significantly improved for both allies and enemies alike. This means that more intricate and clever tactics are not only possible, but necessary in order to overcome overwhelming odds. Well-timed commands can allow squads to execute devastating combos, but enemies will also work together to flush you out of cover. Different unit mixes means players have to assess which threats are most significant as they are rushed down by some enemies and picked at from afar by others. Players will also be able to scan areas for “war assets” to prepare for their encounter with the Reapers in the game’s finale. Fortunately, this is much simpler and far less time consuming than mining in Mass Effect 2.

Also unique to the franchise is its hybrid RPG/shooter game play. Fans who were disappoint¬ed with the previous games are sure to find their minds made up with Mass Effect 2 as they will be glad to know that the class and skill system has been significantly revamped, grenades have returned and players can now roll and jump over obstacles without taking cover. The game includes six unique classes that serve as twists on classic RPG staples. Individual weapons can be customized a number of ways from custom ammo to scopes, while skills can be leveled up to rank 6, with ranks 1-3 being linear and ranks 4-6 allowing the player to choose between two different upgrades.

Not only does each class come with its own skill tree, but players can now use any weapon they like regardless of class, allowing them to fine-tune their character to suit their own playing styles.

The game even features multiplayer co-op game play through its online mode, “Galaxy at War.” New characters are created for this mode that level from 1-20 (instead of the campaign’s 1-60) and use the same classes as the story, although slightly modified. While playing through these multiplayer missions is not necessary, it is another way to gather war assets for campaigns. The characters and events that come from having experienced the whole story. However, anyone looking to experience the latest third-person shooter can do that too, thanks to the game’s new Action, RPG and Story modes. While RPG mode plays out as normal, Action mode plays at normal difficulty but plays out conversations automatically, and Story mode plays at the minimum difficulty but allows manual conversation choices.

The greatest strength of the series is in its writing. As in previous games, the player will be faced with a number of decisions, each with its own consequences that will ultimately factor into how the game ends. Fully voice-acted and featuring over 80 minutes of cut scenes, Mass Effect 3 tells a brilliantly crafted story that allows the player to invest themselves in a way that most other games cannot match, and is a must for any gamer.

Dr. Seuss’ classic children’s book The Lorax hits theaters on March 2 as a full-length animated motion picture to mixed reviews from audiences and critics alike. From the studios that created the widely popular Despicable Me comes this fantastical tale of man versus nature, complete with the zany characters and vivid landscapes for which Dr. Seuss is famous. However, as mentioned above, some viewers found the tale a bit too preachy and lacking in the depth needed for a successful animated film these days.

The story follows Ted (Zac Efron), a young boy living in the fantastical and literary plastic town of Thneed-ville, as he ventures out of the city limits to impress the girl of his dreams with the one tree that Thneed-ville does not have: a real tree. However, when he is met with a hectically full of dead stumps, he must visit the reclusive Once-ler (Ed Helms) to help. The Once-ler then proceeds to tell Ted about how, when he was a young man, he tried to cut down the trees for profit, and was then confronted by the mystical creature known as the Lorax (Danny DeVito), who “spoke on behalf of the trees.” After hearing the story, Ted is left with the task of planting the last seed on earth and bringing trees back into the world.

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Could even be considered bland at points, which really puts a damper on the pace of the film. DeVito’s performance in particular is flat and forgettable, leaving little or no impression on the audience apart from a few inspirational lines, and completely falling short of the whimsicality of Jim Carrey’s Horton. Of course, this lack of imm
It takes a truly talented band to ignite a crowd and make the dance floor vibrate on a Wednesday night like the Tabernacle did on Feb. 29.

“I know you’ve all got things to do tomorrow and I appreciate y’all being here....but at the same time, you can’t rush these things, you know?” Bear Rinehart, lead vocalist, said.

Following his own advice, Bear and his trio of Needtobreathe band mates—brother and guitarist Bo Rinehart, bassist Seth Bolt and drummer Joe Stillwell—put on a memorable Leap Day performance.

