McEver Poetry Reading April 1

The School of Literature, Communication and Culture will host the McEver Poetry Reading featuring former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins at 7 p.m. in the LeCraw Auditorium on the first floor of the College of Management building in Technology Square. The event is free. Collins will sign copies of his books after the reading.

Housing lottery results available

The results of the fall 2004 housing selection priority lottery are available online at www.housing.gatech.edu. Summer 2004 housing sign-up ends Wednesday, March 31. To see summer 2004 housing sign-up ends Wednesday, March 31.

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Real-time file backup

BuzzPort implements system upgrades

Tech’s BuzzPort portal system recently underwent a major update. The interface that has been available to BuzzPort users with a group associated with it.

One of the most requested new features that has been implemented is the ability to share files with other BuzzPort users. This feature revolves largely around BuzzPort’s group management system.

“You can upload a file and then that file can be downloaded by any of the group members,” said Greg Hause, technical director of BuzzPort.

Groups in BuzzPort are not just limited to those related to a specific class, though each course has a group associated with it.

“The more than five courses during a semester and additional enhancements to BuzzPort’s channel supports. Browser compatibility has also been broadened.

Many of the features that have recently been implemented were expected to be functional when the system launched.

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Robert McMath, VP for Academic Affairs.

Want more than a campaign slogan? SGA candidates present their platforms.

Contenders for undergraduate student body president and executive vice president of the 2004-2005 budget would righten funding for a number of student organizations. The full extent of the cuts became apparent when the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) released the draft budget earlier this week.

In response to increased funding requests from the Campus Recreation Center and organizations moving into the Student Center Commons, JFC tightened its funding guidelines for Tier 1 organizations.

Some things that will no longer be fund in budget allocations for student organizations include: travel, publicity, office supplies and food supplies. Also, funding for conference attendance, decorations and some other annual requests has been limited.

JFC chair Lisa Brown said, “We tried to only cut things that were not necessary to the organizations, such as publicity, chalk, office supplies. We felt that things such as dues for sports teams to compete, social events and conferences were more imperative to the function of the organizations.”

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Provost tells reps that budget situation is toughest in years

By Stephen Marek/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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ed to fund food ingredients and eat-
ing utensils in addition to some Marriott staff to help at the event, in which 13 organizations are ex-
pected to participate.

The organization representative said the participating club mem-
bers would be doing their own cook-
ing, and they expected 400 students to attend. There was no expected charge for ad-
mission.

The event has taken place dur-
ing the spring se-
meister for the past 20 years at Tech; this year, however, Cul-
ture Tech also hosted the event in the fall for the first time.

Some representa-
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sansion of an event like this to taking place twice a year rather than one in a time of budget problems. One representative said this sort of thing could present a problem if SGA were forced to not fund an-
other club’s annual event and had to tell those students it was due to funding Culture Tech’s event twice.

The bill passed, but the alloca-
tion was reduced to roughly $700. However, it was not done yet. A mo-
tion to reconsider the bill was passed, bringing it back onto the table a short while later.

“As the bill stands right now, they would not be able to have this event, and we’ve paid for food in the past,” said the representative who made the motion to reconsider the bill.

He had voted for its initial pas-
sage, but said he had been in error. Funding for food supplies was reinstated in the bill almost imme-
derately.

“Isn’t it enough that the organiza-
tions cook the food?” Iannucci said.

“I mean, are we going to ask for them to pay for it, too?”

Mark Iannucci Undergraduate representative

New system offers degree tracking

By Edward Tamsberg and Erfan Karim

A new online tool will soon al-
low students to check the progress of their degree online. According to Registrar Jo McIver, the new tool, called the Curriculum Advising and Program Planning (CAPP) system, will be used as an advisement tool that both students and advisors can review before they meet.

“The main purpose of CAPP is to facilitate advisement. Hopefully we will all be on the same sheet of music.”

Joe McIver Registrar

Different majors have different require-
ments, and CAPP will be es-
pecially beneficial not only to some-
one deciding to make a drastic change of majors like Chemistry to Man-
agement but also to students who are undecided, she said.

Schools are also continuously in-
volved in course and degree restruc-
turing, so CAPP presents a possible

benefit to them, as well. By using CAPP effectively, a department would be able to make changes to degree and course requirements, and inform all of their students by sim-
ply changing the “CAPP compli-
ance” in the system.

“The system will be supported by Engineering Information Systems (EIS), a division of the Office of Information Technology (OIT), like all of Tech’s other student-oriented websites. “I think it would be beneficial, but hopefully I would not have to use this system every week,” said Stephen Bates, a first-year Unde-

cided Engineering major.

Currently, testing is being done on the system by various academic units around the Institute and will conclude sometime later this month. A Beta version of CAPP will be re-

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Committee tables grade substitution proposal

By Haining Yu
Staff Writer

Committee members at the March 15 meeting of the Student Rules and Regulations Committee (SRC) decided to table the grade substitution proposal. Members are demanding that more statistical information be gathered before any decision is made, in order for committee members to make a better informed decision.

If the proposal does not pass through the SRC in time for the April 20 meeting of the Academic Senate, then it is highly unlikely it will be implemented by fall 2004.

According to Paul Benkeser, chair of the SRC, “The reason we tabled [the proposal] was that we got into a discussion about whether or not the policy was going to have the impact that it was designed to have, that is, to improve the retention of students who had done poorly in their first or second semesters at Tech.”

The committee felt that it lacked adequate amount of “hard evidence” in the form of statistics in order to determine the actual effect the policy will have on the Institute.

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items against the new funding policies.

The Music Department, a Tier 2 organization, received $20,400 of its requested $56,419.

"The Music Department is an academic department and should not be funded under the student activity fee," Brown said, expressing her opinion. She added, "We cut instruments that could come from Capital Outlay and all things related to classes that needed to be registered for."

Capital Outlay funds are granted through bills presented to SGA during the school year.

Other organizations encountered fewer problems. For example, Student Publications and the Student Center Programs Council, both Tier 2 organizations, saw fewer relative cuts, because most of their requests did not include newly restricted items. Tier 2 organizations also receive higher funding priority than Tier 3 organizations.

"The big areas that got cut down to zero were publicity, office supplies, and student assistants," said David Ziskind, a member of the Student Center Governing Board and preparer of Student Center Program Council’s SGA budget. "Obviously, it’s a disappointment to us that we couldn’t get everything we requested."

"We also know there are a lot of other student organizations out there, and given the current state of [the] budget, we were fortunate to get the allocation we did."

Typically, travel and publicity requests in Tier 1 budgets are for yearly needs; however, Tier 2 budgets are for yearly or seasonal needs which it will incur, such as a club sport’s travel to conferences or annual tournaments in which it always competes. Those needs that appear during the year, such as those resulting from a team or club advancing to national competition, are usually funded through bills.

Richard Lau, treasurer for GT Water Polo, said, "Without the travel allocation, it does affect what we can compete at. Some competitions and tournaments for student organizations and club sports, he said, help the team find extramural games to play before conference competition, giving them a competitive edge."

He said some teams will feel this impact more than others. "Who it really affects is the club sports who are capable of competing at the national level," he said, referring to those who are invited annually to national tournaments.

As for his water polo team, he said the organization is $11 per year dues helped offset travel funds not granted through the budget. Also, most of the team’s competitions are within the southeastern U.S.

In fact, last year’s treasurer for the team forgot to submit a budget, but he said, "Having to pay for travel out of our own pocket, honestly, isn’t that big of a deal," when the team is only traveling to local tournaments.

Lau said cuts to publicity and office supply requests were also not a problem for the water polo team, but he knew of other organizations that had difficulty in the past with publicity funding.

For organizations that typically rely on travel and publicity funding in budgets, problems could arise. Still, Brown said, "Anything cut from budgets can be brought before SGA in the form of bills. Otherwise, the organizations can possibly look to other sources such as fundraising."

"Organizations should not underestimate fundraising abilities," Brown said. "Many of the student organizations do not come to SGA with budgets, but have already started coming to us for money because they have been so successful at fundraising."

Phuong plans to work to help those who need funding find alternative sources. She said, "I just kept running into the same questions from student organizations, and a lot of them don’t know what other resources are available on campus.

"I’m still developing a fundraising/resource book, and I’ve been working with other leaders on campus," she said. The book, she said, will cover not only how to go about getting funding from SGA, but also about how to seek funding from other campus organizations such as RHA and the Alumni Association, Lau mentioned some other ideas to help more efficiently trim budget allocations and requests. He noted that, from looking at past years budget requests from other treasurers, many requests were superseded.

"Every club requests a lot of money because they know they’re not going to get it all," he said. "But I feel that if you don’t think you’re going to get it from SGA, you’re wasting your time. I think we submitted a budget based on what his team normally gets from SGA, with no inflated requests, though some of the requests were still not funded due to budget constraints."

Lau suggested that requiring organizations to itemize their budgets before allocations and requests. He said that, for example, someone could not pay for an entry fee he knew to be $250, and not even be closely questioned about it.

This year’s budget was released a few months later than usual, leaving SGA little time to debate and pass a finalized version.

Brown said the reason for the delay was her late appointment. Usually, she said, the JFC chair is appointed in the spring. "They have time to work over the summer on preparing budget packets, assembling their committee, due dates and notifying the organizations," she said. Brown, however, was not appointed until fall 2003. "It was behind quite a bit from the beginning," she said. "And with the budget constraints faced this year, I was blessed with the committee that I had, and we were glad to get it out as soon as we did."

The Undergraduate House will hold a budget information session Sunday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building.

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Breaking the Bubble

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.

Testimonies continue before 9/11 panel

Richard Clarke, former Bush counterterrorism chief, testified Wednesday, along with the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, George Tenet, before the 9/11 commission. Clarke said Bush was a man obsessed with Iraq. He also claimed that repeated warnings of terrorism were ignored by the administration prior to 9/11. Secretary of State Colin Powell disputed this, saying that preventing terrorism was always a top commitment. The 10-member bipartisan panel, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, has the responsibility of investigating events and possible intelligence failures leading up to the attacks.

Israel assassinates Hamas spiritual leader

Israel fired rockets into the car of Sheik Ahmed Yassin, killing him and seven others. Yassin was the spiritual leader of the terrorist organization Hamas. Israel had tried on at least one previous occasion to assassinate the blind quadriplegic. Members of Hamas said they would “shake Israel like an earthquake,” possibly personally targeting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Scientists say weaker jaws make us smart

A group of scientists said Wednesday that a genetic mutation took place 2.4 million years ago that resulted in the ancestors of humans developing weaker jaws. This mutation made room for bigger brains.

Supreme Court hears “Under God” case

The Supreme Court this week heard the controversial case over whether or not the phrase "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional. The case has been appealed to the court from the original hearing in Sacramento County, California, where atheist Michael Newdow sued the school district his daughter attended. He claimed it is unconstitutional for students to be forced to hear the phrase during the pledge’s recitation. Supreme Court justices, however, indicated that the pledge seems “far from a compulsory prayer” and thus is unlikely to be unconstitutional.
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next year, classes at Tech, a class that is different from the other candidates because of its strength. Bernstein said, "The classes I’m talking about are classes that you’re able to evaluate, and say [if] the professor either walks in and walks out, or if the TA doesn’t even know there’s a test that week.

