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Last issue’s poll garnered 55 responses to the question: “Should students have to pay the entire Student Activity Fee for summer 2003?”

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Only if they provide viable alternatives (40%)
Don’t care either way (4%)
Yes, they have to pay for SAC somehow (11%)
No, SAC takes too much of the budget (39%)

This week’s poll is related to the reallocation of the old bookstore space. What proposed changes are you most looking forward to? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

**The Nique’s top stories from:**

10 years ago: January 22, 1993—The President’s Parking and Transportation Committee debated whether freshmen should have parking privileges. The School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences announced a new degree program. The College of Charleston upset Men’s basketball, winning 84-67.

20 years ago: January 21, 1983—Charges of rape against five Pi Kappa Alpha brothers were dropped at the alleged victims request. Tech Cheerleaders were ranked tenth in the nation at a competition in Dallas. Men’s basketball eked out a 64-60 win over the Georgia State University Panthers.

30 years ago: January 26, 1973—There was “light at the end of the tunnel” for students “patiently enduring” Stinger service as Tech announced that it would hire an independent contract. An SGA resolution condemning the Vietnam war died with the expected signing of a peace agreement. The Women’s bowling team began their first season with a loss.

**Fund from page 1**

The best way to raise money, but did agree with the need that had been expressed in the various resolutions,” said Vice President of Student Affairs Lee Wilcox.

Although the decision had been made to take some steps to improve student life, the administration then met to discuss what specific ideas would be utilized.

“The president, the provost and the rest of us [on the cabinet] decided to put some money forward that could be used for the purpose [of improving student life] for the next two or three years,” said Wilcox.

The Fund will provide $50,000 for this semester and $100,000 during each of the next two years.

With the backing of the administration, student representatives from SGA began discussing specific details about the Fund. “With this backing, Dr. Wilcox, Dean Gail [DiSabatino], Ben Lawder, Tiffany Massey, Alan Michaels, Kelli Longshore, and I met to discuss specific intent and the policy on how to allocate the funds,” said SGA representative Joey Katzner.

The result of these discussions was the formation of the Student Life Allocation Board, which will be composed of members of the administration nominated by the Vice President of Student Affairs and four students nominated by the president of the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate.

According to Wilcox, the board should be formed in the next few weeks so that the Fund can be utilized in the near future.

“We really need to get going,” said Wilcox. “We really have to do double duty this spring because we have to set up the mechanism for the annual review and invite student organizations and Tech departments to submit proposals for next year. But we also need to decide the best ways to use the $50,000 available this semester.”

Wilcox, Lawder and Katzner agree that the Fund will be used to support activities that have a wide impact over all of student life.

“The purpose of this Fund is not just to be another bullet on a list of places traditional student programming seeks money,” said Katzner. “Instead, we hope this will inspire those in the community to develop and act on more creative programming on a much larger scale.”

Although the Fund will provide the resources for the next two years, the long term plan is to establish a $5 million Student Life endowment that will provide funding for large-scale campus activities for years to come in the same manner as the current Fund.
Wilcox, Steele update Grad Senate

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

Although the Graduate Senate only had three bills on the agenda for Tuesday’s meeting, what looked like a short meeting on paper was actually one of the longest of the year. The great length was caused primarily by two guest speakers who presented information on two developing plans involving the entire campus, both graduates and undergraduates.

Vice President of Student Affairs Lee Wilcox informed the senate of a new endowment being presented by the president’s office in collaboration with SGA to establish a student life fund. According to Wilcox, the fund would allow improvements in student life by funding various campus activities. “This fund would be for large scale events that affect the entire campus,” said Wilcox.

Graduate president Alan Michaels went on to say that although the brick project, which was proposed by both GSS and UHR last semester, was the driving force in trying to develop new student life funding, the brick plan was currently on hold.

In addition, Rich Steele, director of the Student Center, announced the plans developed by the bookstore allocation programming committee along with architects released a plan with the space along with depictions of what the area would look like when completed.

Steele spoke on what will be included in the renovated space. “We are looking at putting in an Italian eatery similar to many of the brick oven pizza places in the area,” said Steele.

In other business, the senate discussed four bills, two of which were tabled after some discussion. The first bill considered was an allocation to the Black Graduate Student Association. Senator Kasi David presented the bill, which asked for funding See GSS, page 7

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Undergrads table immigration bill

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Representatives had a broad array of topics laid before them at Tuesday’s meeting of the Undergraduate House.