This particular show, part of their five-month-long “The Reckoning” tour, was also a special show for the band. Bear announced to the audience that although he typically does not discuss personal matters with fans, his and Bo’s younger sister had been rushed to the hospital earlier that day and was in pre-mature labor. They would not have any news on her condition until after the show, which put a somber sense of anxiety on the night’s mood.

However, as Bear told the crowd, moments like these serve as a reminder of all of the blessings in life and inspire the deepest meanings behind the band’s songs.

“More Time” from the film P.S. I Love You and their 2008 No. 1 hit on the U.S. Christian charts, “Washed by the Water,” Old or new, they had the crowd dancing and singing along to both.

The music was not the only entertainment. Ben Rector opened for Needtobreathe and helped to warm up the audience with his own popular hits, including “When a Heart Breaks,” and unique renditions of classic songs such as Whitney Houston’s “I Wanna Dance With Somebody.”

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Saturday | April 4 | 7 pm
Stairway to Heaven: Dream of the Python (2001)

The Atlanta Nosh

By Jonathan Peak
Assistant Entertainment Editor

St. Matthew Passion

This weekend marks the debut of Atlanta’s latest foodie event. Once a “secret,” the Atlanta Underground Market has gone public under the new moniker of the Atlanta Nosh. Local cooks will be offering their culinary creations for prices ranging from $1-5. The Atlanta Nosh has found a permanent home at Atlantic Station and will open every Sunday from 12 to 3 p.m. for non-members (members can enter early to select the most delicious items). At entry price of only $5 one can experience delicious and unique dishes from all over the world, but made right here in Atlanta.
Battleground chronicles campaign battles

Web Series
Battleground

SITE: Hulu.com
UPDATES: Tuesdays
STARRING: Jack De Sena, Jay Hayden, Chris Davis

OUR TAKE:

With Super Tuesday having come and gone, the race for the White House has filled the airwaves with apocalyptic imagery and rhetoric. Unless we elect candidates, the Republic will fall in shambles. If Party Y takes Washington, the U.S. will never again be great.

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Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Honey is my anti-drug. Wait... Don’t you dare it when your course runs out of Greek letters and has to use pi for something other than 3.14? !

The Lorax finds its comedic foothold. Marshmallow-chomping bears, big-eyed birds and a cappella- singing fish provide the film with a few snicker or two.

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GLOBAL VIBES: INDIA

Johar film, 3 Idiots are gateway to Bollywood

By Kamna Bohra
Managing Editor

A few rounds of Slumdog Millionaire and “Jai Ho” on repeat often leave a regular movie-goer thinking he’s had a good look into life in India. Indeed, the British-made movie shed light on some of the harshest realities of Indian poverty, and it resembles a classic Indian movie with music composed by world-renowned Indian composer A.R. Rahman and its closing dance number.

The movie does not actually originate from Bollywood, India’s main movie industry that contributes to the thousands of movies India pumps out annually.

With its signature dazzlingly colorful costumes and impromptu musical performances, Bollywood hosts a multitude of movies that masterfully combine love, action and humor into complex plots delivered by timeless actors.

Bollywood is part of the most productive movie industries in the world, but only a handful of its movies actually constitute national successes and even fewer have received international recognition.

And with thousands of Bollywood movies with foreign names to sift through, finding a good movie to start watching can be tricky.

For those seeking a love story that keeps viewers on the edges of their seats until the credits, the 2003 film Kal Ho Naa Ho, produced by award-winning Yash Johar and his son Karan Johar, is a perfect fit. Roughly translating to “Tomorrow May Never Come,” the movie follows the story of Naina (Preety Zinta), whose father’s suicide left her jaded and her family broken.

Naina is initially thrown off by the overly optimistic and caring nature of her new neighbor Aman, played by Shah Rukh Khan.