He also proposed ongoing class evaluations throughout the semester, improved faculty-student interaction and a monthly compliant-to-the-president day. Candidates also fielded a number of questions from the moderator, Student Center Programs Council Ideas and Issues chair Betsy Sugg. One question asked about increases in the student activity fees. Each candidate placed blame on increased requests from the Campus Recreation Center. Case said she would meet all the demand. However, the CAPP system cannot handle both quarter and semester credits, and presently, only 70 percent of the students have all of their credits in semesters. Tech converted to semesters in 1999 after being granted a year dispensation from the requirements of the Georgia University System. "I think this system will bring good times to the campus as we are looking towards graduation," said Chris Vaughns, a first-year Biology Major. If we decide to take this more slowly," Benkeser said, "then institute the policy and find out that it doesn’t affect retention. Then all the students who were opposed to it would have even more reason to be opposed to it.

As for implementation of the policy by next year, "If we decide to move forward with this recommendation," Benkeser said, "it could be addressed for the April 20 Faculty Senate meeting." But if the proposal doesn’t make it out of committee by then, it’s "more than likely" that the proposal will not be implemented by next year. The original grade substitution policy was drafted and passed unanimously by the Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, a standing committee of the Academic Senate that initially considered the issue in September. Motivated by the hope that this change aids Tech graduates as they face potential employers who are sometimes reluctant to interview students because their GPAs are lower relative to those at peer institutions.

Originally the proposal would have allowed students to retake up to three 1000-level courses in which they received a grade of D or F. The policy was modified to apply to all courses taken in a student’s first or second semester. The class would have to be retaken during the student’s first four semesters.

In a written statement, Norville wrote that the organization should have sought funding from the Graduate Conference Fund, rather than from Student Activity Fees. He also wrote that if every student who attended a conference were to request money, SGA would never be able to meet all the demand.

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Our Views

Consensus Opinion

Where’s my money?

The Student Government Association’s (SGA) continuous heartache this year over the budget for Tier I, II and III organizations is finally winding down, with the budget coming up for discussion in the House and Senate this Tuesday. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and Chair Lisa Brown are not solely to blame for the nearly three-month late arrival of the budget; the undergraduate and graduate presidents, Nate Watson and Pellham Norville, must share the responsibility as well.

The proverbial buck stops at the desks of the two presidents; they have the ultimate responsibility to see to it that the necessary operations SGA is charged with completing are undertaken in a timely and effective manner. As the face of the undergraduate branch, the segment of SGA with the most constituents affected by the budget, the undergraduate leadership is specially charged with ensuring the smooth completion of the budgetary process. While its power to make the budget process effective is limited, it should facilitate more communication among JFC, student organizations and SGA as a whole.

Initiative should have been taken by the executive branch or by JFC to open lines of communication and provide a forum for feedback from student organizations; instead, it has fallen upon the undergraduate executive vice president to do so this year.

Furthermore, the Technique should not be the sole source of information about SGA events, including the budget. SGA’s Public Relations committee should be the main arbiter of House- and Senate-related news, and leave this paper to highlight, analyze and challenge SGA affairs.

SGA’s leadership, both in JFC and in the House, must be recognized for the unique hardships they have faced this year, including a lack of qualified people interested in filling JFC’s chair position, a huge increase in the number of budget requests, and a large chunk of the budget having to be earmarked for the new Campus Recreation Center. It might not seem evident, but more money is being allocated to Tier III organizations this year than ever before.

Acknowledging all of these factors, and that all Tier III organizations are suffering similarly because of budget cuts, the upcoming weeks should be used productively—not for complaints—but to learn all the information as to why and how decisions on the budget were made, to come up with solutions and ideas for the future, and to allow SGA and JFC to show that they care about their constituency by encouraging open communication.

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All Div. I sports need support, not just b-ball"}

When the men’s basketball team arrived back to campus Sunday after its amazing win over Boston College, throngs of fans greeted the players and head coach Paul Hewitt. The team has received an overwhelming response to its numerous successes on the court this year, as well as support, considering that tonight Tech will play in its first Sweet 16 game since 1996. And no one is more appreciative of the fans’ support than Hewitt, who has often credited the student fans for much of his team’s success.

But where have the throngs of fans and support been for the rest of Tech’s Division I teams? While fans have packed and filled Alexander Memorial Coliseum to see the men play, hardly anyone went to the women’s basketball team’s games. I admit, I wasn’t able to go to many of them myself this season because of my Thursday night physics labs, but not everyone in this school has the same excuse.

At the biggest game of the year, M’Chele Joseph’s team played Alana Beard and the then-No. 1 Duke Blue Devils before a crowd of over 8,000 people. Unfortunately, the team only averaged 1,397 people per game over the course of the entire season, when the coliseum has a capacity of over 9,000. Tech ranked No. 75 for attendance, according to a study of Division I women’s basketball attendance figures conducted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s sports information office. Joseph, in her first year on the job, and the team made valiant attempts to get fans hyped up about their games with offers of giveaways and numerous personal appearances by the team.

At the Ball at Midnight, each player took the time to talk to people in the audience after the game, to sign autographs and to pose for pictures with fans. Many of the women’s games were decided by less than 10 points at home, including a two-point loss to Wake Forest in overtime Jan. 19. How much of a difference could a packed house have made in these losses? Tennessee’s women’s team is in the Sweet 16, and coincidently has the highest attendance figures in the league over going 14,000 fans per game. Tennessee may be a legend in women’s basketball, but legends have to start somewhere. If we want to see our women’s team or any of our other sports teams exceed, we have to put our support to them and attend games. Some may argue that if a team has a winning record, the fans will come, but that’s not fair to the team or long-time supporters.

Why should hard-working student athletes prove anything to fair-weather fans when they already have to pay to coaches, the media, teachers in the classroom and teammates? Not to mention the fact that poor attendance sends a bad message to incoming recruits, further hurting a team’s chances at success. Last weekend I saw in person how loyal the Badger Nation is to Wisconsin men’s team. The Bradley Center was practically empty the day before the Sweet 16 game, to sign autographs and to see may be a legend in Wisconsin men’s basketball. I was envious because I wish the Yellow Jackets’ fan base could replicate that type of support and throw it towards our teams as an all of their home games. I know some of you may argue that the only reason there were so many Badgers present was because their game was in Milwaukee, but Wisconsin fans have proven to be loyal in more than just one sport. The Badgers rank second in the nation for average volleyball attendance, sold out all their tickets for next year’s football season already, and are 50th in women’s basketball attendance. How amazing would it be to go to a swim meet and have thousands of fans screaming and cheering? Or have to wait a year for a seat at a baseball game? All Tech athletic events are free to students, so you might as well take advantage of the opportunity while you can. Once you graduate, you’ll have to pay for tickets, and you won’t be able to get a seat as close as you can get in the Swarm, even with major distinctions.

There are several basketball games left in the season, along with tennis matches, football games and even the track and field team’s Yellow Jacket Invitational, not to mention spring practices for the football team. If we throw our basketball-style support to all sports, there’s no limit to how high Tech athletics can rise.

“How amazing would it be to go to a swim meet and have thousands of fans screaming and cheering?”

Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Debates lack oomph

Wednesday’s scene at the Campanile lobby looked more like a calm tea party than a lively SGA debate. The debates, a chance for students, the president and vice presidentinal candidates to share their views, were more like a friendly question and answer session. In the future a true Lincoln-Douglas sort of debate should be hosted, giving the electorate the chance to witness their candidates in action.

Gatsby’s new dive

“Chocolate Sap’ Ya Mama” got the most frequent when new management took over the Jake’s on Howlll Mill Road. The new West Egg Cafe, person on Fitzgerald’s classic novel, features food and coffee but no longer carries Jake’s ice cream. This travesty of taste can only be remedied by visiting one of the two Jake’s left.
Recent events show counter-terrorism complications

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his week for the first time, Ivan Allen College Founder’s Day, a celebration of the College and its mission, took place in conjunction with the Sam Nunn Bank of America Policy Forum, an event that seeks to bring together public and private actors to discuss pertinent issues with an eye towards solutions. From 1997-2002, the Policy Forum took place annually with Georgia Tech, the University of Georgia and Emory University co-sponsoring the event and rotating the host responsibilities. Now, the forum belongs completely to the Institute, which will host it every two years.

As part of the Founder’s Day, former U.S. Senator and School of International Affairs namesake Sam Nunn accepted the Ivan Allen College Prize for Progress and Service. Nunn served in the U.S. Senate for 24 years, during which time he chaired the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee. He later founded the Nuclear Threat Initiative, which tackles proliferation problems. While Nunn’s address on America’s security challenges, the panel forums throughout the Founder’s Day event, and those related to bioshork, that took place the following day at the Nunn Forum all raised interesting issues related to national security, I found that Nunn’s response to an audience question most interesting, especially in light of recent world events. Nunn explicitly criticized the idea of preemptive military action as a way to counter terrorism around the world. Nunn’s comments, and others that emerged in the Founder’s Day panels and Forum discussions combine with recent events at home and abroad to highlight the controversy related not just to terrorism itself but also how to prevent it. The terrorist bombing that occurred March 11 in Madrid, Spain and killed over 200 people provides a chilling reminder that today’s world remains as unsafe as ever and the threat of fundamentalist terrorism remains real—especially as the signs in that investigation increasingly point to Al-Qaeda. The way in which the Spanish people responded to the attack, however, demonstrates a view that differs from that held by the majority of Americans. In voting out the Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar’s Popular Party and electing a socialist majority, Spaniards overwhelmingly rejecting the idea of preventive military action. Prior to 3/11, many analysts predicted an Aznar victory, despite his previous decision to support U.S. action in Iraq against the objections of 90 percent of his constituents. After the attacks the election became a referendum on Aznar’s decision—did the “preventive action” against Iraq actually contribute to making Spain a target for foreign terrorists? If voters indeed asked themselves that question, it appears they answered in the affirmative. Recent activities of the U.S. Congress follow this tragedy, where Secretaries of State and Defense from the current administration and the previous explain their pre-9/11 anti-terrorism activities. Was Al-Qaeda viewed as a serious threat? Why wasn’t U.S. action against the group effective? Was military action an option prior to 9/11?

Retrospectively reflecting on the incidents of 9/11 and 3/11 allows any number of speculations about what governments could or should have done to prevent their passing, but we as a society must also look with an eye to the future, with an eye to solutions. In other words, our discussions must mirror those of the Nunn Forum at our own Institute. Does preventive military action reduce the threat of terrorism? Perhaps, but I argue that preventive military attack in the name of anti-terrorism can only be a part of a solution—and only a final option. Looking at 9/11, the threat came from an individual and an organization with extensive resources, of which military action could only destroy part. Other actions are needed to cripple the financial and human resources employed by groups like Al-Qaeda, and these actions require partnerships—not only across national boundaries, but also across sector boundaries of public, private and civil society actors.

Preventive military action may prevent terrorism, but, because of its polarizing nature, it may also prevent other more collaborative efforts just as necessary in the prevention of terrorism. In the rejection of preventative action by the Spaniards, its questioning by Nunn and the acknowledgment by senior Bush and Clinton officials that preventing terrorism includes unimaginable depths of complication, the opportunity for opening cross-sector societal dialogues exists. These discussions, of which the Tech community now serves as a leader, show how difficult it remains to be simply “with us or against us.”