Sophomore Representative Eman Kribah introduced a revised version of a resolution, which was the center of much debate at last week’s meeting. The Joint Resolution, originally introduced last week, would have harshly criticized the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Now, after back-room discussions aimed at avoiding a fiery and divisive debate, a good deal of the more bellicose language condemning US immigration policies has been cut out.

The new draft resolution calls on Georgia Tech administrators to “press” the Department of Justice on three points: first, “to ensure that a justified and equitable foreign student tracking system is implemented; second, that the Department “take urgent notice…to ensure [that] human rights are not infringed;” and, third, that foreign students who voluntarily attempt to comply with new regulations “be treated humanely and justly…not humiliated as guilty criminals without due process.”

“This bill does not need to criticize the government or place blame on anyone,” said Yasser Bhatti, Graduate Senator and author of both versions of the resolution. “International students are a big asset to the university. They play a big part in the things that come out in these books,” said Bhatti, holding up copies of US News and World Report’s college rankings.

When At-Large Representative Alan Bakkowski read the first version of the resolution, he said he had mixed feelings. But at Tuesday’s meeting, Bakkowski found the new language “totally acceptable” and said he was “totally comfortable” with the contents of the revised resolution.

CS Representative Adam Bernstein ques-
Earthquake hits Mexico, kills at least 23

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit a remote region of Mexico at 8:06 p.m. Tuesday, killing 23 people and injuring more than 160. The quake was centered near the Pacific coast in the largely agricultural state of Colima. At least 21 people were killed. Many Colima residents live in fragile houses that suffered severe damage in the quake. The shaking could be felt 300 miles away in Mexico City. Colima’s governor declared a state of emergency and ordered small planes to survey the damage.

France, Germany oppose war in Iraq

President Jacques Chirac of France and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder announced Wednesday that they would stand together in opposition to a US-led war in Iraq. Chirac said weapons inspectors need additional time to look for weapons of mass destruction. In a demonstration of Franco-German cooperation, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was unable to approve advanced military planning in preparation of a possible war. Both the US and Britain continued a military buildup in the Persian Gulf. Britain announced it will send a quarter of its entire armed forces.

Toothbrush voted king of inventions

A recent survey conducted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology asked people to rank five inventions: The car, the personal computer, the microwave, the cell phone, and the toothbrush. Respondents named the toothbrush as the one invention they could not live without. The first toothbrush was made in 1498 by a Chinese emperor who embedded hog hair in a bone handle.
Crocker named first new police chief in 22 years

By Tony Kluempfer
News Editor

Although most students may not realize it, the Tech police department has been operating without an official chief since last June when Chief Jack Vickery stepped down after 22 years on the job.

That interim period ended on Jan. 6 when Teresa Crocker became the new director of security and police. The job is Crocker’s first outside of the state of North Carolina. She previously served as the chief of police at East Carolina University, a position Crocker held for nearly ten years.

According to Robert Thompson, senior vice president for Administration and Finance, Crocker’s police credentials were highly impressive. “She brings considerable experience in higher education settings,” Thompson told the Whistle.

“We are delighted that she has agreed to join the Tech team in this extremely important position and look forward to working with her in creating an even safer, more secure campus environment.” Crocker became interested in the Tech job last summer, not long after Vickery retired. She had been in the Atlanta area a few years ago and had decided she would be interested in working here someday. When the Tech job opened, Crocker decided to look into it.

“Georgia Tech was honestly the only school in the area that I was considering. It was a great opportunity,” Teresa Crocker, Director of Security and Police

After deciding to apply, Crocker came to campus in the fall to interview with the search committee. She then returned later in the semester for a day full of interviews with different departments across campus.

“I interviewed with some individuals including the president,” said Crocker. “I also interviewed with different groups from the Police Department, Auxiliary Service and Fac-

See Crocker, page 6
tioned the resolution’s length and potentially inflammatory statements, arguing instead for a short one or two line statement of concern.

“I ask Is this the best thing to do [for foreign students]?” he said. Some representatives asked for additional time to study the revised resolution, and the House eventually voted to table the bill until next week.

In other business, Reps began considering the new FY 2003/2004 Student Activity Fee Budget, asking general questions of Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Chair Chris Webb.

The consideration process barely got out of the starting blocks before the budget was tabled. Reps will need several more weeks to plow through the lengthy document.