But like every woman in Khans’ movies, Naina falls in love with Aman’s charm and characteristic chuckle. As Naina’s dorky friend Rohit (Saif Ali Khan) falls in love with her, she discovers unsettling truths after unsettling truths about Aman that sets the sobet, yet uniquely optimistic, tone for the rest of the movie.

With a twist of Indian culture in a Western setting, Kal Ho Naa Ho offers an unorthodox story for the overseas viewer. The Shantanu-Ehsaan-Loy soundtrack blends the two cultural influences with a Hindi rendition of Roy Orbison’s “Oh, Pretty Woman,” but maintains the Indian flavor in the beautifully written “Kal Ho Naa Ho” and the well-choreographed “Maash Ve.”

For the Tech student seeking a more relatable experience, the 2009 film 3 Idiots follows the rollecoaster journey of three college friends as they navigate the highs and lows of engineering college. With gut-wrenching and heart-warming deliveries by Aamir Khan, Kareena Kapoor and Boman Irani, the movie is packed with hilarious scenes of the trio crashing a wedding hosted by the overly strict and ruthless dean, the complicated love story between the main character and the dean’s daughter and a sobering perspective on parental pressure, the drive to succeed and student suicide.

The cinematography is breathtaking as the movie carries the viewers and the main characters through the remote mountainous beauties and neo-gothic architecture of Ladakh and Shimla.

The film’s soundtrack manages to tastefully weave English and Hindi lyrics into some of the most popular inspirational songs India has heard, including “Aaj Izz Well” and “Give Me Some Sunshine.” Today, 3 Idiots is the highest-grossing Bollywood film of all time in India and the highest-grossing Indian film in overseas markets.

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thing that made this concert a success. Anyone who has experienced a show at the century-old Tabernacle venue knows the magic that can be created there. Each seat provides fans with an intimate experience with their favorite band, complete with a thrilling light show and incredible acoustics.

In this specific show, a typewriter-esque backdrop that spelled out “The Reckoning” fell into place in rhythm with each song’s beat, lighting up the arena and igniting the atmosphere.

Even some of the seemingly rough patches of the show were easily smoothed over by the band’s performance skills. For instance, when a talk radio station could be heard coming through the amplifiers, Bear merely laughed and welcomed the mishap, claiming that “right notes don’t make the music.” The band continued to present a friendly persona to fans by telling short, humorous anecdotes and even inviting an ordinary fan with an extraordinary voice from Saturday’s sold-out show to sing on stage.

Overall, Needtobreathe made a strong case to be recognized as a strong, artistic band that can compete with the best rock and Christian artists. Although it has primarily been recognized as a warm-up act for Taylor Swift last year, Needtobreathe is quickly gaining ground with younger audiences. The band has even scored a spot in the 2012 Bonnaroo Music Festival in Tenn. as it continues its rise to prominence.
By James Barrick
United Features Syndicate

ACROSS
1. Workout result
5. Plebe
10. Frenzied
15. Peace officers
19. Be imminent
20. Soap plant
21. Palm genus
22. Talented
23. Some notes
27. San -- Fault
28. Arson anagram
30. Welcome
31. Colleens
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33. Sphere
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58. One of the Osmonds
59. Outlawed
60. Thin
61. The Emerald Isle
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64. Inundated (with "down")
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73. Quahog
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95. Landform in a river
96. Dwelled
100. Special Forces operative: 2 wds.
102. Conservatory
105. Lab compound
106. Peppy
107. Made of wood
108. Grandma
109. Gainsay
110. Less green
111. Impoverished
112. Double-ripper

DOWN
1. Stonewort
2. Hominy plant
3. Did a farm job
4. Developing
5. Conspiracy
6. Get and keep
7. -- Holliday
8. Lodge member
9. Mosaic pieces
10. Tycoon
11. Dress in finery
12. ---do-well
13. Rime
14. Miners' birds
15. Music hall dance
16. Theater award
17. Plunk
18. Email folder
19. Earmarks
20. Form showing
21. Talented
22. Talented
23. Some notes
24. Approach
26. Part of the hydrosphere
27. Olga's male equivalent
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Erato Reading Series
Tuesday, March 13
6 p.m., Neely Room

