Kucinich rallies Tech supporters

By Stephen Baehr
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Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich made an appearance on campus Tuesday night for a political rally in his name. A delayed flight, however, pushed back the featured speaker’s first showing until around 8 p.m., a little over an hour after the rally began. Still, this did not stop the roughly 250 supporters packed into the Old Architecture lecture hall from rising to their feet to give Kucinich a loud welcome, complete with cheers and hoisted posters. There was no lack of activity while the crowd waited, either. The rally played host to an entire program, complete with an emcee and multiple speakers and poets. All gave performances or speeches aimed at promoting Kucinich’s platform and criticizing the Bush administration.

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By Jon Kaye / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Parking “fiasco” prompts apology

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

The Department of Parking and Transportation apologized to organizers of a campaign event for attendees caught in a 45-minute traffic jam in the Technology Square parking deck. The conference, a summit on sustainability, was held last Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

In a letter sent to its approximately 250 attendees, the summit steering committee said it was aware of “the fiasco in the parking deck.”

“We continue to work with the parking deck management and we are expecting a formal apology to be sent to each of you early next week,” the letter read.

The hotel’s director of operations, David Chelesy, sent a letter of apology to organizers of a summit they were interruped among the speeches throughout the evening.

“I was glad to see how many
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By Edward Tannberg
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Tech students were here,” said Tim Atkins, Georgia coordinator for Kucinich’s campaign. “We were originally expecting more community people than Tech people, but it was just the opposite.”

While many came to shout their support for Kucinich, others came just to learn more about the candidate or even just to be at a political rally in a presidential election year. These issues affect you,” fourth-year Electrical Engineering major Randall McElroy said. He said that federal government spending is increasing too rapidly and that “the money that is spent is coming from you.”

Students, he said, need to be interested in having a voice in how the government uses its money to direct our lives.

Kucinich spoke of working to get rid of the world’s nuclear weapons and making the United States more of a participant in the international community, which would include signing of Kyoto Accords.

He also focused on his view that U.S. troops need to be pulled out of Iraq immediately, leaving the U.N. to oversee the establishment of a government and the distribution of oil proceeds to Iraq.

“We need to move forward into the world courageously in a way that…works with the world to bring peace,” he said.

Such ideas attracted second-year Electrical Engineering major Manu Raghavan to the rally. “A friend of mine read that he won the Gandhi Peace Award,” he said. “I’m a big follower of Gandhi, and I’m impressed by Kucinich.”

Other students were simply glad to see some political activity on campus.

“I think it’s great to have a presidential candidate come speak at our school,” said Sheila Mahadevan, a fourth-year International Affairs-Modern Languages major. She said she’s glad for the political involvement these events promote on campus.

Another such event took place the night before the rally when a second political figure visited Tech.

Former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr appeared at Monday’s meeting of the College Republicans, speaking before a crowded meeting room about the Patriot Act and civil liberties.

“I fall in the camp that believes you should not have to give up civil liberties in order to fight terrorism,” Barr said traditionally right-wing and left-wing groups are banding together against the Patriot Act, and urged members at the meeting to be aware of its provisions, as well.

“Once you sacrifice those liberties, it’s virtually impossible to get them back,” he said.

Barr hosts a Sunday AM radio talk show called Bob Barr’s Laws of the Universe. For more information on Kucinich’s campaign, check www.gaforkucinich.us.

By Christopher Gosley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Former U.S. Congressman Bob Barr speaks at a roundtable Monday night. He addressed civil rights issues and took questions from students.

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Books from page 1

Bookstore during his 30-year tenure working with the company.

“I think that Mr. Maloney is doing to do an outstanding job for us,” Meyers said, who was one of three people who interviewed Maloney for the position. “He knows the business inside and out. He has long experience in the college bookstore business. He’s very strong in the textbook area.”

His first order of business will be getting things in order to receive a complete checklist for fall semester textbooks.

“Students can then reap the benefits of that, because if they get re-adoptions for textbooks they are using now, when it comes time for buy-back, we can pay them half price for those books,” Maloney said.

“It lessens the overall book bill that students have to pay. Also, it provides used books for students for the next semester. Our goal is to provide as many used books as possible for the student body.”

Meyers agreed with Maloney’s approach. “Providing students with the textbooks they need, on the shelves, on time, is our number one mission. [Maloney] and I are going to be working very closely on that to do everything we can to improve service to our students.”

Taking over a bookstore like Tech’s is not without its complications. “When you move from a smaller environment on campus to a larger store outside of campus, it does present some operational issues,” Maloney said. “I’ll be looking into those and seeing how we can improve whatever services I can to the school.”

Meyers said this year’s sales at the new location are ahead of last year’s at the old site. Both the Christmas season shopping and Custom er Appreciation Week were the best ever, he said.

“Starbucks is way beyond what we had budgeted,” Meyers said. “We budgeted Starbucks to sell about $250,000 per year and we probably will reach at least $400,000 or maybe half a million.”

Still, Maloney said, “I want to try to make [business] a lot better, a lot more appealing for folks to shop here.” Maloney added, “That all starts with communication, letting [the students] know what we have to offer.”

A husband and father of two, Maloney still commutes from Virginia and stays throughout the week in Atlanta.
Ask Dr. Clough

President Clough answers your questions from last fall’s State of the Institute address

With the completion of Technology Square and other new facilities, will improving student life or other student-focused issues be a larger focus?

Maintaining the quality of student life remains an ongoing goal at Tech, and there are many signs that we are making progress in that area.

A few of the most recent developments include extension of Ramblin’ Nights, the new Student Center Commons (and) Student Health Center, renovation of Couch...opening the campus “green,” enhanced student organization access to Frist Center, the new CRC...the Wool driv...Dining Hall renovation, Tech night at Six Flags, GT vs. BYU on the Bobby Dodd Stadi um!...the headquarters and enhancement of student leadership program opportunities.

In addition, we have established a new $100,000 per year Student Life Fund.... I am committed to supporting this initiative for the foreseeable future.

When this is complete, we will assure you that Tech is more hospitable and accommodating than when we were here.

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Dean of Students office has spearheaded a whole section on community development that emphasizes traditions, involvement, fun activities and interaction.... In the larger picture, we are working to improve housing and the neighborhoods surrounding campus. Construction is underway on a new family housing project that will help those students who are married with children.

When this is complete, we will next focus on a project to increase opportunities for unmarried graduate student and undergraduate students. Improving neighborhoods adjacent to campus is being encouraged to entice faculty and staff to live near campus and to be able to join students in after-work-hours activities.

The improvements involve working with neighborhoods and friendly developers in their efforts to modernize infrastructure, add housing and to bring businesses in that will employ our neighbors and students.

Will there be a campaign to encourage alumni to donate to academic scholarships?

Tech annually receives more than $5 million for our need and merit based scholarship endowment. That does not include the large number of expendable scholarship monies received each year. During our last campaign, over $40 million was added to our scholarship endowment funds.

As for direct alumni support the past year, almost $115,000 was raised and awarded through alumni clubs. Additionally, the Alumni Association provided over $15,000 in Student Leadership scholarships for the coming year and Legacy scholarships. Finally, the Annual Roll Call raised $7,415 million, almost $2 million of which went to scholarships and fellowships.

I think this represents an outstanding commitment by our alumni to support Tech students, and we will continue to solicit their support in the future.

We are developing a focused appeal for scholarships and fellowships for the coming year and will continue this in the next several years of our fund raising appeals.

Do you like to write? Come write for us! Weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 137 of the Flag Building.
Professor Z.L. Wang, director of Georgia Tech’s Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, speaks at Wednesday’s panel discussion on research. Wang is ranked fifth in the world by the Institute of Scientific Information for the number of nanotechnology research papers he has published to date.

By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

“Sharing the little things in life”

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that was true, it would be wrong to penalize the band club for it and that the House, to some extent, had a responsibility to help the club in its need.

In the end, the bill narrowly passed the House by a vote of 22-21. However, the bill had been voted down nearly unanimously by the Graduate Senate, and due to the enactment ratio required ninety percent of UHR’s vote to pass both bodies, Siscard did not occur, the bill ultimately failed.

Another bill of the night that shared similar origins was a bill for allocation to the Musician’s Network for an emergency exit sign and a BuzzCard reader at Under the Couch. UHR was then, for the second time of the night, faced with the same issues concerning who was actually responsible for payment, and why they should have to foot the bill. However, this bill had a different fate than the previous one, and was passed by the House with little debate or struggle.

“Tough issues were rampant throughout the night and representatives were also faced with moral dilemmas when the Tech men’s lacrosse club presented a retroactive bill to fund the lining of CRC fields for practice and competition purposes.

The House had seen a similar bill the previous semester for the Tech women’s lacrosse club. The organizational representatives had, at the time, made it clear that if the bill was passed then the men’s team would present their own bill later and that it would be retroactive because the fields would be lined at the same time for both clubs.

The Joint Finance Committee, a committee that reviews every bill presented for legitimacy, monetary and other matters, had recommended that the House fail the bill because it was retroactive in nature, and some representatives felt the same way.

There was also debate over whether or not the bill could be a joint bill for both the Graduate Senate and Undergraduate House. There are no graduate students in the club, nor have there ever been, but one could be a member. In the end, the majority stuck to their earlier commitment and passed the bill.

We do believe that the Institute should fund [programs] when they can, so that kind of colors our decisions.”

Alan Bakowski
Public Policy representative

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They also failed an allocation to the Band Club to fund BuzzCard readers on storage and practice room doors. Organization representative Chris Rankine said that their members needed to be able to gain access to the rooms after hours. Senators were unconvinced about the necessity of the readers.

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A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Baghdad bombings target would-be Iraqi soldiers

Two different bombings attacked Iraqi men wanting to join the new Iraqi army both Tuesday and Wednesday. The first, a truck bomb targeting Iraqi applicants near a police station south of Baghdad, killed 55 people Tuesday. Wednesday’s attack featured a suicide car bomber killing 47 Iraqis waiting in line in front of the Iraqi Army Recruiting Center in central Baghdad.

Shortly after the second attack, the U.S. military began offering rewards for information leading to the capture of insurgents and their weaponry.

French bill bans religious attire in classrooms

French lawmakers Tuesday voted overwhelmingly 494-36 to ban religious attire in schools, including traditional Islamic scarves, Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses. The bill says that “in schools, junior high schools and high schools, signs and dress that conspicuously show the religious affiliation of students are forbidden.” The bill goes to the Senate next month, where little opposition is expected. If passed, the ban is likely to take effect in September.