Undergraduate Student Body President Tiffany Massey tried to rally the troops for the task ahead, but admitted that budget consideration can often be “time-consuming, annoying, and detailed.” She urged them to look at the budget as a whole and to be careful when considering potential changes.

“We have to answer to a lot of people,” she said. The House also spent time trying to decide whether they could allocate money to the Georgia Tech Tournament Paintball Team. The JFC failed the allocation bill because the Team is not an official student organization, has no advisor, and does not have insurance. The organization representative, Mike Evans, countered that the official Tech Paintball Club is inactive at this point and that his team is currently working to take over its operation.

Some reps seemed hesitant to give money to an unofficial student organization. They moved to table the bill for about three weeks to give the Paintball Team time to become official.

Reps moved three bills from new to old business. Another bill which passed chartered Culture Tech, a new student organization that will try to promote coordination and cooperation among Tech’s various cultural organizations.

Two other bills appointed Ryan Spanier to the JPC, and Carmen Jackson as the new Executive Assistant. Both bills were approved by unanimous acclamation.

In her report to the House, President Massey confirmed that the proposed Brick Project will no longer be necessary. Massey and Dr. Lee Wilcox, Vice President of Student Affairs reported that the administration has agreed to provide $250,000 for improvement of student life over the next two-and-a-half years.

“I feel good about [this program],” said Wilcox. “This is really a case where students identified a gap, and the administration responded,” said Massey.

Additional changes have been made to the position as it has been renamed as the Director of Security and Police. The name change was due to the new responsibilities added to the campus Police Department in the post-9/11 world. The added responsibilities for emergency preparedness and response.

There’s a lot of post-9/11 issues that have driven these changes,” said Crocker. “There are more issues on the need for physical security of the campus than in past years. These have become part of my daily role on campus along with dealing with campus crime activities.”

Another change is that Crocker will now report to Thompson’s office.

Looking towards the future, Crocker hopes to promote more communication between the different departments on campus and the Police Department to provide a safer campus overall.

“At East Carolina we were able to form a really successful community police force because we had a lot of partnership with other agencies on campus,” said Crocker.

“It was really a more effective way to solve problems on campus. For example, if there was a problem with lighting in an area, the solution would be reached more effectively if there was communication between Facilities and the Police.”

Crocker is also excited to see how much Tech’s campus is growing. “The great thing about Tech is the extreme growth you can see everywhere. Almost every building has some type of construction going on,” said Crocker. “The expansion being made is very appealing. With these improvements to campus I hope to look at improving the Police Department as well. Hopefully we can have a top ten campus law enforcement program along with a top ten institute.”
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for a member of the association to attend a national conference in Boston.

ECE Senator Roy Furbank questioned the reasoning behind only sending one member of the organization. David felt that sending one member was the most cost effective way for the organization to have representation at the conference.

The bill passed with little to no discussion by an overwhelming majority.

The second item up for discussion looked to be one of the most controversial of the session. The resolution calling for responsible immigration policies for international students caused quite a stir in UHR last week even before it had reached old business.

However, after the resolution was presented, ECE senator Pelham Norville felt that the bill should be tabled until next week. “This bill is worthy of serious consideration,” said Norville.

“Therefore, I think we should table it for a week so that we will be able to do our own research and check out the figures in the resolution so that we can have a well informed discussion on the issue.”

Although some senators opposed tableing the bill saying the bill had been available for research for the past week, the motion to table passed by a large majority.

In one of the more confusing items of the night, coordinating officer Jennifer Matthews made a motion to untable the Student Activity Budget bill to make an amendment raising the Graduate Conference Fund to $55,000. The amendment passed, at which time Matthews made a second motion to retable the bill for discussion at next week’s meeting.

In a final order of business Matthews made another motion to move a bill considering the chartering of an organization from new to old business. The motion and bill passed.

Last Friday afternoon the MARC building was evacuated after a chemical spill was discovered. Hazardous Materials crews were called in to clean up the spill, which was completed by later that day.
interested in slipping through just to see what’s going on,” said Shuck.

The “anchor” of the Houston Building will be food service, said Steele. Two concepts for restaurants are under consideration. The first would be an Italian-style facility dubbed “Pandini’s.” The other option is a sports bar/non-alcoholic pub with a “beyond casual” atmosphere. Both concepts offer seating for about 160 people.