Collin Kelly
Collin Kelly is a poet and novelist from Atlanta. His novel, Remain In Light, is a 2012 finalist for the Townsend Prize for Fiction. Kelly’s poetry collections include Better To Travel, Slow To Burn, After The Poison and the forthcoming Reader. www.collinkelly.com

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**Piled Higher & Deeper by Jorge Cham**

- OK, the lab
  - 4th graders.
  - Computer naming conventions had narrowed it down to two possibilities.
  - A) ALIEN ROBOTS
    - FROM THE TV SHOW
  - B) BREPAL
    - PREHISTORIC ANIMALS
    - THAT CONTAIN THE
    - LETTERS "C" AND "Z".

- We'll have two
  - Boards of double blind voting to decide.
  - Why don't we just
    - Let each person
    - Name their computer whatever
    - They want.
  - Too complicated.

To: All Graduate Students

Due to a recent incident, we would like to remind all Grad Students that refreshments provided in communal areas during an event are for attendees of that event only.

Please vacate the communal area and do not consume the refreshments unless you have been specifically invited to participate.

To avoid any misunderstanding, you are only invited if you received a specific invitation by e-mail or if it was arranged by your supervisor for you to attend.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Department Administrator

**Divergent Thoughts by Chad Kroebre**

**Non Sequitur by Wiley**

**Crossword Solution from Page 17**

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ACHE  CADET  MANIC  COPS.
LOOM  AMOLE  ARECA  ABLE
GREENBACKS  GREENONION
ANDREAS  SONAR  ACCEPT
GALS  DELAY  AREA
TOWER  CARET  TRIANGLE
ERIN  VILLAGE  GREEN  RAN
MINT  AACLE  GRATS  MENO
POT  SLIMY  PEACE  PIECE
ONEROUS  MARIE  BANNED
RARE  IRELAND  ARIL
BOGGED  MATES  PRIMACY
ACRES  TAMED  DRABS  NRA
SUDE  CERO  PROVE  OODR
TILE  GREEN  ORER  PINN
CONFRONT  HINGE  WIRES
ROSY  PELOTS  CLAN
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ENDL  ALIVE  OAKEN  NANA
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the real reasons that Tech won was ing its opponents 32-12. However, in the win again, this time outscoring in school history. It was Marshall's sixth 20-point game this season, and the 12th time she led the Jackets in scoring.

"Marshall took over the game at the very beginning and then just decided not to be denied and went to the rim about three or four times in a row and was able to capitalize. That, and our defense at the end of the game, getting stops when we needed to, was huge for us," said Head Coach MaChelle Joseph.

The Jackets caught a break later that day when the ninth-seeded North Carolina State Wolfpack beat the first-seeded Duke Blue Devils. This set up Tech for a semi-final game with N.C. State instead of No. 5 ranked Duke.

The Jackets dismantled the Wolfpack en route to an 87-61 victory. The win put the Jackets on a 7-1 run that was capped with a buzzer-beating three from Marshall with 1:35 to play and sealed the win for the Jackets.

"We knew if we could get back and neither team reached a lead greater than four until there were seven minutes left in the game. At that point, Maryland took a five-point lead and held the lead for the next five minutes until Marshall sparked a rally to bring the contest to a one-possession game.

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 Marshall shoots a jumper against Maryland in the ACC Tourney. Marshall finished the game with a team-high 25 points. The strong ending to the first half provided some momentum for the Jackets heading into the second half. They quickly took a one-point lead when Walthour hit another three-pointer.