Recent events show counter-terrorism complications

JODY SHAW

COLUMNIST

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and skill determines the final outcome in poker, but is it the same in life?

I noted the main difference is the number of hands you’re dealt. In poker, you have infinite opportunities to get that perfect hand. In life, you are stuck with the hand you’re dealt. The outcome is up to each individual to decide, but when everything becomes an uphill battle it is more likely you will entirely give up or, as my friends did, settle down with a family and accept a mediocre job to pay the bills.

That outcome is not necessarily a bad thing, but I think most other college kids are guilty of the same thing I am, which is having hopes and dreams of something more, whether it be simply more money, success, or a more adventurous, important and challenging career. As long as the funding is there, we college kids keep on betting and playing the game in hopes of walking away with the entire pot. Is this fair to those who didn’t even have the chance to play?

In the actual game of Texas Hold’em I played, my sister’s boyfriend walked away as the big winner of the night. Using the analogy of poker as life I asked him whether he thought it was fair. I guess all I can do as an individual player is perhaps toss a few chips in the direction of the “unlucky.” The only other option would be to change the rules of the game entirely. But just ask the late Wild Bill Hickok—men have been shot in the back for a lot less.
Band helps Cagers keep “pep” in their step

They may be the game’s most overlooked fans, but the pep band has always provided the basketball soundtrack.

By Kimberly Rieck

Sports Editor

While Boston College had to enlist Marquette University’s band after it couldn’t find enough willing members to make the trip to the NCAA tournament this weekend, Tech’s pep band had no problems at all.

“It’s crazy trying to pick 30 band members to go out of our 120-piece basketball band,” said Chris Moore, the pep band’s director, who came to Tech in 1995. “Most of it is based on if they can get out of class for a couple of days, and then on seniority.”

March Madness has been crazy for everyone involved; the band was no exception. They only had a few short days to decide who would go to Milwaukee and make travel arrangements accordingly.

The band left Atlanta on Wednesday night, which also meant that members had to miss a few days of school. “My teachers were very accommodating,” said David Harman, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major. Harman is also going to the tournament in St. Louis this coming weekend, despite the fact that he has tests during the days he’ll be gone.

“When I look back, if I happen to do poorly on one of those tests, that’s not what I’m going to remember about these three weeks in March,” he said. “It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity. I expect our team to be back in the NCAA tournament next year.”

The pep band accompanied the basketball team to Milwaukee this weekend. In addition to the prime seats, one of the perks of being a pep band member was sitting in the same charter plane as the players and cheerleaders.

This year she won the equally prestigious Churchill scholarship, which will allow her to attend Oxford University this fall. The band accompanied Gupta to her alma mater in September, where she performed with the band and its director.

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Twice as nice: Gupta wins Churchill after last year’s Goldwater

By Grace Nam

Contribution Writer

Monique Gupta, an Industrial and Systems Engineering senior, made news when she won the prestigious Goldwater scholarship last year.

Not content to rest on her laurels, however, she recently received the Churchill scholarship, an award given to only 11 students in the country every year.

Her scholarships are well deserved; not only has Gupta achieved excellence academically, but she has also been an integral part of many campus organizations such as freshmen council, residence hall association and Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She was also part of the Panhellenic council and is currently the vice president of the selection committee for the leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa.

Therefore, one would imagine that Gupta would be the kind of super-talented leader that is always busy, always working.

However, when she received the phone call informing her that she had been selected as a scholarship recipient, she was doing what many ordinary people do on a typical Thursday night: eating Chinese food and watching Friends.

“Now, looking back, I don’t know how I did all that,” Gupta said of her resume. “But one of the most important things that helped get me through was organizing. I wrote down and plan out my day exactly.

“All my credentials have come from things that...Tech has offered, like research and leadership experiences.”

Monique Gupta

I’m all about sticky notes,” she said.

Gupta also attributed her success to friends and family. “Anytime I needed them for whatever little thing, they were always willing to help me.”

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Faces at Georgia Tech

By June Zhang / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Buzz—and the 29 members of the pep band and its director.

In addition, the musicians are always learning new music. This year the band has added Beyoncé’s “Crazy in Love” and Outkast’s “Hey Ya”.

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Students get down, get funky at first-ever Dance Marathon

By Kristen Kerns
Contributing Writer

Last Friday, when most Tech students were winding down from another stressful week of classes, the first Georgia Tech Dance Marathon was held in the CRC. This event, which was sponsored by Lambda Sigma and executed with the help of Phi Mu, raised over $17,000 to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network, an organization that helps sick children.

The dance marathon was the brainchild of Mike Casner, a Bio-medical Engineering major and the Vice President of Lambda Sigma. “I actually heard about dance marathons when I visited Northwestern back in high school,” Casner said. “Because [Lambda Sigma] is a service-organization, I thought it would be cool to try it here.”

The event ran from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., and all participants were required to stay the entire time. Most students entered by joining a team, but individuals could sign up as well. Each team member had to raise at least $25, but the teams were not required to have a member on the floor at all times.

Despite the fact that Tech students aren’t really known for their ability to shake it on a dance floor, over 300 students signed up to participate. Caroline Mahoney, a Management major and a member of Lambda Sigma’s executive committee, said that the high turnout may have been due to the “emphasis that the event wasn’t only dancing.” Instead, the committee tried to cater to everyone’s interests with activities such as poker, three-on-three basketball and dodgeball.

Some students did come for the dancing, though. Nathan Garcia, a first-year Computer Science major, said, “I heard about the event a couple times and since I liked DDR [Dance Dance Revolution] and just regular dancing, I signed up immediately.”

In addition, there was also the opportunity to “have a great time with all of the music, the contests and the performances by various student groups,” Casner said. These student groups included Nothin’ but Treble, the women’s a cappella group, the Georgia Tech Dance Team and the Georgia Tech Breakdancing Club.

Though Casner came up with the idea, other students signed on to help. “About fifteen students took charge of most of the event,” he said. “A lot went into it such as contacting sponsors, getting donations, meeting with school officials, etc. Then we found out that Phi Mu was interested in helping out, which was great because of how large of an organization they are.”

Nevertheless, Mahoney felt that one of the biggest challenges the committee faced was in “building the event” from the ground up. The committee had to find space, design a T-shirt, logo and website...then they had to find prizes and sponsors. “However, the night of the event went smoothly, which Mahoney attributed to the amount of careful planning done by the executive committee. They managed to “plan every detail of the event,” she said, from performances to tournament times to food delivery.

Hopefully, the work the committee put into this year’s event will help to lay a foundation for next year. Both Casner and Mahoney emphasized that the event is not intended to be a one-time thing. “We are already planning next year’s,” Casner said.

Katie McKinnon, a first-year Chemical Engineering major who attended the event, agreed that it should become an annual event. “[GTDM] is a great idea for a fundraiser because it is fun and gets people involved,” she said.

Sponsors this year included the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, Georgia Tech Auxiliary Services, and GTSmart. GT Dining Services donated food items, and the Residence Hall Association also lent supplies such as poker chips. Corporate donations included Einstein Bagel Bros., Krispy Kreme, Kroger, All-Star Pizza and Coca-Cola.

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Gupta from page 17 came up for the... interview was really what brought me up here,” she said. “They were the people that were missing in my high school. I just knew when I came, this was the place for me.”

As a result, she happily attributes most of her accomplishments to Tech.

“Tech is really good in giving me the resources and credentials to apply to these scholarships,” she said. “I’ve learned so much about leadership, education, resources, networking—and being yourself at Tech.”

In addition, she added, “I don’t know if I would have even known about these scholarships. There are mentors that have motivated and shown me these scholarships. They have shown me that maybe I didn’t have some credentials...[and] all my credentials have come from things that Georgia Tech has offered, like research and leadership experiences.”

Like many students, Gupta came to Tech not knowing whether she wanted to be an engineer. Though she is happy with her major in Industrial Engineering, one reason Gupta may have stood out from a pool of worthy applicants was because she pursued research in a field outside of her major, working with genetics.

“I’ve had a lot of really good research background through Georgia Tech,” she said. “I got to work with Dr. Joseph Ledoux in the biomedical department; I did gene therapy and gene transfer research for about a year through the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program. Although Gupta is planning on going to medical school, a free year in England was an opportunity that she could not pass. At Cambridge, she will pursue a Master of Philosophy in genetics.

“My interests point to treating patients and finding the best health care suited for them,” she said. “My interest in biomedical engineering came about because the medical field is one of the most inefficient in America—or in the world, even. And Industrial and Systems Engineering is all about improving systems. It’s a great major to apply to any field.”

Believe it or not, Gupta does have some free time. During these moments, she likes to watch TV, read, travel and dance. She has had years of Indian dance training and has taught an options class on shag dancing in the fall semester. Having five-minute dance breaks are Gupta’s “favorite part of the day,” she said. “Just any kind of dancing is stress relieving.”

Having done so many things in her college career, however, her proudest accomplishment is seeing others succeed. “I’ve team-led for Psych1000, [and] been mentors for other organizations,” she said. “Knowing that I’ve made some impact on somebody, not just in the lab or in school books.”

“I would say that my proudest accomplishment would be seeing them succeed,” she added, “and see them as presidents of different organizations, or figuring out what they want to do with their life.”
Seismic landmine detection system promises to shake things up

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

The large number of buried landmines around the world is a small, yet persistent, problem that continues to plague the U.S. military—and the rest of the world. Besides rendering useless large tracts of land, landmines are also responsible for thousands of injuries and deaths each year.

“It’s a deceptively hard problem,” said Waymond Scott, Jr., a professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. “You would think that if you took something this big and buried it an inch below the ground that you could find it, but it’s really hard.”

Scott is intimately acquainted with the problem of landmine detection. He and a multidisciplinary group of researchers from several departments, including the School of Mechanical Engineering and the Georgia Tech Research Institute’s Electro-Optics, Environment and Materials Laboratory, have been developing and testing a method of detecting landmines that involves the use of seismic waves.

Because seismic waves are mechanical waves, they disturb the soil slightly (less than ten-thousandths of an inch) as they propagate through the ground. Since most mines are buried at a relatively shallow depth, a subset of seismic wave that propagates close to the surface of the ground—Rayleigh waves—are of particular interest.

“The best analogy is... when you take a pebble and drop it in the water, it’ll make water waves propagating through the ground,” Scott said.

“If you put something underneath the surface of the water, if that something is fairly close to the surface, you’ll be able to see it,” he continued. “Sailors know this and a lot of times, you can tell what’s under the water just by watching the waves.”

In addition, because landmines have a flexible casing that allows them to be detonated by pressure, the seismic waves produce a kind of resonance when they reflect off the mine. This is not the case for many of the other types of debris commonly found in a minefield, such as rocks, sticks and scrap metal. In this way, “we can eliminate large amounts of clutter,” Scott said.

There are two parts to the sensing process. First, the team uses a mechanical vibrator to launch the wave. This source of seismic waves can be put at the side of a minefield, and the waves produced will propagate across the minefield.

The second component is a radar that detects the vibrations produced by the waves. “We’ve made a radar that can measure these small displacements, which is... hard to do because you’re trying to measure the... displacements in soil, which is very very rough,” Scott said.

Scott became involved in landmine detection as a graduate student. His specialization was in electromagnetics, and much of his research centered around measuring the electromagnetic properties of materials, including soil. This led him to work in ground-penetrating radars, another type of landmine detection system.