The success of any restaurant, said Steele, will depend on its ability to draw large crowds, not only during the day but also during dinner and late-night hours. Administrators are exploring the possibility of integrating student meal plans.

Across from the restaurant, there will be a combination bookstore-convenience store that will be comparable to Burdell’s. The store will sell school supplies, snack food, GT apparel, and other everyday items. The design also calls for a small copy center adjacent to the store. Kinko’s has expressed an interest in running such a facility, said Steele.

Between the restaurant and the bookstore, directly under the central skylight, will be a 300 square-foot stage for music and other live events. The first floor will also house a new Student Government suite and a 1200 square-foot meeting room with seating for between 70 and 100 people.

It is “highly likely” that WREK Radio will also relocate to the Houston Building from its current location in the Coliseum Annex, said Dr. Lee Wilcox, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Comfortable couches, out-of-the-way study areas, and small, multi-purpose kiosks will be scattered throughout the entire floor. The Cyber Café, Hair Cuttery, Buzzcard Center, and College Optical will remain in the Houston Building, although the size of their individual spaces may change slightly.

STA Travel will move to the area now occupied by Burdell’s to make room for a “grand staircase” leading to the second floor. Upstairs, the giant room now dedicated to textbook storage will be converted into work space for various student organizations. The organizations still have to decide among themselves exactly how to allocate the available space. Three to five new meeting rooms will also be located on the second level.

In total, 31,000 square feet on the first floor and 9,000 square-feet on the second floor will be remodeled. Now that Programming is complete, a core team can begin the next phase, Detail Design, in which the “nitty-gritty” elements of the design will be worked out in the “many hours of meetings ahead.”

Student input has been critical to the formation of the design. Student representatives formed part of the Planning Committee.

The total cost is expected to be $6.7 million. Administrators are still trying to come up with about $2 million in funding, but Steele expressed confidence that the money would be available in time.

The project is expected to begin July 1, 2003 and be completed by Jan., 2004.
ed among organizations. This way, Tier 3 organizations’ budget requests were cut by only 70 percent as opposed to 80 percent. Cultural organizations faced only 50 percent cuts, while competitive organizations received 30 percent cuts, not 25.

Another difference in the budget that created additional cuts comes from the Student Center. Said Webb, “The Student Center Programs Council actually has a huge increase over previous years, but we decided to cut them to something.”

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In all, with $3.3 million dollars requested for the student activity budget, JFC allocated $2.7 million to all organizations.

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What types of efforts are underway to foster collaboration between the administration and the student leadership?

In addition to the State of the Institute Address and its subsequent question and answer session, I personally attend SGA meetings each year to try to keep my “finger on the pulse” of issues that are important to students. Also, I always meet with SGA leaders any time that they request a meeting. Similarly, several Cabinet members are intimately involved with a variety of student-focused activities and initiatives. Finally, we have student participation on all Institute committees, including standing committees, search committees, and facility planning committees.

We are also seeking for foster communications in informal settings. For example, “Dessert with the Dean” allowed 50 students to meet Dean Jean-Lou Chameau is holding a series of dinner meetings with students, and in some cases, I will join in as well.

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What is being done to improve the response time of the GT police to reports of criminal activity?

Increased staffing (i.e., more police officers on the street) should lead to improved response time. Seven new positions were added to the budget this past year to help patrol Technology Square as it begins to open for business. Also, starting pay for new officers and existing officers was increased to be market competitive, which should help to retain officers and attract good candidates to help fill new positions and existing vacancies. The Georgia Tech Police have already begun to staff their communications center with two dispatchers (instead of one) during peak hours and even around the clock whenever possible. Utilizing two dispatchers should help improve overall operational efficiency by reducing the number of tasks that at dispatcher may be required to handle at once.

Is there a target enrollment figure for the Atlanta campus? Are increases in enrollment in proportion with funding for GRA/GTAs?

The overall target undergraduate enrollment is not fixed, but the admissions target for entering freshmen each year is approximately 2250. Graduate enrollment figures are managed at the school level.