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Jackets drop second ACC match

By Joe Sobchuk
Staff Writer

After a loss to Florida State, the men’s tennis team hosted Clemson on Sunday, March 4. After jumping out to a 3-1 lead over the Tigers, Tech was unable to win one more point as Clemson took the next three to win the match, 4-3.

With the win, the Tigers improved their record to 4-7 overall and 1-0 in the ACC for the spring, while the Jackets dropped to 5-7 overall and 0-2 in conference play.

Tech started off strong by sweeping Clemson for the doubles point. Senior Kevin King and junior Juan Spir, the No. 2 ranked tandem in the nation, downed Clemson’s top pair 8-2 and improved their record to 10-2 this spring. Senior Dusan Miljevic and freshman Eduardo Segura also won 8-2, and freshmen tandem Sebastian Lopez and Vikram Hundal defeated their opponents 8-5.

King also won his singles match to give Tech an early 2-0 lead. The No. 13 ranked All-American easily downed his opponent 6-1, 6-1 in two sets. However, his doubles partner did not fare as well. Spir went down 6-2, 7-5 after winning the first five games against his opponent. Lopez clinched what would be the last victory of the day for the Jackets, winning his match 6-3, 6-2.

Segura brought his first set to the tiebreakers but could not prevail before dropping the next set to lose his match. The final two Jackets, Melian and Miljevic, each dropped their first sets but came back in the second. Neither could finish the job after being tied going into the final set, and the Jackets lost the match 4-3.

“Doubles was the main positive today, and Kevin [King] continues to get us ahead in the team match fairly quickly. I have to give credit to Clemson for having the belief to come back from a 3-1 deficit, and beat us in two third sets. It says a lot about the heart of their team. Unfortunately, it says something about us as well that we have to change,” said Head Coach Danny Thorne.

The Jackets will be back in action on Tuesday, March 13, when they continue through conference play and host the Miami Hurricanes.

Baseball

The ball over to the bullpen, who closed the game as Tech took the game 6-3 and sweep the series.

The Jackets then returned to action, facing the Georgia State Panthers on Wednesday, March 7, for a midweek nonconference matchup. The Jackets struggled at the plate until late in the game, ultimately dropping the contest 5-4.

The Jackets dropped their second straight matchup to the Panthers after leading 1-0, but allowing five runs in the fourth and fifth inning combined.

The game started off slowly, with both teams scoreless through the first three innings until Wren drew a walk with the bases loaded at the top of the fourth. The Jackets could not capitalize on the loaded bases, earning their third out, before allowing the Panthers to take the lead with two runs of their own at the bottom of the fourth.

The Panthers then extended their lead further, posting three more runs off of three hits and four Tech errors at the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 5-1 lead.

The Jackets would respond in the seventh inning when Palka hit a solo home run to extend his hitting streak to 12 games. Evans Davies and Dove then responded, posting three consecutive hits to pull the Jackets within two runs. A last-minute run was scored at the top of the ninth, but the rally was cut short by the Panthers, ending the game at 5-4.

The Jackets will look to bounce back this weekend, opening up their conference schedule with a series against N.C. State.

Jacket Baseball Starts ACC play this weekend

By Ben Rhines
Staff Writer

The Jackets will look to pick up where they left off against Florida State when they continue through ACC play this weekend, opening up with a series against N.C. State.

The Jackets dropped their third straight contest, falling to the Seminoles 8-4, before being shut out, 7-0, by the Panthers.

With a 2-1 overall record and 0-1 ACC mark, Tech could not capitalize on their strong start, falling on the road to the Seminoles and Panthers.

“After Florida State, we regrouped and decided to improve in our secondary hitting,” Head Coach Danny Thorne said. “Our pitchers also had a great game against the Panthers. We need to build on this and improve in ACC play.”

The Jackets look to take this weekend as an opportunity to bounce back. The Panthers are 2-2 overall and 0-2 in ACC play, making this weekend an opportunity for Tech to get their season back on track.