Israeli crackdown leaves 15 Palestinians dead

The bloodiest fighting in the Gaza Strip in 16 months resulted in the deaths of 15 Palestinians, while over 50 others were wounded. The fight came during an Israeli crackdown on Palestinian militants in the area. Militant Islamic group Hamas vowed retaliation, calling upon its cells throughout Gaza and the West Bank to attack. Such calls are usually closely followed by suicide bombings in Israel.

Democratic presidential race leaves Clark behind

Retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark announced Wednesday his departure from the Democratic presidential race. The decision came after Clark suffered two third-place finishes in the Tennessee and Virginia primaries.

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He also earned a master’s degree in counselor education and a bachelor of arts in economics, both from the University of Florida. Kibler has specialized in areas of academic integrity, student rights and responsibilities, and student judicial affairs. In 1997, Kibler earned a Fulbright scholarship to participate in the United States-Germany International Education Administrators Program.

Schafer serves as associate vice president and dean of students at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). He was promoted to that position in 2000. He has also served in various positions at the University of Denver, the Illinois Institute of Technology and the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Schafer earned his Ph.D. in higher education administration and curriculum from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He earned a master’s degree in guidance and counseling and a bachelor of science in chemical engineering, both from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

At UTEP, Schafer oversaw the development and construction of a new residential housing complex and a fitness center.

As dean of students at the University of Denver, Schafer helped design a new freshman seminar program, designed a turnaround strategy for a failing department and obtained a grant to help establish a leadership program.
OUR VIEWS

Consensus Opinion

VPSA recommendations

Although the Technique has not been comprehensively educated about the details and full histories of the two candidates being considered for the recently vacated vice president of student affairs (VPSA) position, there are several characteristics that we feel should be heavily weighted in President Clough’s final decision. These attributes include the candidate’s personality, experience, leadership style and vision for the position and student affairs at Tech.

In the past year, the Dean of Students office (DOS) has made great steps in becoming proactive, instead of reactive, about issues like integrity, honor and disciplinary action. The new vice president’s ambitions need to be in line with the DOS’s progress and end goals. Additionally, the new person for the job needs to offer support for his department’s currently successful programs, while providing innovation and change for lagging and underdeveloped programs.

At the same time, the new administrator should be personable and student-focused, traits that generally indicate that he will be efficient and effective in making his office more visible to the graduate and undergraduate community. In doing so, the actions of the DOS and other departments governed by the VPSA will become more transparent to the students.

The leadership initiative, which has been taking shape for the past two years, is at a crux right now, and the next head of student affairs will need to be capable of guiding the further development of this effort. His role will include defining facets of the initiative, such as the leadership transcript that is currently in development, in such a way that students take it seriously.

Experience is a fundamental backbone of what makes the best contender; specifically, the top choice should have knowledge in overseeing a campus with a Greek population that comprises nearly a third of its student body, an on-campus residential population that includes a third of all students, a large student recreation center, and a large intramural and club sport program.

Above all else, the new VPSA must be a champion for the students. When sitting down at a table with the rest of the members of the president’s cabinet, the VPSA’s top priority must be expressing the concerns of and protecting the interests of his primary constituents, the Institute’s students.

Thus, while we are not recommending one applicant over the other, there are specific qualities Clough’s choice should exhibit to ensure that our next VPSA will succeed in all of the arenas in which his job will demand service.

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Tech’s moniker reveals its true history

North Avenue Trade School. Most students are familiar with Tech’s history to realize just how accurate it is. Our origins are actually very close to a trade school, and those origins are still reflected today in the attitudes of the students and faculty.

Tech, that is, the Georgia School of Technology, was founded for the purpose of turning out engineers to work in the factories of the post-reconstruction New South. The committee established to investigate the feasibility of a technology school in Georgia decided to build a school modeled after the shop-oriented Worcester Free Institute of Industrial Sciences (today’s WPI) rather than the research-oriented Boston Tech (currently MIT).

Under the Worcester model, the students enrolled in the school would spend part of their day in classes and part in the machine shop. There they would go through an apprenticeship to learn the tools of the shop and then proceed to produce goods that would be sold by the school. The way that gained experience and earned revenue for the school to subsidize their tuition.

There were several advantages for the Worcester model. First, the experience of working in and running a machine shop gave graduating students the skills necessary to build and run a working factory in an area that had a small industrial base. Second, the revenue generated by the shop would help pay for the school. This was significant because the state government had extremely limited funds. In fact, the school was founded for the nominal sum of $19,000, which is roughly $350,000 in today’s dollars. Finally, the shop work reduced tuition and gave full scholarships to many students.

Therefore, for the first years of Tech’s existence, students studied courses in the morning and worked in the shop in the afternoon. Students started off as apprentices their first year and worked their way up through the ranks of the shop as they studied through their course load.

Unfortunately, the shop wasn’t a total success. Production quality and volume were not high enough to generate significant revenue for the school, though it did break even. It was, however, an important step in the beginning of 30 years to provide students with practical experience. The shop building itself was burned to the ground in 1892, was rebuilt in 1893 and subsequently razed in 1967. The steam engine in front of Tech Tower marks this location and serves as a reminder of Tech’s origins.

As our school matured, the shop took on a smaller role and has now been eliminated, but the pragmatic leanings that it represents have been a constant influence on Tech’s policies and agenda. For example, up until the mid-1940s all students, regardless of major, had to build a working electric motor as a graduation requirement. During World War II, the school adopted an accelerated schedule to meet the needs of the military and nearly all students participated in ROTC. We currently have, as the co-op office is so happy to point out, the largest voluntary co-op program in the country.

In every case, Tech has produced excellent engineers to get work done, get it done efficiently and to fill the needs of industry, whatever that industry might be. The idea of producing rank-and-file graduates to fill positions rather than dreamers has become ingrained in the Institute psyche, the academic policies, and the attitudes of the student body and faculty.

I believe that Tech attracts, prepares and graduates people who are realistic rather than dreamers. This is the root cause for a number of Tech’s quirks among what the Hill likes to refer to as our “peer institutions.”

Among these quirks are the student body’s political apathy and our low six-year graduation rate. It’s the reason I can count the number of students I know who are even thinking about starting a business on one hand. It is the reason you don’t hear about companies started by Tech alumni taking the world by storm. I’m sure some Tech startups must exist, but I can easily think of a number of Fortune 500 companies started by MIT, Stanford and Berkeley grads. The schools that are most highly ranked, such as Industrial Engineering, are those whose graduates tend to work within large organizations.

Put simply, Tech is an environment that promotes results over innovation. It’s the reason we’re not the highest-ranked school in the country. It will take time to change this, and I believe the administration is, knowingly or not, working towards a more innovative environment. We’re just not there yet.
GTCN needs to “Dish” up Jacket jagers

I have a complaint about Georgia Tech basketball: a complaint that actually has nothing to do with the Athletic Association and its ticketing policies. In fact, my problem is often faced by those students who choose not to stand in the long lines with the hopes of possibly getting a good seat in the “Thriller-dome.” Instead, these groups decide to watch games in the comfort of their own on-campus apartments and dorm rooms. For most, this sounds like a simple solution to the ticket dilemma, and if the game happens to be nationally televised by the ESPN networks or ABC, fans can still follow the game in their own homes. If the game happens to be on a regional network, fans are often left watching a program that isn’t even related to Tech sports. Granted, this likely would not have been such an issue if the Jackets were not ranked in the top 20 with an 18-5 record, but thankfully they are and therefore GTCN must deal with this problem. The network must work out some type of compromise even if our football and basketball programs never again have another winning season. Simply put, if the game is being televised by anyone on any station, Tech students should have the greatest opportunity to watch it. At right now, it is pretty clear that the agreement between GTCN and the Dish Network prevents them from providing local fans of national networks, like PAXTV or Fox Sports South. Therefore, it is essential that when the contract is renegotiated this issue is addressed.

I feel that most students would like the opportunity to watch Tech sports, even if it meant giving up a few HBOs and the Onion. Overdue Living convinced me that an agreement cannot be reached between the two parties. I would recommend going back to basic cable. This may not have the wide variety of shows that basic cable has to offer, but from our seemingly far less sexy and less obese neighbors across the Atlantic, the United Kingdom. A U.K. supermarket chain bearing the geographically confusing name of Iceland has announced that its tireless research-and-development team has managed to combine aphrodisiacs and pizza into a product they’re calling “Pizzagra.” As a certain columnist more famous than I am might say, I am not making this up.

So it seems the land of bad teeth and bad food is trying to catch up with us in our two favorite categories. But they are going about it in a typically odd, British way. The Pizzagra brand’s ingredients reportedly will include artichokes, asparagus, gin, and some new kind of superfood called a “coconut.” This lack in quality is not vice as a whole is lacking in quality. This lack in quality is not likely going to happen before the end of the Jackets’ great season. Therefore, GTCN should make an effort to inform students about the possibility of games being shown on campus. Perhaps they could announce the weekly schedule of games on campus in the schedule ad they place every week in the TECHNique, and they should definitely at least put up the information on the GTCN webpage. This would give students enough time to plan for another viewing site, instead of being disappointed at having to watch PAX TV instead of tip-off.

GTCN initially made the Dish Network decision to improve the cable system on campus. Now it’s time for GTCN to reevaluate how effective this system really is in providing “Tech students with what they really want. But hey, we can all look at the bright side of things. At least March Madness is on CBS and not PAX TV.
American hegemony no excuse for lack of language

Hidden at a quiet end of the O’Keefe Building in an area that seems miles away from the volleyball gymnasium and workout facility also housed in the building, is a set of infrequently-used doors with the words “Language Institute” inscribed above them.

A trip inside reveals a world unknown to most Tech students, a place where the Institute opens itself to students from around the world to provide them with their own golden ticket—an opportunity to learn English.

Around the world, 450 million people speak English, 300 million of which speak it as their first language. English is the official language of some 45 nations, it serves as one of two working languages at the United Nations and it is the de facto language of international business. For many, learning English is the way to make themselves competitive.

Given these statistics, hundreds of students from around the world come to Georgia Tech’s Language Institute every year to become part of the world’s English-speaking community. They attend classes taught by instructors and professors trained in teaching English to speakers of other languages, and they immerse themselves in the Tech community and the city of Atlanta, which provide them with innumerable opportunities to expand and refine their language skills.