Despite the fact that the study of seismic waves was somewhat outside the realm of electromagnetics and more along the lines of what a civil engineer or geoscientist would study, Scott realized its potential in landmine detection.

“If you look at a plastic mine, electromagnetically it’s not much different than the soil,” he said. “But mechanically, it’s way different. So it just seemed like a seismic technique would have advantages.”

The U.S. government was eager to fund his proposal, and Scott has been working on the project with a growing group of researchers since 1997. Currently, they are working to understand the physics of the technique. “We do a lot of numerical modeling...[and] some signal processing.”

Testing is also crucial. Much of the research has been supplemented by trips to actual federal testing sites around the country, including a June 2003 visit to Skidaway Island on the Georgia coast.

“The field tests are extremely important,” Scott said, in order to identify problems. “If you just stay in the lab, more than likely you will concentrate on the wrong problem.”

Working on such a multidisciplinary problem has been an interesting experience for Scott. “Part of that was what attracted me,” he said.

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Celebrating Teaching Day showcases Tech’s education efforts

By Joshua Canoe
Senior Staff Writer

Who knew that Georgia Tech could teach people how to teach? In a university that has historically emphasized research at the expense of teaching, a number of students and faculty were surprised and impressed by the myriad displays on education that decorated the Library West Commons last Thursday.

This event, called Celebrating Teaching Day, is an annual exhibit run by the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) where the Teaching Fellows of 1969 and the Student and Teacher Enhancement Partnership (STEP) Fellows put up backboards that brag about their accomplishments as teachers or teaching assistants.

“The purpose is to honor our…Fellows,” said Dr. Donna Llewellyn, Director of CETL. “[And]…the purpose of the poster display is to show each other [and] the larger campus community what innovative things our teachers are doing.

Those Fellows from the STEP program are mostly graduate students who work at various metro Atlanta high schools. For instance, Cynthia Vance-Harris, a third-year Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Ph.D. student, and Alexander Ross, a second-year graduate student in Information Design and Technology in the School of Literature, Communications, and Culture, both serve as teaching assistants for her course on human-friendly interfaces, Pierce said. “Students could go very hands-on exploring creating interfaces… and they came up with some really strange and interesting ideas.”

These were the sorts of activities that CETL hoped would turn the heads of others and faculty as they wandered through the West Commons Thursday. Celebrating Teaching Day now generates much more attention than it used to, considering the event started with a simple luncheon with the President and other top-level administrators at Georgia Tech. The program dates back to 1990, when the Lily Foundation began funding a program called the Lily Teaching Fellowship. However, a few years later, the class of 1969 took over the endorsement of the program.

Exactly 10 years ago this month, the Committee to plan and implement the Class of 1969’s 25th reunion celebration met to decide which of several alternative programs we would adopt as our reunion project,” said George Stewart, an aerospace engineering graduate of the class of 1969 and the committee chair. “The committee immediately picked up on the worthiness of the ‘Teaching Fellows’ program. We could each relate teaching horror stories from our days at Tech. We recognized the potential for this program to significantly benefit students by making teaching an even higher priority than research for faculty members.”

And, according to the people in the audience, the program, including Celebrating Teaching Day, has done just that. Vance-Harris, Ross and Pierce all reported that, while the steady flow of traffic didn’t attract as much attention as they had hoped, they did enjoy the exchange of ideas with other Fellows and sharing them with the passersby who did take an interest in their work.

“There were many students who stopped to ask about what we were doing when they were just coming to use the Library,” added Ross. “Several people asked how that could get apply to be a STEP Fellow.”

A couple of students…did a double take…They’re not used to seeing faculty on this campus celebrate teaching.

Donna Llewellyn, Director, CETL
We were trying to broaden the whole focus more on funk. It was a theme. R&B, rap stuff. Last year we tried to increase the pep band plays during the short offensive and defensive cheers, especially those on the football halftime show.

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Pep band member

in Milwaukee, the band was probably the most vocal group of fans of the Tech basketball team. "There were only about two full sections of Georgia Tech fans in the entire Bradley Center," Harman said. "Everybody is pulling for the underdog, everybody’s cheering for Boston College or Northern Iowa. But the band is right there, yelling and screaming. [At the Boston College game on Sunday, Anthony McHenry came up and was pumping his arms right by the band telling us to get all excited."

"We make as much noise as the NCAA will let us," added Galloway. "After the game on Sunday one of the alumni...came up and said, thanks for cheering the team on, [in contrast to] all the fans [who] were just kind of sitting there."

The best situations, though, are when the band plays to a crowd, especially at home. Hewitt and the team’s successes on the court have led to the biggest crowds at Alexander Memorial Coliseum in years. "I personally like [the sold-out games] better because it’s more of a crowd...and the students are there to egg [the team] on," Rankine said. "We want reactions from the crowd, we want people to be happy about the songs. We’re not just there for the players, we’re there to have everyone else be entertained. We want to keep the action alive. People start cheering louder with the bands," he added.

And it’s not just the crowd noticing the band this year. "Every so often, one or two of the players will come over and thank us. It’s one of the best feelings in the world to know the people we’re there for really like it," Rankine said.

Paul Hewitt has also expressed his appreciation. "Coach Hewitt actually came to our practice and talked to us a little bit just to thank us for playing," Galloway said.

For many of the members, especially those who were avid Tech sports fans even before they joined, being part of the pep band is also a way to get to mingle and see their favorite athletes up close.

On Sunday, on the way back from Milwaukee, "We were all in the terminal waiting, and...the entire concourse was just all Georgia Tech," Harman said. "President Clough was there, and all the basketball players and stuff, and we were just kind of hanging out together."

"It’s cool to talk to some of the players and stuff, but you know, they’re students as well," he added. "So when I talked to them and stuff, it’s not really about basketball so much...because they’re regular people too."

Landmine

"You get bored doing the same thing over and over again," he laughed. "So when you do something different it’s a lot more fun."

This varied expertise is an asset in a field where many different approaches have been tried and many others are always being developed. "Anything you can imagine has been tried to find landmines," Scott said.

Two of the most common methods are metal detectors and ground-penetrating radars (GPR). The problem with both methods, Scott said, is again one of clutter. "With metal detectors, a lot of non-landmine debris is also metal, as well.

There’s so much stuff in the ground that you still have a lot of false alarms," he said.

In addition, many mines nowadays are no longer made primarily of metal. Many have plastic casings, with only less than a gram of metal contained inside. In a shell-scared battlefield, finding these types of mines with a metal detector is almost impossible.

GPR techniques can also give false alarms, depending on the environment. This is where seismic waves may have an advantage. "The thing that seems to be nice about the seismic system is that it’s more immune to false alarms," Scott said.

On the other hand, "One of the biggest issues...is that it’s slow," he said, "since compared to radar waves, which travel at the speed of light, seismic waves are limited by mechanical considerations."

Scott is hopeful that seismic techniques will prove to be useful in the long run; the group is scheduled to work with CyTerra Corp. to explore the feasibility of implementing seismic detection in a mine detector for the U.S. Army.

"Chances are, the best landmine system will be a multisensor approach where...sensors will all reinforce each other," he said.

He suggested that the seismic sensor, because of its accuracy but slowness, may be useful as a confirmation sensor to take a second look at areas where faster sensors like GPR would not be able to distinguish as well.

"Our hope is that somehow, our work will fit into one of these real sensors," he said.

"That’s a really complicated thing," Scott continued. "It’s more than just making the sensor work; it has to fit within the...logistics and the practicality of whoever’s using it."
Atlanta’s Indigo Girls release new true-to-self CD/DVD

The Indigo Girls have always been a bit of an anomaly in the music industry. They were singing female-centric and politically conscious folk music when the airwaves were dominated by boosting rock music performed by bands that were predominately male. In spite of this, the Atlanta duo found a niche audience and a record contract.

Fifteen years and over a dozen live and studio releases later, the Indigo Girls continue to offer the same rooey and insightful music that first won them their devoted audience. All That We Let In has been met with mixed reviews from fans and critics alike, but all seem to agree that the Girls deserve to stay true to their musical roots in an industry that often demands slick production and user-friendly lyrics.

That said, it should be kept in mind that All That We Let In is not an album that is best enjoyed through the mass-market TV’s mass production. The limited edition release of All That We Let In is a must-have for any Indigo Girls fan!"

By Hilary Lipko Staff Writer

The Indigo Girls have a long history of producing women-centric folksy rock. Their new album has an optional DVD with live footage.
Q.E.D. Original Comic Strip

So last week, my advisor hated the draft of my paper... said to rewrite the whole thing.

Then this week, he absolutely loves it! I just don't get him.

Let me guess. You surfed the web all week, made no changes, gave Robert's original paper, and passed it off as the rewrite?

I see you are familiar with this method of research...

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Hanks, Wayans deliver empty comedy with Ladykillers

By Jason O'Neal Miller
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I tried to laugh when it felt appropriate. I searched for some gracefully framed arrangement within redundant images and narrative. But I could find no evidence of Joel and Ethan Coen in The Ladykillers, which opens this weekend and stars Tom Hanks.

The remake of the 1955 British film of the same name began as a writing project (to be directed by Barry Sonnenfeld) for the brothers, and is the first of their eleven projects for which they share directing credits. Their previous ten projects credited Joel as director and Ethan as producer.

Despite writing, directing and producing credits, the Coen brothers have obviously been diluted by both the original material and a long list of producers. The sensation of their comedy has always been subtly fantastic, neither dry nor slapstick.

Marlon Wayans plays the not-so-funny inside man. Most of the comedy for the film comes from the interactions between Wayans and his landlord. His open-earthed basement is ideal for tunneling into the cash vault of a nearby floating casino. He and his team pose as period instrumentalist musicians to retain use of the base

actors and neither does the audience. Even the cuddly Marva Munson (Irma P. Hall) is treated as delusional and overzealous.

The Ladykillers foregrounds this ma-turity with an excess approaching gimmick. There is no sense of depth or focus. Something proposing humor was sacrificed in close-up and repetition. Any intended profound-ly retreats toward childish scam of likeness to the heist's hollowed plot.

The last thirty minutes feels like a six minute clip seen five times over, and the payoff is terribly disappointing.