Tech opened up ACC play against Florida State on Friday, March 2, feeling confident with a winning streak of 7-0 and 4-1 respectively. In a close game, the Seminoles scored the first run of the game on a bases loaded walk in the top of the fourth.

The Jackets tied the game in the bottom of the fourth inning on a double by Junior Bennett, but the Seminoles scored two more runs in the top of the fifth to put the game out of reach.

Saturday’s contest was another close game, starting off with the Jackets scoring the first run on a double by Elder by the top of the second inning. However, Florida State answered with two of their own in the top of the fifth to tie the game.

Tech had their chance to take the lead in the eighth inning when Junior Stephen McGeary doubled and was driven home by Junior Evan Wren. However, the Seminoles tied the game again on a sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth to send it into extra innings.

The game continued for three innings before the Seminoles scored two of their own to win the contest. The Jackets had their chances throughout the game, but were unable to capitalize on their opportunities, leaving 12 runners stranded on base.

The Jackets then continued their losing streak, falling to the Panthers 8-4. The Panthers scored the first run of the game in the top of the third inning on a bases loaded walk.

Tech did not score again until the bottom of the fifth, when Junior Evan Wren scored on a bases loaded walk. However, the Panthers scored five more runs in the top of the sixth to put the game out of reach.

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Tech wins regular season finale over Wake

By Hattie Arnau
Contributing Writer

The men’s basketball team finished the regular season at home against the Wake Forest Demon Deacons with one of their best performances of the year. Sophomore guard Jason Morris had a career-high 22 points, and scored five of the total 11-pointers of the game for the Jackets en route to a 69-62 win.

Senior guard Nick Foreman started the Jackets’ scoring early with a three-pointer just 30 seconds into the first half. Junior guard Mfon Udofia added two three-pointers to the Tech score in the first five minutes of play. Udofia had 15 points and five of the 18 team-assists for the game.

Wake Forest would respond, though, taking the lead with 10:43 to play in the first period off a C.J. Harris jumper. Tech momentarily regained the lead off of a three by Morris, making the score 23-21, but Carson Desrosiers scored four quick points to give the lead back to the Demon Deacons.

The Jackets retook the lead when senior guard Derek Craig scored a jumper with 1:58 to play, followed by a lay-up by Udofia to finish the first half for the Jackets.

Tech went into the locker room at halftime with a 32-28 advantage.

At the half, the Yellow Jackets had scored 13 points from the bench, but Wake Forest had outscored them 14-4 in the paint. Tech scored eight of their 17 three-point attempts in the first period, and would go on to score three more for a season-high 11 three-pointers in a game.

Morris started the second half hitting a jumper early, but Tech quickly lost the lead after three consecutive three-point shots by Wake Forest’s C.J. Harris and Tony Chennault. After several consecutively missed shots, sophomore center Daniel Miller threw down a dunk to put the Jackets back on top.

However, Wake Forest responded again, taking the lead for the last time with 11:13 left to play. Morris continued his strong performance, though, and scored a three with nine minutes left to play to give the Jackets the lead again. After the shot by Morris, the Jackets would hold the lead through the remainder of the game.

Tech went on an 11-point run before Wake Forest would begin closing the gap with 4:28 to play. Tech scored its final point of the game, a free throw shot by Udofia, to take a 12-point lead with 27 seconds remaining.

Wake Forest’s Ryan Keenan sunk a three-pointer for Wake with four seconds left to play, and the game ended in a 69-62 win for the Jackets.

In the second half, Tech scored 20 points in the paint, 10 points off of turnovers and 13 points from the bench.

Although Wake had better shooting percentages across the board through the second period, Tech was able to hold them to four offensive rebounds for the entire game. Tech registered 18 assists for the game — one short of the season high and the most they tallied in any conference game this season.

With the win, Tech became the 11th seed in the ACC tournament, which kicked off Thursday, March 8. The Jackets faced the sixth seeded Miami Hurricanes on Thursday, March 8, prior to the time of press.