These students work away anonymously in a corner of campus, unknown to many Tech students, with the hope that their acquisition of their new language will provide them greater opportunities. They undertake the task of learning English in a process not unlike those that occur around the country and around the world.

On the other side of campus, one can find the reciprocal of this process. Each semester, Tech undergraduates fight and claw to obtain spots in classes taught by the resource-strapped School of Modern Languages. With two joint-degree programs created in the last six years and a budget racked by cuts from the state and Institute level, the school does its best to meet the needs of all the Institute’s students who desire to learn a language other than English with the hope that it will give them a competitive edge in a global economy.

Though modern language classes are among the most sought after at the Institute, this desire to learn a language other than English does not extend throughout the Tech community, and certainly not very far outside of it or other institutions of higher learning.

Just last week in one of my classes, the old joke came up: “What do you call someone who only speaks one language?” The answer, of course, was “American.” It’s true that few Americans take the time to learn the languages of others, while people around the world who seek to participate in international endeavors must learn ours. This fact stems not from American isolationism, xenophobia, laziness or stupidity but rather from American dominance of global economics and politics; because our policies and market and in many ways drive the political and economic life of the rest of the world, we lack the economic necessity to learn another language in order to compete. On the surface, there is little incentive to expand our language capabilities.

Should we use this dominance as a reason not to challenge ourselves in the process of foreign language learning, though? I say no. The process of learning a foreign language provides benefits beyond the ability to communicate with new people, it also improves one’s ability to read and write his native language and increases his awareness of the world around him.

As Tech students, we should lead the way in this practice. Though it may be difficult, because of resource shortages in the School of Modern Languages and engineering curricula with little room for electives to study another language during our undergraduate time at the Institute, we should commit to make the acquisition of a foreign language a fundamental life goal.

Hence consider the Webster definition of technology as the “practical application of knowledge,” the emergence of written language must be considered one of the most revolutionary technological developments in human history. Knowledge provides power, and the ability to communicate knowledge in a written form allows this knowledge to diffuse with greater breadth and with a greater degree of accuracy.

Language, then, can be viewed as a technology, and as students who will graduate from a technological university, we ought to master this fundamental application of knowledge, in something more than just our native tongue.
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Tech’s award-winning solar energy program is powering campus and creating strides in research and industry. Page 13

Finders keepers

Been a while since you added to your DVD collection? See whether Lost in Translation should be your next purchase. Page 19

Students share their Valentine’s Day stories

Roses are red, violets are blue...and when it comes to Tech romance, we couldn’t help but get a little mushy

By Jennifer Schue

Opinion Editor

Dating, the age-old art of throwing yourself into the proverbial ocean of prospects with the hopes of hooking a real catch, is a challenge in and of itself.

Add in school, homework, activities, friends and the weekly episode of Sex in the City with your roommates, and there’s no time left for exploring the possibility of joining your life with someone else’s, even if only for a short period of time.

Not to mention the famous Ratio, that dreaded aspect of the Institute that prophesies a lonely, female-less four-year existence for all Tech men.

However, with Valentine’s Day upon us, now is as good a time as any to offer a closer examination of the dating scene at this academically-focused school, and find out just how bad—or good—it really is.

A brief survey of several students reveals that chivalry is not dead within the confines of Ferst Drive. Instead, not only is the business of being part of a duo thriving, but it also seems as though Tech has actually had something to do with getting people together.

Jill Adams, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major, and her boyfriend of nearly four years, Billy Hoffman, a fifth-year Computer Science major, met at a DramaTech open house her freshman year; they found out that they were also in the same chemistry class.

“We ended up kind of as friends in chemistry, which is really ironic because we were very attracted to one another and we wanted to date,” Adams said, “but I didn’t throw off the shackles of my old boyfriend until late November.”

“We went out the following week after Brokeup Day [my high school boyfriend]. Our first date was the Georgia-Georgia Tech football game,” Adams recalled.

Hoffman and Adams went from seeing each other an hour a day in class to spending a total of about 14 hours together throughout the drive to and from Athens and during the game itself.

“It is an example of how first meetings can prove that like at first sight really does exist.

Melissa, a third-year Industrial Engineering major, met Sam early last semester, at a party held by mutual friends. “It was kind of instant dating. I don’t know how else to say it. We didn’t go on a date until we’d been seeing each other maybe around a month,” Melissa explained. Though Sam is a year younger than Melissa and studying mechanical engineering, they are both currently taking Physics 2112.

“Taking a class with your significant other can portend failure for the relationship faster than Ima’il Muhammed can put an opponent on a poster. Melissa agreed. “It’s good we’re not in the same lecture. I think that would be weird.”

A unique flip side of being together in a standardized Tech class like physics, though, is that even though Sam and Melissa aren’t in the same lecture class, they can still do homework together. “But we do fight when we do physics together,” Melissa added with a laugh. “We fight pretty badly, actually. We pretty much drop it as soon as physics is over, but I can’t imagine having the same classes with my boyfriend all the time.”

In contrast, Caroline, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major, has had a classmate with her boyfriend, since they are not in the same major, either. She and Jeff, a fifth-year Chemical Engineering major, met at a Ramblin’ Reck Club social.

“I don’t actually remember the first time we met, and I hear about that all the time,” she admitted. “In the one class they had together, the only competitiveness that was bred was good-natured. Caroline explained, “Taking the first test, we made a bet. I thought he was going to do better and she thought I was going to do better, so whoever did better on the test would lose the bet, and whoever we would get to choose [where to eat dinner] and the loser had to treat. And I beat him—so I had to treat him to dinner.”

While classes and organizations can offer students the chance to meet their match, concurrent organizational entrepreneurship poses another challenge to dating.

Caroline said that being involved on campus can put an added strain on a relationship, but it is one that can be easily overcome.

“We’re both busy kids on campus. We don’t go on dates too much,” she said. “So then you have to make sure you’re putting time into the relationship; you just can’t take the relationship part for granted.”

Social organizations like Reck Club, or even DramaTech, can usually facilitate the building of close friendships and relationships, whereas academically focused organizations or honor societies like Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) can muddle a relationship’s boundaries.

“With Caroline and Jeff both members of ODK, “It’s easy for the time you spend together to be all business,” Caroline said. “Or when you’re trying to spend just ‘Jeff and Caroline time,’ it’s easy to bring up questions or be thinking about business. So it’s not always fun.”

In addition, Adams added, “Tech does influence relationships in that maybe you’re a lot more willing to work harder at it; maybe you’re more selective.”

So perhaps the obstacles to dating at Tech—the Ratio, competition, organizational involvement—aren’t really obstacles at all, depending on how you look at it.
Tech present at federal hearing on math, science education

By Kristin Noell
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Although Tech professors are infamous for their ability to dry up the most interesting lecture material, Tech’s Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing (CEISMC) has been making a substantial impact on local schools since its founding in 1990.

However, on Jan. 23, its director, Dr. Paul Ohme, may have made a farther-reaching impact.

In a field hearing of the Science Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives on “Fueling the High Tech Workforce with Math and Science Education,” Ohme addressed a group about how elementary, secondary, and postsecondary mathematics and science education is critical to innovative scientific research and to our high tech economy.

Ohme initially found out about the hearing when Tech’s Washington office, which keeps the university up-to-date on national news, gave his name as a reference to the hearing. Congressman Phil Gingrey’s office then contacted him and asked if he would be willing to speak.

“I think the staff and the Congressman were impressed with the wide range of things that Georgia Tech is doing.”

Paul Ohme
Director, CEISMC

Ohme had four main points in his testimony. He first spoke about the role the federal government should have in creating and supporting the expectation that all children can and will learn math and science at a high level.

His second point was that to achieve this, students need a “highly qualified, engaging, motivated teacher that is committed to the success of every student, regardless of their background,” he said. Also, he also emphasized that institutions of higher education are a key component in the development of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education, which he believes will lead to a “competent technological workforce.”

Ohme’s final point was that students must “be engaged in learning at proficient and advanced levels with a more suitable curriculum in order to ‘achieve at proficient and advanced levels.’” Ohme spoke extensively on the importance of cultivating math, science, and technological skills in order to produce a thriving workforce. He said that communities could thrive if students “are supported in acquiring the depth of content knowledge and skills of mathematics, science, and technology sufficient for them to make personal choices and decisions that impact their communities.”

He advocated the necessity of federal funding to support pilot endeavors involving scientists, mathematicians and engineers, their graduate students and undergraduates with the K-12 teaching practitioners and their students,” which is beneficial to all involved, according to Ohme.

CEISMC has programs for students and teachers, as well as partnerships with school districts and state agencies.

Programs for children include Saturday programs and summer Learning Camps, “extending their curriculum beyond their regular
Most of the students that are in the Van Leer building every day—electrical engineering majors studying for their next circuits test, or architecture majors shortcutting through on their way to studio—have probably never noticed the base- ment entrance to the University Center of Excellence for Photovoltaics Research and Education, home to Tech’s nationally-recognized solar energy program.

The program, which began in 1985, has grown from just one professor to a full-fledged research and fabrication center, mostly through the work of Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Ajeet Rohatgi, who recently received the 2003 Paul Rappaport Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Award, a national award given by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

“When I came, there was no activity in solar cells,” Rohatgi said. “So I started a little bit here and there to see how it would take off.”

The program began with Rohatgi working with just a few graduate students to research what kind of materials could be used for solar cells.

Since there was not much interest in solar energy at the time, “I just hired a couple of students, and we started doing some work on silicon solar cells and started characterizing the material,” he said.

At first, Rohatgi purchased much of the equipment himself, but soon, he said, “We got some funding from the Department of Energy and Sandia National Laboratories to do that.” This funding allowed Rohatgi to improve upon the existing research being done by developing computerized modeling capabilities.

“It’s not so exciting just to characterize materials,” he said. “So I started developing capabilities [for] solar cell modeling, device modeling.”

Not long after, Rohatgi began adding capabilities to fabricate solar cells, though the task of setting up a fabrication line was not easy. It took Rohatgi and his colleagues almost three years to complete the facilities.

However, when the project was completed, “It became lots of fun,” Rohatgi said. “Things started getting interesting, and we started making some very good solar cells in the next year or two after that.”

In 1992, the DOE noticed Rohatgi’s work, and, impressed by the initial three-year funding was followed with two more five-year grants. “We’ve done well so far as far as research is concerned and the DOE is concerned,” Rohatgi said, adding, “Our funding level is something on the level of a couple million dollars a year.”