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Theme Crossword: Right Time, Wrong Place

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features

ACROSS
1. Shortage
5. Layers
10. Tennis Hall of Famer
14. “Little Women” girl and namesakes
15. Succulent plant
16. — and the Chipmunks
21. Eschew
22. Of a space
23. Hit
24. Usual weather
25. Irishman, e.g.
26. Tex-Mex fare
27. — Juan
28. Start of a quip by Charles Schulz: 5 wds.
31. Bores
33. Superman’s alias
34. City in Panama
35. Accounting entry
37. Set loose
39. Mellow
40. “No —, ands or buts”
43. Start of a toast
44. Managerial group
45. Subtle
46. Shade of blue
47. Inventor’s name
48. Directive from a dentist
49. Tor
51. Heavy canvas
53. Ember
54. Sales pitches
55. Watch
56. — Grande
57. Nobleman
58. Bar bill
59. Part 2 of quip: 5 wds.
60. Beer bust item
61. N.Y. player
62. Reserved
63. L.A. Nostrum
64. Seedless fruit: 2 wds.
65. Field plant
66. Make expiation
67. Inlet
68. Fitting
69. Nah
70. Vestige
71. Gorgeous girl
72. Arab VIP
73. Sterilization device
74. Reserves
75. Nonpareil
76. Annoys
77. Burning
78. Divert
80. Item for a collector
81. Crumbly cheese
82. Scene
83. Parti-colored
84. Do a certain dance
85. Pale color
86. Sellout sign
87. Sapient
88. Skull cavity
89. King or Lombard
90. Nah
91. Benefit
92. Md. neighbor
93. Light-beam source
94. End of the quip: 5 wds.
95. Whiz
96. — — avail
97. Function
98. Fortune
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100. Concern
101. Spouted vessel
102. Sawyer of TV
103. Something sticky
104. Express
105. Bite on
106. Young eel
107. — meridiem
108. Raines and Fitzgerald
109. Shrek, e.g.
110. Movie up
111. He’s Austin Powers
112. Film spoils
113. Suds
114. Races

DOWN
1. Colleen
2. — breve
3. Opposing position
4. Beer bust item
5. Prestige
6. Bulging vessels
7. Tel —
8. Duration
9. Tennis
10. Move up
11. Pane of stamps
12. Battleship part
13. Very attractive
14. Bracelet
15. Sister of Clio
16. Method
17. Tee-her cousin
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Tishamingo’s self-titled album provides quality southern rock

By C. Jason Mabry
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Tishamingo presents rock with an infusion of blues and enough twang to ground the music deep in the southern rock tradition but with the swinging excitement of a modern swing band. The quartet features guitar duels, a raspy, drawling voice and plenty of soul. With slide guitar, the occasional banjo and ragtime piano, Tishamingo delivers a feel-good album and a pleasant departure from typical rock music.

Cameron Williams heads up the band with lead vocals. Jess Franklin and Stephen Spivey support with guitars. The band’s members have been longtime friends. Tishamingo hails from the swampy wetlands around Tallahassee, Florida. The band’s influences range far and wide, with many greats represented. Tishamingo, however, is certainly not out to copy. The entire self-titled album, best stated in the track “Way Back Home”, is “something you’ve heard before, something you remember,” but pleasant.

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The band might be aptly described as a slightly mellower version of the Kings of Leon (see Technique issue August 29, 2003.) After a few listening sessions, the disc becomes familiar enough for a straight play on the stereo while lounging around and zoning out. None of the album’s twelve songs feel like filler material, and coming in at just under an hour, the experience is just long enough to relax without desiring a change of scene. Perhaps the cover art provides the clearest view of the overall aura. The small shack, under an impressionist sky over a swamp, complete with an acoustic guitar beside a wooden rocker depicts the down-home juice flowing from Tishamingo’s instruments, a flavor both new and familiar all at once.

The band will be in Atlanta for the Atlanta Dogwood Festival April 4, and will return to play at Smith’s Olde Bar Saturday, April 24. For more information on the band, visit www.tishamingo.com
Remember the **Hardy Boys**? Two Bits Man tries to solve Mystery of the Morning Wood

The thing about being woken up very early in the morning by, say, yet another fire-alarm—this crap has got to stop—is that you’re rarely in a proper state of mind to fully consider the consequences of any actions, or lack thereof, that you may take. Say, for instance, that in your tired, pissed-off stupor, you forget to put on some pants and instead walk outside into the early morning light clad only in a pair of boxer shorts and a T-shirt. The male population of my readership pretty much knows where I’m going with this, but for those uninformed women folk out there, allow me to explain.

Guys are always sort of amazed that women don’t know of some of the more fundamental behaviors of the male anatomy, shrinkage, morning wood, etc., but then again, men, unlike women, do not devote whole swathes of time to the discussion and debate of the complex inner workings of their genitalia. (Don’t lie. I saw “The Vagina Monologues.” That thing was two hours filled with stories and descriptions of anthropomorphic hoo-has.) I suppose it really shouldn’t be too much of a surprise.

Anyway, the term “morning wood” refers that special time, right after a guy wakes up where, for no readily apparent reason, he gets what appears to be the Washington-freaking-Monument lodged in his pants. It’s just kind of there for a little while. Nobody really knows why. It’s just the penis’s way of waking up in the morning, and we don’t question it.

Also, on a somewhat related note, it’s as if it knew that you’ve made the conscious decision to get out of bed and would now like to make for as awkward as possible a time between you and your roommate. It always seems to choose the few moments between when you decide to get up and when you actually do to spring into action. It’s smart like that and mean if you ask me. I still think it really is that special.

Anyway, on a side note about the term “morning wood,” I was thinking yesterday about the grin I get on my face whenever I think of the phrase “morning wood,” which, by the way, appeared in this piece an epic twelve times. I guess it just goes to show that my wang, much like myself, is comic gold.

Hold on, I’ve got a few more:

The gravitational distorsional effects exerted by my wang upon the space-time continuum have puzzled physicists for the past twenty years. My wang is a force of nature, you cannot stop it. You can only hope to contain it.

Billions are industrialist Bruce Wayne, is, in reality, the vigilante crime-fighter known to friend and foe alike simply as my wang.

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**Indigo**

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Indigo Girls is the best computer lab on campus? What about the worst bathrooms? Or the best Mexican restaurant near Tech?

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Do you want to see your name printed in the newspaper? Come write for us! We still have three issues left this semester. Weekly meetings are on Tuesdays in Room 137 of the Flag Building. Come visit and we'll give you free pizza!
George Carlin returns for another chance to shine in a Kevin Smith film. Smith jokingly recalls that Carlin wanted to play a child-strangling clergyman. He instead settled for the grandfather of the title character in Jersey Girl.

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He feels her performance hit the mark and extracted better work from Affleck, because audiences feel his loss when she’s out of the movie. Lopez also led to the crucial choice of Raquel Castro as the daughter because of their physical similarities.

Probably most important, however, is the fact that Affleck no longer spent his free minutes flying off to New York or L.A. in between shoots, like he did during Dogma because of his Academy Award schedule.

He was instead entirely focused with his girlfriend around, because “if he wasn’t on the set, he was in the trailer with her — I mean his brains out.”

The make-or-break point for this movie is the casting of the titular Jersey Girl once she reaches elementary school. Castro’s debut role arrives just in time to resuscitate the proceedings with her natural comic flair and beaming, gap-toothed smile.

The youngster drew praise from her director for her innate ability, knowing what I know now? Probably most important, how does he feel his Grandpa Billy’s character of that blip in their film? He feels her performance hit the mark and extracted better work from Affleck, because audiences feel his loss when she’s out of the movie. Lopez also led to the crucial choice of Raquel Castro as the daughter because of their physical similarities.

The youngest member of their ranks, unlikes the response of the Catholic League for Dogma. Smith appreciated the free advertising and one day even assisted the protestors, none recognizing him because of the decades-older crowd that didn’t know his own enemy. He joined the group, in the end making passersby more curious about what we’re doing here in the first place and possibly bringing more people into the theater,” Smith said.

With such a history, Smith suggests he’s selected Jersey Girl as the right movie for the right time in the current climate of near censorship. “It wasn’t even that great of a book,” but Janet Jackson’s Super Bowl fiasco that preceded the more recent removal of Howard Stern from certain radio markers signals a crack-down on indecency.

In Mel Gibson’s The Passion of the Christ, “If you had [Jesse] in that movie going ‘f— this,’ people wouldn’t be going. They’d walk out in droves, but they’re happy to watch him get f—in’ flogged and beaten and bloodied up. It’s weird how puritanical the country can be,” he said.

When the family-targeted Jersey Girl went for approval, the filmmakers were initially slapped with an R-rating because an executive was uncomfortable hearing a discussion about self-pleasuring in the presence of his teenage daughter.

Smith strikes back. “Nothing wrong with masturbation, dude. It’s the best f—in’ thing one could do with themselves, I think. Or with somebody watching.”

Smith’s careful to emphasize that it’s only taking a break from the genre that made him a famous movie geeks. “I’m sure I’m gonna wind up upside down jamming porno into a VCR again sooner or later,” Smith said.

His ever-present Star Wars nods are comforting home to him, “kind of like Pavlovian response references” because of the laughs they generated when he first inserted them in Clerks.

Silent Bob’s monologues of George Lucas material amount to nothing more than teasing to get applause, “but Jay and Bob f—in’ light saber fighting—that’s just me wanting to light saber fight. You’re kidding me. If I write this, you’ll give me a light saber and put the laser on it and shit like that and sound effects’” he said.

Smith would eventually like to take a few weeks and make another small run-and-gun movie, possibly a Clerks sequel that evolves into its own separate concept. However, he’s not the one trying to keep the production costs down, and his partners nearly went crazy operating on shoestring budgets.

Jersey Girl overall suffers from too many cliché bits, whether it’s the highly overcooked scene witnessed by a relative lurking in the shadows or a race-against-the-clock grand finale that segues into a neatly wrapped conclusion. The man who spends nights in his office too busy to care for anyone else discovers where to find true happiness. The heart that pulls this through, Castro’s beaming Gertrude, appears only after the languid exposition, but the film’s belly laughs make slaving through the tedious “drama” worthwhile. Jersey Girl gets by on a basically father-daughter love story with the fingerprints of Kevin Smith’s prior outings entering at just the instances when the sappiness might be too much to handle.
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the series, beating Tech 8-4. The Jackets had their chances with 14 total hits and 12 in the first seven innings. The team also had a runner on base in each inning with the exception of the eighth. Brian Burks picked up his second loss of the season, giving up six runs in five innings of work.

Tech won the rubber match of the series with Wake in convincing fashion. Junior Andrew Kown pitched his first career complete game, giving up two runs on four hits. Kown struck out eight while only walking three in the 9-2 victory.

Owings hit his second homerun and sixth of the season in the third inning giving the Jackets a 3-2 lead. Tech added five insurance runs in the sixth. Mike Nickeas led the offensive attack with four hits.

The Jackets will be home this weekend for a series against Georgia Southern. The game times are 1 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

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had watched them during the ACC season. I've probably followed Tech since Malcolm Mackie played for them. I've liked their style of play. I cheer for Muhammad. I'd love to see him dunk. He's an awesome dunker," Dyer said.

While Dyer may have supported the Jackets against the Eagles, the Badger nation was surprisingly neutral during the matchup. The Badger fans really only cheered loudly when Muhammad dunked. Even though the Boston College game turned out to be another nailbiter, Tech pulled through in the end (for more details read our tournament notebook page 37).

Clough best summed up the feelings of Tech fans everywhere. "It was a very exciting game. They weren't given a lot of credit at the beginning of the season, but through a great coach and great players, they've succeeded when others thought they would not."
A look behind the scenes of “Miracle in Milwaukee Part 2”

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Last weekend I made the long journey to Milwaukee, courtesy of an early-morning Airtran flight last Friday.

I had hoped that Tech would play closer to Atlanta but alas, Milwaukee was my fate, and I happily boarded the flight.

When our flight touched down to General Mitchell International Airport, our pilot said “It’s a cold and overcast day in Milwaukee today, have a great time all you basketball fans,” a somber remark which was answered by a few groans from the cabin.

Basketball fanaticism had taken over Milwaukee, but it wasn’t anything surprising considering how much excitement and enthusiasm Tech’s basketball team has generated on campus.

Besides small mobs greeting the team from their road trips after the Duke and later Milwaukee wins, a group of students have even designed a T-shirt that symbolizes the fever pitched level March Madness has reached on campus. Tech’s chapter of the Industrial Design Society of America was selling “Andre the Giant has a posse.”