Weseman taken No. 13 in NPF Draft

Senior third baseman Kelsi Weseman was selected 13th overall in the National Professional Fastpitch Draft when she was taken as the first pick in the fourth round by the Carolina Diamonds.

Weseman was named the ACC Player of the Year after a stellar junior season in which she posted a .968 slugging percentage, while hitting .424 and slamming 21 home runs. In her senior campaign, she has been batting .360 with four home runs on nine hits, while posting a team-high .840 slugging percentage.

Hicks, Jordan named to All-Academic Team

Graduate transfer student Pierre Jordan and sophomore Nate Hicks of the men’s basketball team were named the ACC’s All-Academic team this past week.

Jordan came to Tech from Florida State after earning his degree in three years. Hicks, a MGT major, is currently a center on the team.
Softball takes six of seven games through busy week

The Jackets hosted the Buzz Classic this past weekend, with games played at various locations in the Atlanta area. The Tech softball team opened with a strong presence, winning four games before falling to Elon in the final.

On the opening day, the Jackets earned a shut-out victory over Winthrop, 5-0. The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fourth, when senior left-fielder Kate Kuzma was hit by a pitch and stole second on a passed ball. Junior pitcher Hope Rush secured her win by driving in Kuzma with a single. Winthrop pitcher Chelsey Schoenfeld escaped, though, stranding three Jackets on base to end the inning.

Tech came back in the bottom of the fifth to add four insurance runs to the 1-0 lead. Freshman second baseman Chelesie Thomas singled to start off the inning, stole second and advanced to third on a bunt by sophomore shortstop Ashley Thomas, who then stole second. Kuzma was hit by a pitch to load the bases and sophomore catcher Alysha Rudnik drove in three runners on a groundout. senior left-fielder Shannon Bear hit a single and was finally brought home on a single by freshman first baseman Kady Fullen.

Western Carolina answered with three runs of their own in the top of the fourth with a two-out double by senior right fielder Katie Johnson. Rudnik crossed the plate on a wild pitch and was finally brought home on a single by freshman first baseman Kady Fullen.

In the second game of the doubleheader against UT-Martin, freshman pitcher Kylie Kleinschmidt earned her first collegiate win in an extra-innings complete game showing. The Jackets struck first in the top of the second. Freshman right fielder Katie John- sky singled, advanced on a sacrifice bunt and a single and scored on a wild pitch. UT-Martin took the lead the next inning, scoring two runs on Kleinschmidt. Tech tied the game in the top of the fourth with a solo home run by sophomore third baseman Danielle Dike and took the lead in the fifth with Rush hitting a homer to center to drive in Rudnik, who had been walked on a 3-0 count.

In the bottom of the seventh, UT-Martin scored another two runs to force extra innings. Tech answered with four runs on three hits and an error in the eighth to take back the lead. The Skyhawks scored another two runs in the bottom of the eighth, bringing the game to the final score.

Tech closed out the classic on Sunday with games against Southeastern Louisiana and Elon. The Jackets defeated the Lions 8-0 in six innings on the run rule. Rush pitched all six innings and gave up just one hit in the game.

Both teams were scoreless until the top of the fourth, when the Jackets manufactured three runs out of an error and an error. Tech then followed up in the next inning with three more runs. In the top of the sixth, the Jackets finished the game when sophomore center fielder Hayley Downes doubled and senior left fielder Shannon Bear hit a home run.

In the final game of the Buzz Classic, the Jackets fell to Elon 6-3. Elon took an early lead in the first, scoring two runs with no hits after Kleinschmidt walked the first two batters. Elon then widened the lead in the second, scoring an additional two runs.

However, the Jackets would respond. After the first two batters were down, Dike walked. Chelesie Thomas singled and Ashley Thomas hit a dinger into right field. This was not enough to ignite the Tech offense and the Jackets remained scoreless. Elon added a run in the third and another in the fourth to seal the game.