Currently, the program has been flourishing, developing solar energy initiatives around the Atlanta area both for academic and industrial purposes. One of the highlights of the Center’s accomplishments occurred during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, where they successfully installed a solar energy system on the rooftop of the aquatic center.

For this undertaking, Rohatgi was approached by DOE and Georgia Power. “(They) said we should showcase something that is green and related to renewable energy,” he said. “So that is how we ended up building the world’s largest rooftop grid-connected photovoltaic system on top of the aquatic center.”

The system is still fully functional today, and still produces enough energy to energize an entire subdivision of 70 homes.

In addition, there is also a solar thermal system which, though less often employed, can be used to heat the pool water when needed. “So it’s a double system, one is the active electricity generation [through photovoltaics], and the other is the passive heating of the pool water,” Rohatgi said.

Though the panels are still functioning well today, they only produce about 30 to 40 percent of the energy the aquatic center needs to run; therefore, there are no plans to use the energy for anything else besides the aquatic center.

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ATDC, VentureLab help transform research into startups

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Technology Square has the bookstore, the College of Management and assorted restaurants—but then there are all those sleek new office buildings that you never hear about. Most students don’t know that behind those walls lie the resources to help them start up their own businesses to sell the fruits of their research, or improve the economic circumstances of Georgia’s communities.

These are among the primary objectives of Georgia Tech’s Office of Economic Development and Technology Ventures (EDTV), one of the Institute’s lesser-known non-academic departments that melds technology and business to provide “job opportunities through our operations here on campus…or in the field offices around the state,” according to Wayne Hodges, Vice Provost of EDTV. EDTV carries out its overall economic development initiatives through three organizations: the Georgia Tech VentureLab, Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) and Economic Development Institute (EDI).

VentureLab
Graduate students and professors interested in turning their completed research into a commercially viable product can pay a visit to VentureLab, a relatively new arm of EDTV which began in 2001. VentureLab staff is dedicated to helping Tech researchers harness their entrepreneurial energies and develop their own startup companies to put their product on the market.

“We evaluate the technology to make sure it’s patentable,” said Steve Derezinski, Director of VentureLab, “[and that] the graduate students and the faculty are interested in creating a startup company in the market.” They then evaluate the various markets where the technology could be applied and choose the one whose specific needs best match the product.

To exemplify this process, Derezinski described OptiPhonics, a next-generation microphone recently developed by Assistant Mechanical Engineering Professor F. Levent Degertekin and Mechanical Engineering graduate Neal Hall. With a claimed 100 times increase in sensitivity than the best microphone presently on the market, Degertekin, Hall and VentureLab evaluated several potential markets for the technology— including military applications, sonar for oil drilling, and isolating malfunctions in industrial machinery—before settling on hearing aids.

Once the entrepreneurial seed is planted, VentureLab recruits corporate experts to assist the researchers with the business and marketing side of the developing company. “We partner professors with industry executives that have specific market knowledge, and that becomes the startup company,” Derezinski said. “We give them an opportunity to ‘date before they get married,’ as we like to say, and then we present that venture to corporate investors.”

To help accomplish this, VentureLab hosts Technology Days throughout the country where the technologies of VentureLab-assisted startups are showcased for corporate managers. Many of these events have been held for executives with an estimated worth of up to billions of dollars.

VentureLab works mainly with faculty and graduate students, because “usually, there’s a very limited connection between your thesis work and the job that you’re looking for,” Derezinski said.

Nevertheless, VentureLab does interface with many students at the DuPree College of Management and, to a lesser extent, with mechanical engineering majors, in whose classes Derezinski occasionally gives guest lectures on patentability. But Derezinski said that VentureLab could be of interest to many Tech students, both undergraduate and graduate, especially those “who are going to continue on going to graduate school and have an entrepreneurial drive.”

Advanced Technology Development Center
Headquartered at Georgia Tech, ATDC is “a nationally recognized technology incubator that helps Georgia entrepreneurs launch and build successful companies,” according to their website’s official description.

ATDC provides newly-graduated companies with office space, strategic business advice, and the people and resources they need to succeed. ATDC also runs a Seed Capital Fund to help its new startups meet financial obligations. The Fund promises a minimum three-to-one match with private investors and provides $1.7 million leveraged at a 19-to-1 ratio with 22 investors. The Fund has proven to be a successful program, as all but one of companies who have received Seed Fund dollars are still in business.

The organization itself dates back to the 1980s as part of Georgia’s ongoing economic development effort, specifically by encouraging growth in Georgia’s technology business base. Over 100 companies have emerged from ATDC since then, including the former MindSpring Enterprises, now part of EarthLink.

The creation of these businesses benefits both Georgia Tech students and the general community by providing job opportunities. In 2002 alone, for instance, ATDC companies provided more than 4,900 high-tech jobs, and startup companies receiving Seed Fund investment has spawned 150 jobs so far.

Today, ATDC is widely considered one of the nation’s premier university-associated economic development centers. As ATDC is affiliated with Georgia Tech, the startups themselves become Georgia Tech affiliates and presently include members such as Synthesis, CardioMEMS, Magnet Communications and Thrive Technologies.

Economic Development Institute
While VentureLab helps students and faculty form companies and ATDC helps them take off, EDI is dedicated to assisting those that already exist. Responsible for supporting the state’s economic development efforts, EDI helps enhance economic prosperity by helping struggling businesses survive and bringing businesses into many of Georgia’s rural communities.

For instance, EDI has helped many small and medium-sized busi-
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school classroom and inspiring them to return to school with a renewed ability to learn science and mathematics,” Ohme said.

CEISMC also provides professional development opportunities to teachers, such as the Georgia Industrial Fellowships for Teachers, where teachers come and work in a Georgia Tech laboratory, as well as in places of business and other campuses, including Emory.

These camps are beneficial because the teachers can see applications of the material that they teach and they are updated on current research. They are then able to transfer the information to their students.

Supported by mentors, the teachers are able to “translate their research experiences into classroom teaching,” Ohme said. “This is important for our students once they return to their classrooms,” Ohme said.

Last summer, over 80 teachers, about half high school and half middle school, were placed in internships where they were able to have a research experience.

These programs reflect the mission of the Institute to be on the forefront of technology.

“If you’ve been out of school for five years, you’re not on the cutting edge anymore; if you’ve been out 10 or 15 years, even more so,” Ohme said. “So I think it’s really essential that there be programs like this—in fact, that’s one of the things I emceed in the Congressional testimony.”

Tech students are also getting involved: through CEISMC’s Mentoring Program, between 100 and 125 Tech students are serving as mentors and tutors in various school districts in the metro area.

“There’s nothing quite like teaching, and many students are working in demographic areas unlike the one they were raised in,” Ohme pointed out. “There’s a lot of cultural experiences as well, and it’s just fun to work with young people.”

Ohme’s testimony at the Congressional hearing, though informative, is not the only one that the Science committee will hear.

The committee continually gathers information from various sources before Congress comes up with policies and programs and appropriates money.

“Whether this testimony makes any difference or not, you never know…[But] you can’t pass up the opportunity,” Ohme concluded. “[But] you can’t pass up the opportunity, whether [it] goes in somebody’s file and is never pulled out, or whether it strikes a chord with a particular staffer and turns out to play a key role.”

Still, Ohme said, “I think the staff and the Congressmen were impressed with the wide range of things that Georgia Tech is doing—Tech and its faculty and staff have a very large-scope outreach program to K-12,” he added.

To bear witness to the importance of improving math and science education, he added, “the nation and Georgia have experience an increasing reliance on the scientific and technical skills of those beyond these shores. We must rededicate ourselves to the support of the human capital resident in our youth, the leaders of tomorrow, the economic engine of our future.”

Atkins gets crash course in campaign managing

By Jennifer Lee

While Dennis Kucinich was on campus this past Tuesday, Tim Atkins, a fourth-year public policy senior, was busy making sure things were going smoothly.

As the Georgia coordinator for the Kucinich campaign, Atkins was also responsible for Kucinich’s introduction—and, as all things go, not all bumps could be avoided.

“I lost my speech!” said Atkins nervously.

While the audience was waiting for Kucinich’s arrival, “I was in the back freaking out,” he said. “I ended up winging it.”

The past week has been busy for Atkins, but with the Mar. 2 primaries nearing, there’s no sign of slowing down in sight.

“For the next two days we’ll have a little bit of a break,” he said. “And then get right back into the swing of things.”

Atkins’ involvement in the Kucinich campaign began when he attended a meetup event last August in Atlanta.

“Originally wanted to do the twins in charge of the colleges—so much for that,” Atkins laughed. “I sort of got shuffled into being the state coordinator because a, no one else really wanted to do it and b, I came to the meeting prepared.”

His willingness to accept the position ended up being a crash course in campaign management.

“At that point, I had never really undergone any time of political training, so I really had no idea what to do,” he said. Because of the grassroots nature of Kucinich’s campaign, there was often a lack of guidance, which didn’t help, either.

To remedy this, Atkins took a road trip to Cleveland over winter break, where Kucinich headquarters are located, and several weeks ago participated in campaign training hosted by the Georgia Democratic party, though he noted nervously, “That was my first ever political training, and that was like five months into the campaign.”

His position keeps him in frequent touch with the national campaign, whom he calls once or twice a day. “I have someone that I report to,” Atkins said, “just so I let them know what’s going on in Georgia.”

In addition to those calls, he said “I get about 100 emails a day and about 15 phone calls a day now.”

Amazingly, Atkins performs
### Solar

However, Rohatgi pointed out that "[the system] produces something like 400 megawatt-hours of electrical energy each year, which prevents the release of 400 tons of carbon dioxide into the air." As director of the Center, one of Rohatgi's roles also is industry communications. "They contract us to look at their materials and products and provide them with the guidance of how to improve their products, materials and devices," he said. The center has programs with many of the major companies involved in solar energy research, such as Shell and BP Solar.

Rohatgi also teaches a graduate level ECE course on solar cells, as well as some other courses on fabrication of semiconductor devices and integrated circuits. Many of the Ph.D. students that he is currently advising have become involved through his classes.

Lastly, the center also serves as a base for education. Students often come to UCEP to learn about the process of making a solar cell.

"I try to promote photovoltaics, because I feel that is one thing that is very important for [us] to advance," Rohatgi said. "People don’t fully understand how solar cells work…and the more we educate people at the younger level, the better it will be for photovoltaics to move faster."