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Throughout the Tech game, Northern Iowa fans were louder than the Tech contingent and the Wisconsin fans, who had packed the coliseum, were cheering for the Pan-ther out of an apparent Midwestern loyalty and a desire to root for the underdog.

The game ended up being a completely nervewracking, and I was on the edge of my seat the entire time. When Ben Jacobson’s three-point shot in the final seconds of the game failed to go in, I was able to breathe a sigh of relief.

On Sunday’s games, I had the opportunity to interact with Tech fans who had made the long journey to Milwaukee. Tech’s ticket office had sold 500 tickets for the game, although it could have sold a maximum of 550 tickets. Many fans were deterred by the long distance from Milwaukee to Atlanta.

However, Betty and Wesley Paxson flew to Milwaukee all the way from Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Paxson had played basketball for Tech from 1941-1947—he had served in World War II as well during that time with fellow members from his Navy ROTC group at Tech. When asked what position he played, Paxson replied, “All of them. I was 6’3’’ and that was pretty tall back in the 1940s.”

Although he can’t make it to many games during the regular season, Paxson never misses the annual ACC tournament. “I’ve been all the way to Denver when they went to the Final Four [in 1990],” Paxson said.

Tech’s surprise placement in Milwaukee also enabled alumnus Nancy Tavares to catch the game with her son Joseph. Tavares graduated from Tech with a degree in management science in 1979, and now lives in Delafield, Wisconsin. She moved to Milwaukee from Atlanta over seven years ago. “I was just thrilled when I found out they were going to be at the Bradley Center. My family is still down in Atlanta so we go down to see them. It’s a treat though to see them up here.”

Tech president Wayne Clough was also in the audience for the second round. Clough had a light-up Buzzer pin attached to his all-access pass. However, he went for a cushy seat in press row or a box seat to sit in the stands with fellow alumni, basketball parents, students and other Tech fans.

While I was excited to meet other Tech fans and see Clough, I was worried about who the Badger na-

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Softball team makes trip to quarterfinals of Buzz Classic

By John Scaduto
Staff Writer

The softball team bowed out in the quarterfinals of the Buzz Classic last weekend with a 4-2 record. The Jackets opened up the tournament with two wins against Austin Peay and Ohio on a Friday double header.

Against Austin Peay, senior Erin Voelz paced the team with a seven-inning, school-record 16 strikeout performance. The Jackets scored two runs in the first inning and never relented, taking the game 3-1. Fellow senior standout Tara Knudsen led the offensive, going 3-3 with a home run and one RBI.

In the second game of the day, Tech rushed out to a 6-0 lead on Ohio behind three home runs in the first three innings—one each from Soraya Reddick, Amy Hosier and Lauren Schlechte. Jessica Sallinger took the win for the Jackets, allowing only one hit and striking out 11.

The Jackets finished pool play Saturday against Nicholls State turning into a pitcher’s duel, with Tech on the short end 2-1. The loss ended Tech’s eight-game win streak at the Buzz Classic. After a two-run homer in the third, was knocked in following a run to make it 5-4 heading into the seventh and final inning. In the seventh, Knudsen delivered a one-out double to give Tech a chance, but that would be the only hit for Iowa State, as Tech rolled to the win.

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Jack bests high school teammate

Jarrett Jack made big plays down the stretch when Tech needed them most against the Boston College Eagles last Sunday.

“My whole family was able to come up, so it was very special.”

Tech improved its record to 23-2 on the season when it holds its opponents to under 80 points with its 65-60 victory over Northern Iowa.

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Smith, who led the Eagles in scoring throughout the season, uncharacteristically struggled to match the play of his former teammate. Strangled by the Tech defense and limited to foul trouble throughout the game, he played only 22 minutes in the ballgame, contributing two points, six rebounds and three steals.

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Nevada stopper Garry Hill-Thomas will be given the assignment of leading scorer B.J. Elder, and Tech will likely try to take advantage of its depth and use several players to attempt to shut down Nevada’s star, Kirk Snyder.

If Tech survives its match with the Wolf Pack Friday night, the winner of Kansas-UAB will be waiting for them Sunday. Kansas, last year’s national runner-up, goes in as the higher seed in the match-up, but UAB has shown that it will not back down, as evidenced by its win over top-seeded Kentucky.

This year’s Kansas team is vastly different from last year’s team that made it to the championship game. They sorely miss the outside shooting of Kirk Hinrich, who is now starring at the point for the Chicago Bulls, and the all-around game of current Seattle SuperSonic Nick Collison.

This Kansas team does not have the deadly shooting that defined many of its past versions. Although high-rising guard Keith Langford and veteran point guard Aaron Miles are solid players, Kansas will go only as far as star 6’9” junior forward Wayne Simien carries them.

Simsen, a third team All-American this year, missed last year’s tournament with a shoulder injury but has come back strong. He takes the ball hard to the rim and can be a dominant force in the paint, averaging 17.6 points and 9.2 rebounds per game.

If Tech faces the Jayhawks, they must try and limit Simien’s touches and keep him from having a monster game.

Kansas is not a very proficient shooting team, so Tech has the advantage in that area. Kansas has struggled from the floor at 35.6% and is 68th in the nation in 3-point shooting at 27.8%.

Kansas’ opponent, UAB, plays a style very reminiscent of that implemented by Nolan Richardson at Tulsa and then Arkansas, commonly referred to as “40 Minutes of Hell.”

UAB coach Mike Anderson, a Richardson disciple, said that he takes “that as an ultimate compliment” when his team’s style is compared to that of the Razorbacks of the ’90s.

UAB is loaded with lightning-quick guards. Point guard Carldell “Squeaky” Johnson led the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio and takes great care of the ball in the Blazers’ fast-paced system. Along with Johnson, Twins Ronell and Donell Taylor and leading scorer Morris Finley provide constant pressure on the ball.

Forward Gabe Kennedy, totaling the field at 6’9”, provides the Blazers with an inside presence and helps to balance the attack, but UAB’s game is not pounding the ball down low. They substitute often, and the Blazers run and press from the time they get off the bus.

If Tech sees UAB in the regional final, expect a shootout. This works in Tech’s favor with their strong transition game if the Jackets can take care of the ball and limit carelessness.

While everyone else may be looking ahead, the team itself isn’t looking past the Nevada game.

“We won a couple of games, and all of a sudden, we’re in the Sweet 16 and everyone is excited for the opportunity,” said Tech Center Luke Schenscher.
It is a rare occasion for a college athlete to walk away from competition in the professional arena, but the Yellow Jacket’s Philip Perry has done it—twice.

Perry was selected by the New York Mets in the 41st round of the 1998 Major League draft coming out of high school but came to Tech instead. Four years later, Perry once again got the invite to play, this time for the St. Louis Cardinals, when he was selected in the 48th round of the 2002 Major League draft, but once again, he turned down the pros.

After having elbow surgery in the fall of 2002, Perry was redshirted and recently returned to active duty after missing all of last season. Now Perry is working towards his five-year M.B.A. and may soon hang up his cleats.

Technique: So, how’s the arm?
Perry: Arm’s getting better every time I go out there.

‘Nique: You had surgery two years ago?
Perry: It was a year ago this past September, so about 18 months ago.

‘Nique: Do you think this is going to be a good season for Georgia Tech?
Perry: No, not yet. We are struggling right now, but we are starting to turn around a little bit. We had a great weekend at Wake Forest and two games at Purdue. We played well, so hopefully we will turn it around.

‘Nique: What do you think is going to be the toughest thing for the team to do this year?
Perry: I think that right now we are pitching well at times and hitting well at times. We are just not putting two and two together, and that’s why we are 13-10. But as soon as we start playing as well as we can, I think we will be alright.

‘Nique: What’s going to be the toughest thing for you to do this year?
Perry: The toughest thing for me is to be consistent. I’ve done well and then poorly and then well and then poorly. I’m trying to get more consistent so I can get out there in bigger situations and the bigger games.

‘Nique: You’re from Marietta, GA. It is sometimes hard being the hometown hero out there on the mound?
Perry: Oh no, half our team is from Marietta, we all played on the same summer team, [The East Cobb Yankees], one time or another. I would say that about nine or ten of our guys have played on the same team. So a lot of us—a lot of us are Marietta guys. It’s nice, you know, the family come down.

‘Nique: So, you guys actually knew each other well before you came to Tech?
Perry: Most of us know each other, yes. Except for a lot of the out-of-state guys.

‘Nique: Why didn’t you go to the majors?
Perry: Well I didn’t feel that I was drafted high enough to sign. I was drafted pretty low, and I wanted to come back and graduate. Out of high-school, I wanted to come to college. After my junior year I wasn’t healthy enough to go play. So I wanted to come back.

‘Nique: You’re not holding out for the Braves, are you?
Perry: Uh...no.

‘Nique: Would that be your dream position?
Perry: Actually, this—I think this might be it for me. I think after this year I am going to hang em’ up and graduate with my Masters and go work. I think this is going to be my last year playing ball.

‘Nique: What’s the best experience you have ever had with baseball, whether it is being in the stands or on the field?
Perry: I think the 2002 team playing in the College World Series—that was awesome. Fun to be out there, hopefully we can make it back.

‘Nique: Do you ever wonder if you missed the boat for the majors?
Perry: No. Not at all.

‘Nique: What do you think is in the future for you?
Perry: Well, I am either going to stick around next year and try and get my Master’s degree or I am going to try and get a job here this fall. I haven’t decided which one I want to do yet. But I think...I think this is my last year playing.

‘Nique: Which is harder: working for your Masters or playing baseball?
Perry: Baseball’s definitely more fun. School’s tough, it’s a lot tougher than I thought it would be, but they are both difficult in their own right.

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by the numbers

Number of Tech basketball teams including this year’s men’s team who have won at least 25 games in a season. The last team to do so was the 1990 team, which advanced to the Final Four and set a school record for victories. This season is also the third time head coach Paul Hewitt has coached a team to 20 wins.

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Number of “Luke Schenscher has a posse”. T-shirts head coach Paul Hewitt bought for the team and staff. The T-shirts are being sold by Tech’s student chapter of the Industrial Design Society of America for $10. The proceeds go towards the group’s travel to its annual conference. For more information, email gtc707@pmail.gatech.edu.

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Personal-best time of Vesna Stojanovska in the 200-meter butterfly at the Women’s NCAA Swimming and Diving championships. Stojanovska, a freshman from Macedonia, received All-America accolades for her tenth place finish. She is the first female swimmer from Tech to receive the honor. With Stojanovska’s win, Tech finished No. 33 overall in the meet.

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Number of points that the women’s club gymnastic team lost by at nationals in Detroit, nine on every event. The team will receive the honor. With Stojanovska’s win, Tech finished No. 33 overall in the meet.

Tournament fever

When the Jackers took on Northern Iowa and Boston College in Milwaukee, the ‘Vique was there to get the inside scoop. Page 57

The Apprentice?

When he’s not practicing his fastball, pitcher Philip Perry is working on earning his MBA. Find out what’s next on his agenda. Page 59

Tech faces Wolf Pack in Sweet 16

By Kyle Thomason

Contributing Writer

Following a pair of hard-earned victories in Milwaukee over Northern Iowa and Boston College, Tech’s men’s basketball team is headed to St. Louis for a regional semifinal contest with Nevada tonight at 9:40 p.m. on CBS. A wacky weekend of upsets has left Tech as the highest remaining seed in the St. Louis region.