Tech returned to the field Tuesday to play a doubleheader against Western Carolina and swept the opposition, 4-2 and 9-4. In the first game, Tech got an early lead in the bottom of the first when Ashley Thomas doubled to left and scored on a single by Kuzma. Western Carolina responded with two runs in the third to take the lead. Downs and Chelesie Thomas scored in the fourth to give Tech the lead and earn Rush the win, and Rudnik added a home run in the fifth to end the day's scoring.

In the second game, Kleinschmidt only lasted for three batters after allowing two runs. Kleinschmidt issued two walks to lead off the inning, advancing the runners to second and third on a wild pitch, and made it home on a sacrifice bunt play coupled with an error. Rush closed out the inning without allowing any more runs.

In the bottom of the first, Ashley Thomas doubled to right center, advanced to third on a groundout by Kuzma and scored on a wild pitch. The offense went on to score five in the fifth when Rush scored on a sacrifice fly by Bear. Rush, now playing DP, brought in another two runs with a homer down the left field line in the sixth.

The Jackets notched an insurance run in the fifth, when Dike scored on a sac fly by Bear. Rush, now playing DP, brought in another two runs with a homer down the left field line in the sixth.

The Jackets continue their homestand this weekend against the Virginia Cavaliers.

By Adam West
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Tech finishes second in ACC Tourney

L) Metra Walthour puts up a lay up in a tightly contested match against North Carolina. (R) The Jackets' bench reacts to a late shot to give Tech the win over the Tar Heels.

Tech sweeps Rutgers, loses to Ga. State

Buck Farmer readies a pitch against Rutgers. Farmer played for seven innings, giving up two runs on six hits in the win.

Former Jackets show skills at Tech Pro Day

Several former Tech football players gathered in the Brock Indoor Practice Facility on Tuesday, March 6, to showcase their football skills for NFL scouts during Tech’s Pro Day.

By Matt Schwartz
Contributing Writer

The Jackets’ baseball team was looking to continue their early season success with a nonconference series against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights. The Jackets responded with a lopsided affair against Rutgers, starting Friday, March 2, and continuing through the three-game weekend series. Tech, currently ranked No. 10 in the nation, looks as confident as ever after comfortably sweeping the Scarlet Knights.

Game One of this three-game set proved to be the biggest victory of the weekend, as the Jackets outlasted their opponents 23-7 en route to a 10-2 victory. This game was highlighted by the one-two punch of sophomore center-fielder Kyle Wren and junior left-fielder Brandon Thomas who each went a combined nine for 10, scoring six runs. Along with a flawless five for five day at the plate, Thomas drove in two runs and stole a base.

Along with the consistent firepower supplied on the offensive end of the ball, was the defense. The Jackets also posted one of their better pitching performances of the young season. Junior Buck Farmer threw 81 pitches over seven innings, giving up two runs on six hits and throwing nine strikeouts. The game was then put in the hands of sophomore Alex Cruz, who threw two innings of one-hit ball striking out four on the way to an easy Tech victory. The second game yielded a closer but still one-sided outcome. Freshman catcher Connor Lynch had big day driving on four of Tech’s nine runs, three of which came off of a bases loaded double.

Senior first baseman Jake Davies also had a strong performance, going two for three including a three-run hit down the right field line. Sophomore catcher Matt Grimes continued his strong season on the pitching front, striking out six batters, and leading the Jackets to a 9-4 win.

The series finale was the tensest of the weekend matchups, though the result leaned decisively in Tech’s favor. The game was close in the early going, but sophomore catcher Zane Evans’s two-run triple gave the Jackets a lead they would never relinquish. Sophomore Daniel Palka drove in and scored a run on two hits, and in the process extended his hitting streak to a career-high eleven games.

The Jackets remained solid through the game as sophomore Dusty Isaacs pitched six innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out seven batters. He then turned play led Tech’s bench to outscore North Carolina’s bench 14-5.

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