Currently, the cost of solar energy is about two to four times higher than fossil fuel. Much of the center’s research focuses around improving this statistic. In addition to trying to produce low-cost, high efficiency cells, another way is to integrate photovoltaics into buildings.

"The idea here is not to put the panels on top of an existing roof, but to make the roof out of panels, so you replace the building materials by solar panels," he said, thus replacing the cost of materials and installation.

Rohatgi remains optimistic that solar energy will eventually be comparable to fossil fuels.

"Photovoltaics have been growing at a rate of 30 to 35 percent a year since 1996, and it is projected that it will continue to grow at least at 25 percent for the next two decades," he said. "[So] by 2020 it is expected that the cost will become competitive with fossil fuels."

"That’s what we are all working towards," Rohatgi said.

### Sliver Box

Howard dean sucks

I told my UGA cousin about the GPS Trollys. She said UGA had a thing called a "schedule".

If you see a GT basketball player out around campus, you had best give them a "good game" or a "you guys f ed um up" or even offer to have their babies.

I want some noodles...Doc Chley’s, or Tim Drum? Quiz tomorrow...Indigestion tonight.

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The Stinger...Twenty-five Minutes Too Late, or Five Minutes Too Early. (what if I don’t want to go to Tech Square ??!) We can’t ask for the Wolfman anymore...<<

Why doesn’t girlhookedup.com list the gt#’s of those people that are interested in you? It’s possible that the user doesn’t know them? After 4 years at Tech, I realize that anyone can inspire anyone else if the other people listen. People that listen seem to understand what may make Tech a better place.

I’m graduating in the summer. Oh well, sooo much for the 4-year plan, and I’m a bio major.

Volstrok, I wish you the best of luck. Even though you’re odd, you’re the cooler, kindest person I got to know. Good luck with all you do, even if I don’t speak with you again. it’s a fish! and it’s a beauty! it’s a beautyfish!

THE KING OF NO PANTS IS ANGERED BY NO SLIVER SECTION!

therefore the King of no pants shall make ALL THE SLIVERS! or enough so it shows up again.

A girlfriend situation so far: asked that Biology girl out and hung out with her...promptly told she didn’t want a serious relationship asked that other girl out...she said the same thing...\`

ex from augusta...sint talking to me anymore....

so the King of no pants is single...as usual ladies lol

cs isnt all that bad so far "knocks on head" "also knocks on head, biggest and hardest piece of wood I could find!"

MISSION TO MARS! Robot clears cans & foil, delivers probe into mars volcano, grabs mars bars, returns home, all in one minute.

Dammit people, 3...or 4, not sure anymore...lol, weeks so far and not one damned sliver section so far, dammit people.

SUPER BOWL PREDICTION: one crappy as halftime show...the usual.

I HAVE SHINY BLACK PAINT FOR MY HARLEY CAMS THATS RIGHT, I HAVE A HARLEY, 76 SPORTSTER.

No, I’m afraid you forgot that little detail. Crappy ex once removed looking more tempting and tempting...er hot like a wolf, I miss you ( things arent the same without you :( just saw T-3, Rise of the machines...wonder when the sequel is coming out...

steppen8, I choose you! Or I did...and you said no, Muuuhahahaha-hahaha!

just found out the difference between CD-R and CD-RW...and its quite a big one...\`

NOW I KNOW HOW A GOLDFISH FEELS!

You wouldn’t be so smart if you didn’t have that card Trebek! Hey Everybody! This guy reads from a card well Buck is technically something, so lets see what you waigered.

Everybody! This guy reads from a card! steppen8, I choose you! Or I did...and you said no, Muuuhahahaha-hahaha!

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Come to our weekly meeting Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Services building and eat free pizza.

Winner receives a free student combo at Li’l Dinos

Tech Up Close

Last week’s winner:
Ying Mu Lu

Last week’s Tech Up Close:
Sculpture on wall of Old Architecture building

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By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
his duties as coordinator while still being a full-time student. Though the School of Public Policy is allowing Atkins to receive 6 hours of internship credit for his involvement with the campaign, he is also taking five classes, one of which is his senior thesis.

He likens being coordinator to having a full-time job. “I can’t keep track of the hours,” he said. “I was calmly explaining to him why [this wasn’t possible], and he laughed.”

His role as coordinator also involves weekly meetings with the 10 or so key volunteer staff that help him with the campaign.

Much of the administrative work takes place from his own apartment, since they don’t have enough funding to maintain an office.

“We’re pretty much running out of my car and my apartment,” he said.

Atkins also has to work with the 200 or so volunteers statewide. “We have a very diverse group of people,” he said. “Neo-hippies, tophats, so people who are professionals who work for the EPA, people who work at Emory, people who work at Tech—[Kucinich] attracts a group of very eclectic people.”

As one of the youngest state coordinators, Atkins sometimes gets a lot of flak for his age. For example, a professor from West Georgia wanted Kucinich to come speak on campus. “I was calmly explaining to him why [this wasn’t possible], and he comes back with, ‘Well you’re just a college student, and I’m a professor, and you don’t know anything about political strategy and I do,’ Atkins recalled.

Another aspect of politics that Atkins wasn’t prepared for was the social aspect.

A self-described introvert, he said, "You have to be willing to mingle with people—and I hate mingling. But you have to be willing... to the political schmoozing."

On the other hand, there were times when Atkins also had to be not so nice. “The one thing [they] never warned me about was that you’re just going to have to be mean sometimes,” Atkins said, especially with fickle volunteers. “I finally had to stop being diplomatic and just lay it down. It was tough.”

But Atkins’ firm resolve may have also been the reason there was a rally at Tech this week in the first place.

One time, during a weekly conference call among state coordinators, Atkins said, “I had kind of been raising a stir because… the campaign wasn’t really paying attention to the south.”

This affiliation means it functions as a representative of Tech, and Duke pointed out the importance of EDI’s work as demonstrating Tech’s commitment to community improvement, thus enhancing Tech’s reputation statewide.

EDI also gives back to Tech by presenting its student body with employment opportunities.

“The work that we do is about trying to either help bring new businesses to Georgia or enhance the business environment that already exists in Georgia,” Duke said, “so we are… creating employment opportunities for those students who want to stay in Georgia.”

Duke also stressed the importance of EDI’s services to students who enter the business world following graduation.

“There’s a resource here… that they can call on for consulting purposes and for assisting purposes,” Duke said. “I think it will be very important for students to know that Georgia Tech… is engaged in this type of activity, so that… they can take advantage of them. That’s why it’s here.”

"We have some companies that would say that they’re in business today because of the work that we did."  
Rick Duke  
Director, EDI
Shakespeare dances in tights at Fox

For those feeling the love this week, treat someone to a production of Romeo and Juliet, ballet style. The Atlanta Ballet is running the ever-popular love story now through Feb. 21. Sixty dancers will perform the Bard’s work. Don’t bank on Valentine’s Day, but then again, most of us never do that anyway. Tickets are $20 and $66, and the performances are held at the Fox. Check the Atlanta Ballet website for specific times, and look for our review in next week’s issue.

Vagina Monologues on-campus Friday

If vaginas are on your mind, you are assuredly not alone. The widely acclaimed Vagina Monologues are making a return to the Tech campus. This year’s production is today, Friday the 15th, from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Frist Center. Tickets are only $7 for students, $15 for staff-types and $20 for the community. Tickets are hot and the readings are heated, so grab a friend and get some tickers.

Hip-hop and big top ring in Atlanta

Joining Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Big Apple Circus is in town at Stone Mountain Park. Shows begin Saturday the 14th, and run until the 24th, with times and dates varying. Tickets range from $8 to $36 for this one ring attraction. Also, Universoul Circus is set to arrive Feb. 18 and stay through Feb. 24. The Soul Circus operates on a hip-hop theme, taking the circus to a new level. Tickets run from $15.50 to $24.50. The show is at Turner Field.

Do not expect to see Kathy Cox here

Biological changes over time or not, the new Chimpanzee exhibit at Fernbank is certain to spark some imaginative thoughts. The exhibit has a good deal of hands-on activity stations and showcases the work of Jane Goodall. Visitors are encouraged to think closely about the Homo sapiens’ closest relative and to experience the life of a chimp. Accompanying the exhibit is an IMAX film exploring Goodall’s 40-plus years in Africa studying chimpanzees. Times for the exhibit vary.

Music

The Student Center Program Council is showing Master of Cere- mander, the Far Side of the World this Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Next week, the Student Center will show Slim Bill/VD. Quentin Tarantin- o’s latest film, Feb. 19-21 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tickets for both shows are only $2 with a BuzzCard. Both events will be held in the Student Center Theater.

Only 50 Dates to find love, laughs

By Jessica Luza

Adam Sandler pleases the crowds again with his latest movie, Fifty First Dates. Full of his trademark humor, this lightweight flick leans more towards the label of a “roman- tic comedy” than the typical slapstick comedy his fans are used to.

“Sandler is Henry Roth, a veterinarian who lives in Hawaii and works at an aquarium but refuses to date “locals” due to his fear of commitment. He would prefer to take an out-of-towner around the island, wine and dine her and then wave goodbye as the airport instead of being in an actual meaningful relationship.”

His perspective changes the day he meets Lucy Whitmore, played by Drew Barrymore. The problem is Whitmore never remembers Sandler the next day.

By Evan Zadok

Translation from film to DVD runs superb

For those of you not in the know, Lost in Translation is a movie about two lost souls, Bill Murray (in the perfected essence of his career) and Scarlett Johansson—both stuck in Japan and both not wanting to be there. They can’t sleep, they don’t speak the language and they really don’t need those kinds of hankers at a time in their lives when each faces rather epic identity crises.

However, finding one another in turn helps them to find themselves in each other’s kinship. Though, for this record, it’s not a movie about people shackling up in the Far East. It’s a lot bigger than that.

The DVD is good times. Although nothing special, it is definitely solid. The menus are, for the most part, reasonably cool. The one exception being the opening, oddly haunting view of the Tokyo skyline that, honestly, I could just sit and watch for longer than I’d care to admit to an audience.

That one is, however, the high point. The rest pretty much get the job done and not much else.