The No. 10 seeded Nevada Wolf Pack tonight in the semifinals of the St. Louis Regional. Game time is set for approximately 9:40 p.m. Gates will open at 9 p.m. and buzzard is required for free admission.

Morgan heads to championships

Sophomore Sam Morgan will make his second straight appearance at the NCAA Men’s Swimming and Diving Championships this weekend in Long Island, N.Y. Morgan won his first NCAA title in the men’s 200-yard butterfly last year and is looking for another bid.

Cheerleaders host annual preview

Tech’s nationals cheerleading squad will host a free performance March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Kepfer Gymnasium. The performance is open to the public and is a preview of the squad’s routine for nationals. For more information, email laureneg@at.gtaa.gatech.edu.

Baseball team improves record with UGA upset

By Michael Clarke

Contributing Writer

After losing three straight to Virginia, the baseball team appears to be out of its slump with series wins over Purdue, Wake Forest and an upset victory over the Georgia Bulldogs Wednesday.

Tech’s second baseman Eric Patterson drove in two runs in two runs in the top of the ninth inning to lead Tech to a 4-3 win over the No. 24 Bulldogs at Foley Field. While Tech has had one of its worst starts in recent years, UGA was having its best start since 1992. It was also Tech’s first win in the series against Georgia since the 2002 season.

Tech was leading by two in the ninth inning when the Bulldogs had three straight hits to take a 3-2 lead. The Jackets came back with Patterson’s runs after Georgia reliever Johnny Dobbs walked three straight players—Tyler Greene, Whit Dobbs and Clifton Remote.

Michal Owings also added two runs and a home run. Owings earned his third win of the season, after allowing only four hits in three innings of relief work and struck out six batters.

Last weekend, the team picked up its first ACC win of the season against Wake Forest Deacons in Winston-Salem. Tech’s record improved to 2-4 in the ACC, while Wake Forest’s record dropped 1-2. Tech almost had to win the series against the Deacons to even stay in the hunt for first place in the ACC.

In the opening game of the series, the Jackets won 9-8 in 10 innings. Tech held a 7-0 lead after the first half of the seventh inning, but the Demon Deacons rallied with four runs in the seventh and three more in the ninth to send the game into extra innings. Owings hit a homerun to give the Jackets the 9-7 edge. Patterson hit his first homerun of the year with a two-run shot in the seventh inning. Owings pitched a strong six innings, giving up only four runs on five hits.

Wake Forest won their first game in ACC play in the second game of the series against the Rams. Tech won the final game 2-1 in 10 innings. Page 34
Adam Bernstein
USG Presidential Candidate

Major: Computer Science
Class: Fourth Year
Campaign Website: www.ventorbenstein.com

SGA Experience
Computer Science Representative
UGA Senate/First-Year Representative
UGA Senate/Second-Year Representative
UGA Senate/Third-Year Representative

Other Experience
FAMU Leader
Peer Leader/Advisor
Alpha Epsilon Pi
Homecoming/Greek Week Committee
Georgia Tech Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery
Lambda Sigma: Treasurer
Prelch 104 Team Leader
Student Council: Committee (April 8, 2004, Fuel)
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Platform
We are ONE Institute. We are ONE Community. These are ONE Way To Vote. This defines Adam Bernstein’s platform to unite the Georgia Tech campus behind ONE candidate who believes in making Georgia Tech number ONE in academics and number ONE in student life. As President of the Student Government Association, Bernstein has made a personal commitment to the students of Georgia Tech to make Student Government proactive and as diverse as the student body. He plans to hold openly office hours, host ‘Complain to the President’ days, return e-mails and phone calls within 48 hours, meet with the Presidents of other organizations once a month to discuss relevant issues, and maintain a list of initiatives Student Government is pursing on the SGA website. His vision is to have students understand what SGA has to offer and how it can help.

Institute Issues
There are a number of Tech policies and procedures Bernstein would like to see changed. He advocates having a more diverse group of students sit on the Institute Wide Committees that determine much of Georgia Tech policy. Additionally, he champions the future academic class at Georgia Tech as a dynamic entity where students evaluate the class periodically throughout the semester and the class adapts to the strengths and weaknesses of its students. This will also allow for improvements in the effectiveness of TA’s so students do not have to work with a TA that never has a clue what was taught in class that week. He also wants to see increased faculty/student interaction by adding a value or service component to the curriculum.

Student Life
Bernstein feels a top-rated school should offer top-rated services. He has already been a legislative representative, institute-wide committee member, and advisory council member for small groups of students, and increased faculty/student interaction by adding a value or service component to the curriculum.

Closing
Bernstein is the only candidate who possesses the necessary characteristics to present student opinions effectively in combination with proposing new ideas and implementing a transparent and accessible Student Government. He also makes coalitions promises that will happen next year no matter who the President of Student Government is. There really is only ONE way to vote.

Bernstein’s website, www.ventorbenstein.com, has many more details about his background and platform. He can be e-mailed at gte706u@mail.gatech.edu with questions or comments.

Ashley Case
USG Presidential Candidate

Major: International Affairs/Modern Languages
Class: Second Year
Campaign Website: www.change-of-pace.net

Platform
I observed SGA over the past year and my hopes for the interaction between the students and “their government,” which serves as a fusion of student voice and administration, are what sets me apart from others. I am convinced that if the students were truly aware of the differences they would use campus by further utilizing SGA, Georgia Tech would be a more fulfilling experience to many people.

If my connection to the student body lies with my involvement on campus in such things as GT Teens, Housing Staff, the Greek community, Ambassadors, Inn Atlan College Student Advisory Board, Freeman Council, Drama Tech, and my major – International Affairs and Modern Languages. Also, you can find me at many sporting events – I am huge baseball fan. I don’t know how to take care of your nails. I am capable and very willing to help you get in touch with someone who does.

Of course there are things that I personally want to see SGA do for you, such as an extended weekend to study before finals. Many of our peer institutions (UGA, MIT, Cal. Tech) have one or two days off at the end of Dead Week. This gives them a longer time period to prepare for the stressful week ahead. We are competing with them for student’s graduate school entry, yet they have a significant edge over us because of the extra time allowed to them. Georgia Tech also needs a similar structure for a more complete preparation for exams. Perhaps the last days of Dead Week could even be used for optional review classes.

I believe every Tuesday and Thursday from 11-12 p.m. should be open for student organizations to meet. I will work to ensure classes will not be scheduled during this time so student organizations can have a time when most members should be able to attend.

The institute, as well as students, would benefit from a more well-rounded education through the expansion of Ivan Allen College. The institute would see an increase in national rankings and students will be able to present themselves as more diverse graduates from a technical institute.

If interested in hearing about more thoughts and ideas, please visit www.change-of-pace.net/platform.html. But, most importantly, I want to hear about what YOU need. This is your government – do what you want with it.

I am a hard-working, very organized, a great listener, and incredibly passionate about Tech and everyone apart of the special culture we have here. I would greatly appreciate your support for Student Body President. Thank you.

Ryan Johnson
USG Presidential Candidate

Major: Industrial and Systems Engineering
Class: Fourth Year
Campaign Website: www.smiles4pres.com

Platform
If elected SGA President I plan to lead the SGA on a campaign to make Georgia Tech a happier and more fun place to live and work. The issue of the student’s happiness is at the core of my platform because I believe student’s morale and Tech pride need a considerable boost.

I don’t want to sound morose when I say I want happier students. Happier students get involved more, they generate grades, they buy more goods and services, which are all good for this campus.

I am not your typical SGA-minded individual. I represent the fresh perspective. I represent the common student, the everyday student. I am the only candidate that I can admit I am not perfect. I have broken classes here, and seen the unglamorous side to Tech—as well as the glamorous. I have learned from my faults and grown the worse because of them.

Because I come in with a fresh perspective, I also come into this with more enthusiasm and the will to do more. I want people to get fired up about being at this school.

Whenever someone asks me, “How’s Tech?” unfortunately, the first thing that comes to mind is that, “It’s hard.” or “It sucks.” I need to people to say, “It’s fun. There is a lot going on. I’m having a good time here.” To do this, we need to run our programs that have won the student’s money in the past with more attendance or lack of interest. We need to initiate plans to get people outdoors and enjoying themselves more. Ideas like mass barbecues before football games could be done.

I want people to be more able to express themselves in whatever form they want. Let’s have Art/Music Appreciation Days. This school is very conservative by nature. I don’t want to see talent stifled or go dormant for the four years you are here. You have all of the technical work we do.

Do you know who MTV doesn’t come to our campus and do Campus Invasion or Campus Game? Do you know where local radio hosts think of our school as a place where “a bunch of dudes hang out”? We have a reputation of being a bunch of guys who study all the time. Although there are those few, a majority of us appreciate a good time and enjoy quality entertainment. I am here to change our image and stop thebowden stereotype. When concerts come to campus or we have GT Night at places around Atlanta, it will be the “thing to do” that night.

I don’t understand it when people talk about how they desperately need to graduate. They need to “Get Out” as soon as possible. NO YOU DON’T! The college years are supposed to be the best time of your life. Experience everything. Study abroad and co-op on great ways to start. Your time here is precious, and you have your whole life to work. Vote for me, and I can guarantee the best times of your life next year.

I will be an energetic, receptive, and imaginative President that will work to improve social events and student’s right concerns academics. My leadership style is one of honesty, frankness, aggressiveness, all encompassed by my love for Tech. I have real world experience, and my attitude and work ethic are what sets me apart from others.

In this short synopsis of my campaign I cannot say everything I want, so please take some time to visit www.smiles4pres.com for more information.
Amy Phoung
USG Presidential Candidate

Major: International Affairs
Class: Third Year
Campaign Website: www.amy4pres.com

SGA Experience
- UHR Treasurer- Exec.Member
- Junior Class President
- Joint Finance Committee
- Student Center Governing Board
- Buzz Post Steering Committee
- Honors Recognition Program Committee
- Women’s Resource Advisory Board
- Sophomore Class Representative
- Campus Services Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Governmental and External Affairs Committee
- Student Involvement Ad-Hoc Committee

Other Experience
- Special Intern at Leadership Atlanta
- FASET Mentor Leader
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- Execurate Round Table
- Tech Beautification Day- Director of Fundraising
- Homecoming Committee
- Campus Cotinus- VP Membership
- Team Tennis Projects Committee

Platform

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Throughout my career at Georgia Tech, I have already made strides in improving the quality of student life. Such examples of my dedicated efforts include: club unity events such as “Juniors @ Junior’s,” providing student organizations with a need of fundraising methods and resources, aiding in executing “GT Night @ Six Flaps,” maintaining free sports tickets for students, designing effective ways to increase advertising and storage space, and finding methods to increase overall student involvement.

As SGA President, I will focus on issues that matter most to students throughout the year and work with a strong team of leaders to achieve these real advancements.

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1.) Improving GT Night @ Six Flaps by running all major rules at full capacity, allowing groups holding tickets for admission with a student ID, and making the ticket distribution more effective.
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1.) Working with the Parking Department to establish an Online Parking system for students, develop a system of 15-minute warnings, ticketing, building a system to voice student concerns on parking and transportation.
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1.) Maintaining FREE Football and Basketball Tickets for Students.
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Maintaining Campus Safety
1.) Increase lighting in various campus areas
2.) Improve the quality of safety in parking decks

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Experience Matters
I have the knowledge of working with several SGA Presidents, the experience as an SGA Executive Officer, the proven leadership through several campus positions, the networking skills with influential leaders outside of Tech, and the established, professional relationships with several administrators, faculty, and staff across campus. Not only am I experienced but I will constantly follow through on the promises I set forth.

Abi Hung
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Class: Third Year
Campaign Website: www.abihung.org

SGA Experience
- I feel I can really combine my experience from various organizations with my new ideas, passion and enthusiasm to foster a renewed SGA. My freshman year I was involved with FratLife, whose goal was to add options to meal plans and help create Tech Trivia. This year I am the Mechanical Engineering Representative as well as the Campus Service Chair.

As ME Representative I co-authored bills for GT Monopoles, Up With the White and Gold, ACGU 2004 International Ball Tournament, the ASME National Conference, as well as the Students of Objectivism Conference.

As Campus Service Chair, I’ve tried to perfect and better the GT Bookstore. I have also worked to better the online appointment service for the Health Center. I am currently working with Housing to create additional study areas, with Auxiliary Services to get more cameras in the student complex, and with the library to attend the cell phone policy. I also sit on a number of campus-wide committees that deal with Housing, and the Health Center.

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Hunter Oates
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Class: Third Year
Campaign Website: www.prim.gatech.edu/04374

SGA Experience
- Have been involved with SGA for the past 2 years, serving as the EAS major representative. During my terms as a representative, I have served on the Joint Campus Organizations Committee, the Public Safety Committee, the SGA Awards Committee, the House Advisory Committee, numerous conference committees regarding bills and have acted as Parliamentarian in House meetings.

- I am a very active participant in SGA meetings and functions, including attending with GT Night at Six Flaps, Rambles Night programs, meeting with officials such as Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor and many others.

Other Experience
- Other activities that I participate in are campus include the Georgia Tech Chorale, the Georgia Tech Wesley Foundation, Armin O-Tolkski Club and ORBT. I have served as the Vice President of External Affairs for the Chorale for the past two semesters. I am also the incoming President of the Wesley Foundation for the Summer ’04 semester. Currently, I am employed as a research assistant for Dr. Ellyn Fogel in the EAS department.

Platform
- As Vice President, I will work hard to make a better, more efficient Student Government. I plan to initiate a series of procedural reforms within the House as to enhance the performance of SGA. These changes include: a more rigid due date structure, representative training in parliamentary procedures and protocol and provide for Q&A sessions with organizations before the House, on-up to-date financial reports for every meeting, and by-law amendments mandating appointment dates for critical committees such as JOOM, DAC, HAC and JFC.

Issue meetings will return, this time resulting in plans of action, not just spoken words. I plan to utilize the incoming caucus system to the fullest extent, allowing for more direct interaction between the Student Body and the representatives. I will also work hard to bring about a new camaraderie between House members. As Vice President, I will also strive to minimize friction between the Graduates and the Undergrads. All these and more will bring about an improved SGA which is a living, breathing organism.

If elected, I will strive to improve Georgia Tech, which has given me so much. Issues that I will tackle as Vice President include: support for the music programs at the Institute, expand the Public Safety Committee so that students have a greater say in the security of their community, pushing for a kinder, gentler Parking Dept. and making sure that Dead Week stays dead. Funding for student organizations will be a top priority as well.

As Vice President, I will give my full support to the issues that the President deems top priority. If elected, I will endeavor to make it possible that every student can be heard regarding the issues that will affect their Student Body through e-mail, a grievances and issues forum, office hours with SGA members and any other communication means necessary. Together, we can, as an fundamental principle of campus governance, leave Georgia Tech better than we found it.
Lamar Stewart
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Industrial and Systems Engineering
Class: Third Year
Campaign Website: www.lamarip.com

SGA Experience
SGA (Member-At-Large)

Other Experience
GT Ambassadors
Lambda Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi
Fraeminity Inc., (Vice President)
National Society of Black Engineers
African American Student Union
Office of Minority Education and Development Team Coach

Platforms
I am running for Vice President to make a difference. When I initially got involved with SGA, I never dreamed of running for an office like Vice President. But as I became more involved in the organization, I saw areas that needed improvement. I know that as the Vice President I can ensure that the organization will accomplish many much needed changes. This role will allow me to express my ideas and implement strategies and initiatives that will improve the quality of life for all Georgia Tech students.

Lamar’s Four Points of a Diamond
1) Defending the Quality of an Undergraduate’s Education
   With the current state of the economy and Georgia Tech’s impending budget cuts, SGA must take an active role in ensuring that students’ educational needs are not neglected. My vision is to create a more advanced and in-depth version of the Lobby Board. The Lobby Board would be responsible for monitoring the upcoming bills in the Georgia General Assembly and their impact on Georgia Tech. Lobbying Congress members, the Board of Regents, administrators, and faculty to maintain current funding for undergraduate education. Increased correspondence to Congressmen that would include letter writing campaigns and campus invitations to express campus concerns. Georgia Tech students work hard to have their education diminished in any way!

2) Fighting Budget Cuts to Student Organizations
   Due to the recent funding requests from departments that provide student services, most notably the Campus Recreational Center (CRC), the Interact Club, the Business on the Side. Corporate sponsorship of the Student Life Fund-Ga Tech should not be the easy option (i.e. increasing student fees or cutting students organizations’ budgets) without looking first at alternative options. Student organizations should not bear a disproportionate reduction in funding under any circumstances.

3) Enhancing the Relationship between Georgia Tech and Incoming Students
   Although the transition process at Georgia Tech is better than most schools, there are many students that need assistance to this process, many students still feel abandoned when they arrive on campus. Providing a “Helper” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events. A “Buddy” to assist with financial aid, transferring credits, tutoring, class scheduling, and campus events.

4) Improving the Efficiency of the House
   There has been improvement in the House’s productivity over the past year, but there are two areas that will increase productivity in the House. My vision is to: Implement mandatory workshops for all undergraduate House members and to ensure that members are conducted effectively and efficiently SGA should be operated more like a business. With a $3 million budget to manage, representatives need to treat House meetings seriously at all times because it is, hypothetically, a “business.”

Will Welch
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: International Affairs/Modern Languages
Class: Second Year
Campaign Website: www.willwelch.com

Platforms
Foster Cooperation Between the Executive and Legislative Branches
As both a committee chair and a house member, I have had the opportunity to work with extensively within the executive and legislative branches of SGA. As Vice President, I would work to ensure that the House and the student body are aware of all initiatives being undertaken by SGA and are able to voice their opinions to the executive branch through direct channels.

Ensure the Success of the SGA Student Lobbying Board:
I am currently Co-Director of the SGA Student Lobbying Board (Lobby Board), an outgrowth of SGA’s Governmental and External Affairs Committee, of which I am chair. Georgia is facing severe budget cuts that are likely to soon have an impact upon every student at Tech. After having co-founded Lobby Board, I, along with the other members of the Governmental and External Affairs Committee, have taken on a very active role in deciding the future direction of the organization. We are currently developing the methods by which we will contact legislators and get them to weigh heavily the concerns of the Georgia Tech student body when they cast their votes. In my opinion, ensuring the viability of Lobby Board is one of the pressing concerns of SGA, and, with my intimate knowledge of the organization, I feel that I am in a unique position to positively affect the group through my vice presidency.

Ensure A Full House:
A school with as many intelligent, dedicated, and capable students as Georgia Tech should never have shortfalls in membership in the Undergraduate House of Representatives. As Vice President, I would work to ensure that as few positions are left open as possible, and to make sure that full attendance is achieved at all meetings. I strongly believe that all members of the Undergraduate House are entrusted with a duty to serve their constituents, a duty that is not fulfilled with low House attendance. It is my goal that all representatives will take seriously the trust placed in them by the students they serve.

Ensure the Fiscal Viability of SGA:
As many of you may have read in the Technique, SGA has had budgetary difficulties. Although I wish that SGA could provide everything all student organizations ask for, our budget simply does not allow us to achieve that. As Vice-President, I would strive to see that representatives carefully weigh their decisions on all bills. Rather than simply serve as a rubber stamp, SGA should be a body endeavoring towards the judicious, rather than haphazard, allocation of funds. By making sure that SGA pays only for what is necessary, we will ensure that ALL organizations will be more adequately funded.

Ensure the High Morale of the House:
There have been many times when, pressed with WebAssign or an impending test, I have wanted our House meetings to end as quickly as possible. It is an unfortunate fact that meetings do drag longer than I truly necessary - as Vice President, I would do everything within my power to ensure that debates are germane to the topic at hand, and that the House remains focused. While the time issues may primarily be of concern to members of the House, I feel that a focused House, free of frustration from debates that drag on and on, will be better able to make decisions based upon the merits of a bill, rather than a desire to leave. The student body is better represented by representatives who truly want to be there, enjoy what they are doing, and are willing to spend the “necessary” time to consider bills.
Graduate Student Government Elections

Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elect

Kasi David
GSG President Elect

Majors: MSE
Class: PhD
Campaign website:

SGA Experience:
MSE Senator
Member of Joint Finance Committee
Member of Joint Campus Organization Committee
Chair of Graduate Conference Fund

Other Experience:
Caribbean Students Association: President
Black Graduate Students Association: Treasurer

Platform:
Healthcare/Insurance:
As graduate students, we pay for health insurance each year, mainly through the plans offered by the school. There are certain issues concerning health insurance which I aim to work on next year. The first one is the cost associated with the insurance plans. Over the last few years, there has been a considerable increase in insurance costs, and my goal is to find a way to make insurance more affordable and available to graduate students here at Georgia Tech.

Safety:
Safety on campus is another issue that I plan to work on next year. I believe that many students would feel safer if there was a more visible police presence on campus, more specifically increased foot patrols. I will work with the police force to increase the avenues of communication between the students and campus police.

Student Government:
Concerning the Student Government Association, I plan to work with the undergraduate Student Government council to bring the constitutions of both the graduate and undergraduate organizations more in line with each other. This will help to increase the level of efficiency and effectiveness of Student Government as a whole.

Graduate Student Participation:
One of my biggest goals is to increase the level of interaction among graduate students on this campus, by initiating and supporting events which serve to bring graduate students from different departments together.

Lisa Brown
GSG Vice-President Elect

Majors: Public Policy/Biology
Class: Masters
Campaign website:

SGA Experience:
My leadership experience at Tech includes acting as the treasurer for the Biology Graduate Student Association and senator representing Biology from 2002-2003, senator at large in academic year 2003-2004 and acting as the Joint Finance Committee Chair from 2003-2004.

Platform:
My name is Lisa Brown and I am pursuing a dual Masters degree in Public Policy and Biology. I have been a full time graduate student at Georgia Tech since the Fall of 2001.

My experiences have strengthened my communication, organizational, professional and leadership skills. These skills along with my strong academic background make me a strong candidate for the position of Vice President of the Graduate Student Government.

As Vice President, I will help the executive board deal with the harsh budget constraints ahead. I will also focus on increasing the number of graduate students represented in the Senate. I also believe that strengthening the bond and communication between the undergraduate and graduate student bodies as well as executive branches is imperative to a successful Student Government Association.

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