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U sed for Comparison releases new album

By Brendan Ward

Local Tech band Used for Comparison has just produced and released Goodbye Blue Monday, its second full-length CD. A clever mixture of emo-pop and synthesizer rock, Used for Comparison is a hard band to pin to a certain style. Musical influences of the Beatles, The Flaming Lips and Radiohead are apparent, but there are also glimpses of The Pixies and Pinkerton-era Weezer.

Front man Charles Boehmig, who is now a senior a Tech, and bassist Ian McMahon formed the band back in 1995 when they were high school freshmen. Boehmig remembered their first venue were Starbuck’s and Caribou Coffee. He would play guitar and Ian would play his accordion. Not being the typical Starbucks band, results were mixed.

“They didn’t like the song we were playing, the employees would turn up the espresso machine to drown us out,” Boehmig said. Used for Comparison has graduated from the coffee house days to bigger and better venues. They have played a variety of places around Atlanta from the Cotton Club to the 40 Watt Club and Hard Rock Cafe to our Union Center, where they played to an excited full house.

The scenery is not the only thing that has changed for Used for Comparison. Numerous lineup changes have occurred for one reason or another during the eight years the band has been around. For the first time, Used for Comparison has stepped away from the drum machine with Martin Adam at percussion. Goodbye Blue Monday also features former band member Charlie Miller on the horn.

The band has matured as musicians as well. Their first EP, 7 Reasons To Hate Us, was a prod-
Q.E.D. Original Comic Strip

Well, we have a lot of beer and I don't like to drink with strangers...

SO HI... I'M BERT.

AND I AM...

GIOVANNI!

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Tech's Art and Literary Magazine
Liverhearts thrives in Atlanta rock scene

By Justin O’Neal Miller
Contributing Writer

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As a columnist, I always worry that I am getting too far away from my journalistic roots. For years, the Two Bits Man has thrown journalistic integrity to the wind in an effort to make you laugh, but with Valentine’s Day on the horizon, it’s time that I reflect on where I am in my life—a single columnist. So, with this issue, I’m going to return to my roots—get back to writing with the same hard-nosed journalism for which I am always famous. Even if I can’t change that single part (insert shameless subliminal plug—single ladies reading this, ask my editor how to reach me) in this issue, I can at least return to my former self, a Two Bits Man with some journalistic credibility.

In past Valentine’s issues, I’ve asserted that no one could really like Valentine’s Day, but obvious-ly, this must be wrong. I mean, if people unilaterally hated Valentine’s Day, then cultural shifts would have tossed it in the same dumpster as Flag Day, just in case that opportunity for engagement should be on the horizon.

As Valentine’s rears its ugly head, our resident sage may have to party alone on his LAN...101011111010101010101010101010101010101010101010101...

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McNamara documentary clouds life with thicker, intriguing Fog

By Justin O’Neal Miller

Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara purposefully leaves the viewer with pondering questions of McNamara’s life.

Any tale of history is a subjective narrative. A database of statistics still holds no value for erudition decay, memory distortions and loyalties dilute. Remorse censors. Nostalgia inserts. But no communicative medium can persuade the senses as convincingly as the cinema.

Consequently, the documentary film has a long history rooted in propaganda and compromised authenticity. The ability to re-enact, compose, focus, edit and narrate each “document” of a story has encouraged many artistically provocative, but consistently inaccurate, documentary filmmakers (Dziga Vertov, Leni Riefenstahl and more recently, Michael Moore). All stories concern history, but the documentary pretense demands a consistent approach to the past: to guilt and innocence.

The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara is about contradiction and death. For a story bound by time and the past, the narrative structure is startlingly non-linear, yet the chronology remains remarkably easy to navigate. The inconsistency between image and testimony not only amplifies the dissonance of McNamara’s disparate proposals but suggests an immense and dangerous distance between this country’s past and memory.

McNamara, serving as Secretary of Defense under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, was a key figure in the development of our situation with Vietnam. He is also largely responsible for the firebombing of Japan in WWII, the saving of Ford Motor Company and the introduction of seatbelts. He is a man surrounded by death and fear of situations approaching the intensity of Kubrick’s Dr. Strangelove.

The lineaments of death have been consistent material for director Errol Morris. A Brief History of Time seeks an understanding of existence and ultimate endings (the collapse of the universe) in a cyclical relationship between conception (origin) and limitation (end). The Thin Blue Line assaults a judicial system undoubtedly responsible for the death of innocent men. Morris interviews via live video stream teleprompter located near the lens of the camera. This device/tactic was penned “The Interrotron” to fuse the ideas of terror and interview. The interview, therefore, speaks directly into the camera.

The metaphysics of the human gaze begin to dissolve the omniscient narrator (director) and compose one of the only working first-person narratives the cinema has ever produced. We are both subtly convinced and constantly reminded of a narrative composition that implies understanding of its existence and transparency.

Juxtaposition of Morris’ hollow digital voice and McNamara’s colorful prose is as disorienting as any revelation they collaboratively offer about our nation’s history. Despite verbal fluidity, McNamara exposes a constant internal contradiction that informs the film’s formal eleven-part structure of idea and application.

Morris’ composition of the formal landscape is as powerful as McNamara’s control over language. We are ultimately as familiar with McNamara’s consuming lower jaw and clawing hands as we are with his involvement in the prevention of doomsday during the Cold War. The consistent contradiction of verbal, lyrical reflection and images of a guilt-wearied 85-year-old man approaches pensive discomfort. The redundancy and melancholy of Philip Glass’ soundtrack seems burdened with the guilt of our nation’s past. The beautiful abstraction of a two-note taps beside cascading bombs and calculation of death demand reverence for the unmarked graves of any enemy.

Many films have searched for an understanding of the modern human psyche’s dependence upon technology, war and death: the Koyannisqatsi trilogy (Godfrey Reggio); and Bowling for Columbine (Michael Moore). Reggio’s divorce from language suggests so much while saying so little. And Moore says too much. The overwhelming contradiction within The Fog of War, however, instills a poignancy too complicated for resolution.

Morris and McNamara offer no simple reply. In fact, the final lesson convinces us of the consistency of human nature and the possibility of no answer at all.

McNamara and his parents relax on the beach. A polarizing figure, McNamara is presented in a unique documentary light in Fog of War.

Play as gun toting Jigen...or the sword wielding samurai, Goemon
Ooh! Baby baby, you’re driving me crazy
You are a dirty bitch! cause...you’re all filthy from lounging around in mud...and you’re a dog, there I said it
SUPER BOWL PREDICTION #2 mass quantities of nachos will be eaten
SUPER BOWL PREDICTION #3 Carolina upsets the world...and becomes one whole state
Wow Tech lost to Duke eh? It figures, tech had its stereotypical run. They were all good in the beginning and started sucking almightily like always the mascot should be renamed the Ga tech. *Sucks* instead of yellow jackets
Lauren you rock, I wish you wanted to date me
Why do you join clubs? two words that will be capitalized so you can make them out...FREE FOOD
VARSITY ORANGE FREEZY THINGS ROCK HARD!
I hope that is enough divers to be got it in the paper...you bastards and bastardesses better be happy, that was prime video game/goofing off time I wanted
ADAM SANDLER IS THE SMARTEST MAN ALIVE!
Lauren has lots of drunk stories...
Pick two "picks two" * gets poked in the eyes*
STATISTICS CLASS, I WILL OWN YOU!
beware the one scorn, for he shall rise up and rule you all
Why am I so sad? :(
I think it would be great to work at either the Krystal or McD’s at Jax Beach
Just the sheer entertainment value of the drunks who come through the drive-through.
That would be worth it alone.

Theme Crossword: Oil Field

By Robert Zimmerman

ACROSS
1. Vegetarian staple
5. Main Street event
11. Jute
14. "Touch of Evil" actor/director
15. Opinion page, briefly
19. Irish island chain
20. Medieval warrior
22. Queens stadium
23. Sickroom delivery
24. "Woodland Sketches" composer
26. Yang Liwei's achievement
28. Yank Low's achievement
30. Worth a headline
31. St. Francis of -
32. Beau
33. Kevin's "French Kiss" co-star
34. Process gasoline
36. Mug
37. Kitty's comments
39. Poet Dickinson
40. Good-for-nothing
41. Pastoral mom
43. Impose, as a tax
45. Hymn of praise
46. WSW opposite
49. Surfeit
50. Flight formation
51. Balanced, in a way
55. Pigment
56. Memorable time
57. Command to Fido
58. Yang Liwei's achievement
59. Merciful
60. Comes close
61. Deli delivery
62. Friendship
63. Friendship
64. Glass additive
65. Hull House founder
66. State since 1803
67. Snuffles
68. Snuffles
69. Mariner of the Dolphins
70. Shower time
71. Water nymph
72. Salamanders
73. "Touch of Evil" actor/director
74. - case scenario
75. As a result
76. Tax adviser
77. Cools down
78. Miss Farrow
79. Mountain nymph
80. Asian dress
81. Gal of song
82. Gold Rush stage line
83. Wandered
84. The other side
85. Vaudre entrance
86. Copy-cat's motto
87. Quantity arriving
88. Speed on the street
89. Body
90. Newspaper name
92. Put up
93. Opposite of 59 Across
94. Chop down
95. ' - esta usted?'
96. Hired hands
97. Otherwise
98. Wild plum
99. Courtroom declaration
100. Yank Low's achievement
101. "Little - Echo"
102. Neat
103. Before, to be brief
104. Motorist's aid
105. German river
106. Add color

DOWN
1. Playground diversion
2. Wash. neighbor
3. Dieter's woe
4. Foolishly
5. Ashen
6. Cars have them
7. Straight: prefix
8. You love, as Caesar says
10. Philathropist
11. Torino tyke
12. Once more
13. Dunkers, e.g.
14. Danson or Williams
15. NY port
16. "Gosh!"
17. Morays
18. TV's Tyne
19. Piece by "Elia"
20. Shaq
21. Surprise attack
22. Dickens heroine
23. "Flower in the wrongplace?"
24. Bronte's Jane
25. Noble Brits
26. Brewery deliveries
27. "O Sole -"
28. Erie-Ontario connector
29. Keel over
30. Dickens heroine
31. In good health
32. Pool occupant?
33. 1,609 meters
34. Dug deep
35. Middle big shot: var.
36. Scorch
37. Heal
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48. " - esta usted?"
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95. " - brillig...
96. Hired hands
97. Otherwise
98. Wild plum
99. Courtroom declaration
100. Yank Low's achievement
101. "Little - Echo"
102. Neat
103. Before, to be brief
104. Motorist's aid
105. German river
106. Add color

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day and she wakes up thinking each new day is her father’s birthday once again. Her daily routine does not differ from one day to the next, and her father and brother even had hundreds of copies of the Oct. 13th paper pinning it to their fridge: “Don’t fret; this would not be an Adam Sandler movie unless some slapstick humor ensued…”

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The extras, though solid, feel a little light. There are a few deleted scenes—none of that crap where you get a whole five new lines to a scene you’ve already watched. In addition, there is a music video, which is basically a montage of shots from the movie, a really cool making-of documentary and an equally worthwhile companion online. However, the most intriguing is a commentary track. The only thought that lingered in my mind was my wishful thinking of planning a spring break trip to Hawaii instead of Florida.

Fifty First Dates is a cute and lighthearted comedy and would be the perfect movie to take a Valentine’s Day date to. Overall, it appeals to both sexes, and die-hard Sandler fans will surely love it.

Octane fuels students with premium beans

Located in West Midtown off Marietta Street, Octane offers students an industrial-chic coffee house. Local artists’ works line the walls of the loft-style establishment. A gourmet selection of coffees, teas and pastries is available.

Champ, fast and friendly: No, not last week’s hookup. This is Octane, a recent addition to the West Midtown scene. Octane is an urban coffeehouse, interested in providing cheap eats and great atmosphere. While the selection choices may not be plentiful, they are cheap and good, perfect for the hip college student on a budget. For those opposed to Starbucks or desirous of a change, Octane awaits.

This coffee bar is synonymous with atmosphere. From the spacious interior and the mood music to the comfortable furniture and accent lighting, this locale will certainly please those who care.

By C. Jason Mabry
Senior Staff Writer

Octane showcases artwork from different artists each month and currently has an interesting display of loft-appropriate paintings, woodwork and metal work. Even better than free parking, Octane offers wi-fi Internet access from 3rd wave. Cheap coffee and snacks, ambiance, and free internet help to ensure that Octane will be a crowd-pleaser. Go for the environment, enjoy the drinks and company and recoup from the shaft at Octane.

For further information, head to www.octanecoffee.com.
Dirty South with five All-American field in the country comes from the squad. The centerpieces of this unit is All-American Jeremy Slayden, who displayed an astonishing freshman campaign two years ago with unheralded power setting the single-season Tech homerun record with 18 dingers in the summer of 2002.

Complementing the offensively well-to-do infield, the outfield features juniors Jeremy Sladyen and Brandon Boggs, as well as sophomore Steven Blackwood. Blackwood just a great baseball player. He comes to play every day, and he plays very hard.”

The starting rotation, though full of questions, features a host of role players. Owings, the 2003 ACC Rookie of the Year and leader in the clubhouse in homeruns with 15 as well as wins as a pitcher with nine, displays talent with endurance as he pitched 88 innings last season, second highest on the squad. Burks gives the rotation some much-needed clutch, so much so that Hall dubbed him the team’s "trouble-shooter." The Kerry Wood of the staffs in Jason Neighborgall, whose "stuff" is the best in the country, claims Hall. Pitching in the thrilling triple- header that resulted in a Tech victory at the ACC Championship, Neighborgall went 3-0 with a very respectable 3.70 ERA in 41.1 innings pitched in his freshman campaign. Hall only sees him getting better, saying, "We are waiting for him to really blossom and become a dominant pitcher."

Perhaps the most talented infield in the country comes from the Dirty South with five All-American selections courtesy of Baseball America, the most of any school in the country. The only change along the base paths from last season is at the hot corner. "This may be the most challenging schedule that we have had since I have been at Georgia Tech."

Danny Hall, Head coach

By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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the nation’s top prep squads. He was a USA Today honorable men-
tion All-America.

He didn’t inherit super powers from his parents, unless you count
having good role models as something out of this world. He said the
biggest thing he learned from them is “can’t is another word for lazy.”

“There is nothing that you can’t do. If you put your mind to it, you
can get it done. If I want an A in a class, I just gotta put the work in,
pull the time in, it’ll happen. I don’t want to say I can’t get an A, or I
can’t score,” Lewis said.

When asked what is something that not a lot of people know about
him, Lewis said, “The biggest thing [about me] and my teammates would
say [the same thing is that] I’m real silly. I’m the silliest guy on the team,
I’m a talk about you, every little detail I see…if you got the wrong
socks on, anything like that I’m gonna say something.”

His best friend and four year
roommate and teammate Roberts
Brooks agreed, stating the first words
that came to mind when he thinks
of Marvin is “silly.”

Well, his accomplishments are
no laughing matter. Lewis is an all-
around role model for students, and
athletes. He exemplifies the best qual-
ities of a student-athlete.

Hopefully these “three points” have
allowed you to better know the dis-
ciplined, hard-working leader.

A few of Marvin’s favorite things:

Type of Music: Rhythm and Blues
Artists: Musiq Soulchild, Erykah Badu
Colors: Black/blue
NBA Player: Tim Duncan
Movie: Higher Learning
Place to Hang: Underground Atlanta
Actor: Denzel Washington
Person he’d like to meet dead or alive: Marcus Garvey
Discover the top three points of the “Three Point Specialist”

By Fenton Gardner
Contributing Writer

On the basketball court, Marvin Lewis is Tech’s resident “three-point specialist,” scoring 14 points against North Carolina Tuesday. He scored a career high 35 points against Florida State a year ago. Off the court, Lewis exceeds in more ways than meets the eye on your television screen.

First and foremost, Lewis is a disciplined, hard worker.

Waking up before 8 a.m. everyday as a college student is a hard thing to do. Nevertheless, this is the daily routine throughout the week for Lewis, followed by a trip to the Athletic Association (AA) for mandatory breakfast. The rest of his morning is filled with classes, with a short intermission for weightlifting and lunch in between. Afterwards, he has an hour of free time before going to the gym to shoot around.

Although practice begins at 5:30, Lewis goes 45 minutes early to get an individual workout in before team training begins. Following practice, he goes back to AA for dinner, and then its study time, followed by watching tapes of the previous night’s game, relaxing until he falls asleep. This is his routine everyday that’s not aggregate. Most weeknights it would seem the team doesn’t have a day off.

One thing is for certain, Lewis’ discipline and hard work has definitely paid off on the court. He’s scored over 1,000 points so far in his career and is currently averaging three-point shots made as well as taken.

Marvin has had many accolades throughout his career, which can easily be found on www.ramblinwreck.com While he has certainly accomplished a lot as an athlete, there’s more to him than is possible to find out at the click of the mouse.

Secondly, Marvin Lewis is a leader. Perhaps Head coach Paul Hewitt best described Lewis’ leadership: “He’s a guy that’s used to leading by example, whether it’s his schoolwork or his work ethic on the court.” Hewitt said.

“I don’t think I’ve ever had a problem [with Marvin] in any way, shape, or form. I’ve been a head coach now for seven years, I can think of all my players, at least one time where I said ‘check your attitude’ or ‘make sure you’re following all the rules.’ Not with this guy…ever,” Hewitt said.

Marvin has definitely grown into the role of leadership, being named a team captain for the past two years. Both Hewitt and Lewis are in agreement that “being vocal” is the biggest change that Lewis has undergone since his freshman year, and it was the biggest area in which Hewitt needed Lewis to develop.

“He is so knowledgeable about this game that his talking can make it easier for his teammates and eventually easier for him,” Hewitt said.

Right away Lewis made his impact on the ACC. He was named ACC Rookie of the Week four times. Although becoming a leader on the court was a role that Lewis had to grow into, it seems like it has always been second nature for him academically. He currently holds over a 3.6 GPA, and has been on the Dean’s List every semester except one summer term.

He has twice been named to the ACC All-Academic Team, has been on the ACC Academic Honor Roll for the past three years, and he will be graduating with honors this semester with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management.

Besides helping teammates on the field, Lewis has served as a Calculus tutor for Tech’s academic services department. He also is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was honored in 2001 and 2003 with the Tower Award, given annually in recognition of academic achievement to minority students at Tech.

He has a job lined up with a local accounting firm, who has given him the flexibility to not start until December so that he can see where basketball will take him.

Finally, one thing that should be known about Lewis is that he is a normal human being. Sure, Marvin plays division basketball in the best conference in the nation and he has a GPA that most of us dream about, but he still puts his pants on one at a time.

After reading the first two sections of this article, it would seem probable but he’s not a student athlete by day, and consumed crime fighter by night. He hails from Germantown, MD, where he has a loving father and mother(Nathan and Lache Lewis), as well as a sister, Leah, 13. He attended Rockville, Maryland’s Montrose Christian School, consistently ranked amongst the top schools in the USA.

Senior Marvin Lewis has excelled on the basketball court and in the classroom during his four years at Tech. The Dean’s List student has received recognition from the ACC for his academics and athletic skills.

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time voice of the Yellow Jackets.

“We went in there with a quasi-business plan and told them, ‘Listen, this market needs a show like what we would like to bring to the station. In a market like this one with 70 percent African-Americans, it would be perfect. Why don’t you have a show like this? Give us a shot, we’ll do it for free,’” Doug said.

Edgar agreed to give the idea a try, and he put the brothers on the air. Initially he took them up on their offer to work for free, though it did not last long. “Halfway through the first show, the owner of the station called and said ‘those guys are on payroll from now on,” Doug said. “Even though it was only 10 bucks a day.”

Creating chemistry and chaos

Since the show’s humble beginnings, “Two Live Stews” has exploded. The show has earned continually better time slots, now broadcasting during the midday hours of 12 p.m.-3 p.m., and has propelled The Zone from 15th in its market to fourth.

The Stewarts have found success by doing things “Stew style,” which consists of developing a personal environment on the air, involving listeners as much as possible and pushing the limits. In addition to the perspective the two bring from having played sports at a higher level, the fact that Doug and Ryan grew up together in the small community of Moncks Corner, South Carolina allows the two to swap stories and jaw jacking in a way most sports talk radio hosts cannot. “I think we get real personal. We tell a lot of stories, and people like when you tell stories,” said Doug. “We been doing that for our whole lives.”

“The way we are on the air is the exact way we are in everyday life...We been trash talking for a long time...We come from a long line of trash talkers.”

The values the two learned in that community also seem to have installed a desire in them to create a family of listeners. “We were blessed to have our mother and father together while we were growing up, and the majority of our family members lived around us, so we were raised by a community,” said Ryan.

The Stews have hosted creative events like their wildly successful Madden 2004 tournament, in which over 100 listeners wanted to participate and play the EA Sports video game with the brothers. The First Annual Two Live Stews Step Show will take place March 12 at Earthlink Live.

Already on Sirius Satellite Radio, the two hope syndication is in their future. “I'd love to give the listeners in other cities the same thing that we have brought to Atlanta,” said Ryan.

No matter what the future holds for Ryan and big brother Doug, the younger Stewart will always appreciate the time he spent on The Flats.

by Coach Bobby Ross during the 1990 season in which the Jackets won a share of the national championship, Ryan only played for Ross for one season before the coach left for the NFL. He then played under both Bill Lewis and George O'Leary—three different coaches in the four-year span from 1991-1995, an experience that he believes hurt his development.

“I was really sad when O’Leary left [for Notre Dame]...because the first thing I thought about was those kids that came to Tech for O'Leary that would now have to learn from someone new and learn all new schemes.”

Ryan still found success on the field, and he was drafted in the third round of the 1996 NFL draft. During his first two off-seasons, he returned to Tech to take classes towards the completion of his degree. He finished his BS in Management in 1998, and he calls it his proudest moment as a Yellow Jacket.

“I love Tech. I still go to football games, basketball games and I pop into a baseball game every now and then,” said Ryan. “It’s my alma mater, and I support it in everything I can.”
Duke takes out FSU loss on Tech women

By John Scaduto
Contributing Writer

The Lady Jackets finished their two game North Carolina road trip 0-2 after losing to the No. 2 Duke Blue Devils, 81-41. Earlier in the week Tech also failed to gain victory against NC State. The losses put them in last place in the ACC at 2-8, with an overall record of 11-11. The Jackets have lost their last three and are 1-8 in the last nine games.

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When does recruiting go too far? What will be the next step in the evolving process? The NCAA had its hands full with another issue involving a young football player. Maurice Clarett was recently ruled eligible for the next NFL draft due to the NCAA’s violation of the amateurism rule. The NCAA wants to appeal the ruling, but it is possible that it won’t make it before the draft does. Since when does a college football player who gets special academic consideration, who accepts improper benefits from a family friend and then lies about it to investigators, and who is found to have close ties with a big sports gambler deserve to be able to get the chance to play in the NFL? Last year when Clarett was ruled ineligible to play for the Buckeyes, he was quoted as saying he was going to focus on going to school and trying to get the chance to play at Ohio State again. It wasn’t highly publicized later when Clarett was found to be failing PE in the middle of the fall semester. Let us all hope that this ruling doesn’t ruin college football.

It’s a special thing when a fan gets to see a senior player like Eli Manning suit up for Ole Miss for four straight years and lead his team to victory, or when Roy Williams catches an amazing pass for Texas every game day for four years. College football will be hurt if players try to leave after one or two years—it will devalue the coaches’ efforts to build successful teams, and it will lessen the connection that the students have with their universities players. Sure, there are players like Larry Fitzgerald who have the talent to make it in the professional ranks, but let’s hope that there are more players in the NCAA like Eli Manning who love college football and being a part of it and less players like Maurice Clarett who only care for themselves and not for the true spirit of the game.
No. 16 Cagers stomp on Roy William’s Tar Heels in thriller

By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

B.J. Elder goes in for one of his 30 points against No.17 North Carolina’s defenses. Tech defeated UNC 88-77 at the Thrillerdome. The Jackets will travel to Charlottesville, Virginia Saturday to face the Cavaliers.

"When you're feeling like that, you just want to get a good look at the basket and let it go."

B.J. Elder

Guard

"It was just both of us out there competing," Elder said. "We both have a lot of respect for one another, and we have played against each other before, so we know how to step up our games."

McCants came into the game as the leading scorer in the ACC. "Defensively, I thought we needed to tighten up on McCants," Hewitt said.

"He's such a good shooter, if you give him a little room, he can put up big numbers."

This concluded with an unbelievable stretch that saw, in sequence, a McCants two-pointer, a three-pointer by Elder, two- and three-pointers by McCants, another Elder three-pointer, a McCants three-pointer, a Jarrett Jack lay-up, a McCants three-pointer, another Elder three-pointer, a Jackie Manuel tip-in and another Elder trey.

"He was hot, he was hot," McCants said of Elder. "At some points, I had a hand in his face, I was almost touching his eyes, and he still came out shooting."

Elder said of the streak, "When you're feeling like that, you just want to get a good look at the basket and let it go."

Will Bynum scored 17 points, while Marvin Lewis had 14 for the Jackets.

A three-pointer by Elder put the Jackets up 60-57 and from there, they never relented.

UNC Coach Roy Williams got caught with a technical after arguing a no-call, and Will Bynum hit both free throws, giving Tech a nice cushion for the rest of the match.

"It's my first technical back in the ACC, and I wish I was going to be able to say more if I was going to get a technical," Williams said.

Isma'il Muhammad dropped the exclamation point with a left-handed put-back dunk that rattled the backboard and the rest of Alexander Memorial as well. The crowd's cheers were at a deafening level.

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Even Coach Paul Hewitt was not immune to the high-wire act.

"I told you what, in seven years as a head coach, I've never been caught so off guard; he came out of nowhere. You don't want to hear what I said. I really hope people enjoyed that game," Hewitt said.

Tech will look to keep the streak alive in Charlottesville on Saturday as they take on Virginia.
Louisiana-Lafayette

By Andy Holt
Contributing Writer

The Tech softball team took a 4-1 victory from ninth-ranked Louisiana-Lafayette at the Mardi Gras Classic Feb. 8 behind the three-hit complete game efforts of pitcher Jessica Sallinger. The Jackets went into the tournament unranked.

ULL’s Holly Tankersley scored first at the top of the second inning with a home run as the Ragin’ Cajuns led the Jackets 1-0. Playing in the Classic, Sallinger’s strikeouts became her key. After the mound was complemented offensively by Katie Donovan. She went 3-for-3 on the day with a stolen base and a run scored. She began the Jack- ets offensive barrage in the bottom of the second inning, leading off with a single in what was to become a four-run inning.

Neither team scored after that, despite Tech hitting the bases in the bottom of the third and both ULL pitcher Brooke Mitchell and Sallinger were dominant for the duration of the game. Sallinger rang up nine strikeouts on the nine runs on the nine hits that the Jack-ets had in only four in- nings.

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Tech had four runs on six hits and five errors, while ULL had one run on three hits and two errors. Before upsetting the Ragin’ Cajuns, the Jackets went 2-1 previously in the tournament.

Tech opened the season with a win against Gardner-Webb in the opening game of the Classic. Tech narrowly defeated GWU 5-2.

Third baseman Lauren Schlechte gave Tech a 2-0 advantage in the top of the second inning. Amy Hosier had a two-out double in the seventh inning to give the Jackets the win.

Tech’s pitcher Erin Voeltz and GWU’s Stacie Reichert did not allow any runs between the third and sixth innings. Against Louisiana-Monroe, Sallinger had her fourth career no- hitter to lead the team to its second win of the season.

Helping Sallinger out on the offensive side was an offensive run on the nine runs that the Jackets had in only four in- nings. The team’s only loss at the tournament came against Kentucky. The Jackets lost 5-3 to Kentucky at the ULM Lady Indian Softball Complex.

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Crew team hosts annual “Erg” sprints

By Edward Tamsberg
Staff Writer

The weather last Saturday was frigid, but the Tech crew team managed to comfortably host their regatta with over 190 people, including eight colleges. How, you ask? Indoors, of course. Throughout the year the crew team trains ra- dially on rowing machines known simply to the competitors as “ergs.”

Schooling attending included University of Georgia, Clemson, Georgia State, Emory, Berry, NorthWestern, Davidson and Auburn. There were also four high schools in attendance and many individual, non-affiliated, athletes. The day comprised of 15 events ranging from Juniors, Lightweights, Masters to Open divisions. There was also a team relay at the end of the day, where each of the four team members pulled 500 meters.

“Ergs,” or ergometers are used widely in crew, but in the winter they become the method of choice for indoors competition when the weather becomes unbearable. The erg simulates a rowing stroke in a crew racing shell and can be connected together and synchronized to race one another in any length.

“The ergs allow for a different style of crew competition, but one still based on rowing,” said Anne-Marie Richards, a senior at Tech and a member of the crew team. While competitors row, they can see on a screen in front of them what place they are in, how close they are to the competitor in front of them and how close the person behind them is.

“Indoor is different, but outdoor is better, in my opinion,” said spectator Brett Malley, a UGA sopho- more.

Also, members of the crew team race in individuals representing their teams, and teams win based on individual bests; whereas in a tradi- tional race, teams compete against each other in separate boats, and share the lime-light.

The Atlanta Erg Sprints is an indoor rowing competition hosted every year by the crew team. This year the competition was held on the first and second courses of the newly renovated CRC. Teams packed the bleachers lining one side of the courts and spelled out onto floors with sleeping bags and blan- kets on the ground just to get ready for the event.

However, Tech was the host team for a reason and showed its stand- out potential among a group of peers by coming in first in team relay and lightweight men, second in light- weight women and novice women, and third in lightweight men, light- weight women and novice women.

“We are dominating!” exclaimed varsity team member Austin Nichols, during the event.

This year’s regatta was also an official qualifying regatta for the world indoor rowing championships, also known as C.R.A.S.H.-B’s, which is held Feb. 22 in Boston.

For more information on GT Crew, check out www.gtcrew.com.

The crew team hosted the 2004 Atlanta Erg Sprints last Saturday at the Campus Recreation Center. The competition simulated a crew race indoors through electronic rowing machines, hooked to computers.
Number of games against ranked opponents the No. 4 Baseball team will face this season. The ranked opponents include Clemson, North Carolina and Southern California.

National ranking of Tech's golf team in the latest Golfweek magazine rankings. The team opened its spring schedule Wednesday at the Taylor Made-Waikoloa Intercollegiate in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

Number of victories Tech earned against Middle Tennessee State Wednesday at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Tech earned five singles and two doubles victories in win.

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View Atlanta Thrashers home game, where admission is always $10 for a seat in the $36 section with a student ID. Visit www.atlantathrashers.com for more info on college nights.

Doug Stewart, left, and Ryan Stewart, center, host one of Atlanta's most popular sports talk radio shows. Before joining the radio business, the brothers played college football, with Ryan playing for Tech.