As for GRA/GTAs funding being in proportion with increasing enrollment, the answer to that is a qualified “yes.” On an informal survey of graduate departments performed by the Division of Graduate Studies and Research for an Executive Board meeting earlier this year, the most commonly cited factors dictating the targeted Fall 2003 enrollment were faculty resources, including funding and availability of advisors and need for advisors; funding; class size and didactic reasons; physical limits.
**SGA budget**

The Joint Finance Committee’s proposed budget for the next fiscal year is well crafted and fiscally balanced. Most organizations either increased their budgets or maintained them. Additionally, JFC managed to give budgets to many small organizations who had never had them before. The Student Center Programs Board was given a substantial increase in order to fund a large on-campus concert, an event that will correspond nicely with the introduction of the Student Life Fund. While some organizations’ budgets were cut, it is important for all organizations to realize that SGA has limited resources. The amount of money that any one organization can receive is limited by the money that all other organizations want.

Hopefully, this good planning on the part of JFC will result in an easy passage through the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate. Quick passage will help student organizations to do more in-depth planning for the upcoming year, encouraging more campus-wide events. A speedy approval will also increase acceptance of the JFC, a part of SGA that gained power this year under the slate method of voting on financial bills.

This budget also includes a large increase for SAC because of all the new staff members that will be necessary to operate the SAC expansion. To fund these salaries, the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee has recommended the student activity fee be increased $8 beginning in Fall semester. Both Georgia Tech and the Board of Regents should approve this increase. It has been many years since fees were increased, and these increases will be used wisely to improve student life at Tech. This increase is both practical and fiscally responsible, as this fee increase should decrease the likelihood that more increases will be needed when SAC II is completed.

While this increase in fees may upset many students, growth will allow for both the funding of SAC II and the Tier III student organizations. Without it, smaller organizations would be left without funding. The money used for construction is also a necessary component of student fees. We as students rely heavily on the fees paid by the students who came before us. The Library West Commons, the Love Building, and the Bioengineering and Biosciences building were all funded by students, many of whom are probably not still around to see the fruits of all their fees. Although it is frustrating to endure the fee increases and the constant construction, Tech will be a much better place for future students and for all of us who return to campus to visit after we have graduated.

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**Parking policies counterproductive**

I wonder which kind of bread I should get at the grocery store today, the whole grain or the wheat natty? What—what’s that yellow thing doing assaulting my windshield?

And that is precisely how I came upon the latest derivations in my side provided by the Department of Parking, although I think Department of Ticketing would more aptly describe what the division does to keep busy. In fact, perhaps a more appropriate name would include allusions to some sort of street oligarchy.

It’s nothing new for anyone who has ever driven a car around Ferst Drive (when that was still possible, anyway) to come across a deceptively innocent white truck stalking the parked vehicles. I’m surprised the parking enforcers haven’t started following moving vehicles that are about to refill the parking area with a hundred dollar piece of plastic dangling from the car’s rear view mirrors, to just hand the driver the ticket as soon as they illegally pull into a space.

This would also mean that the ticket given to the car another ticket, without knowledge that the passed had already been done? What a coup for the Department of Parking would be. When I was taken off the wait list for getting a parking pass, I was ecstatic. My enthusiasm rapidly waned, though, as I realized that the new plastic card I had invested in was only going to buy me more hassle.

For example, in my latest run-in with the office of parking, I was ticketed twice in two days for the exact same infraction—parking in a nonexistent spot in the lot for which I hold a pass. Considering that because of the light paint lines demarcating spots I assumed that the area in front of my friend’s car was legal, there are two problems here, representative of larger problems many students have with the department of parking.

First, the incentive for students to follow Parking’s mostly-arbitrary rules decreases drastically because of the perception that they’re likely to get ticketed anyway. For example (aside from my incident), one student moved his car from the lot he has a pass to because of a basketball game; the student returned to his car a few hours after the game was over to find a ticket stuck to his windshield for parking in a lot he didn’t have a pass for—does Parking expect students to rush to their cars immediately after games are over, sit idle while the fans visit their parking spaces, and then return back to their rightful lots?

Secondly, Parking ticketers are overzealous about doing their jobs. It seems unnecessary (and even a waste of paper!) to ticket the same car, for the same infraction, repeatedly, in a short period of time that the car owner might not have had the chance to return to their car to find the first ticket!

Last semester one of my friends knowingly parked her car in an spot for which she did not have a pass, mostly because she was lazy and running late, but also because she figured she would get a $40 dollar ticket at most in the two hours she expected to be there. When she returned to drive home, she was met by a line of cars along the street, none of which were hers. Turns out she had been ticketed, booted and towed in the span of two hours.

Anyway, my personal frustration with the lack luster administration of nonsensical policies are overshadowed by the most important issue here: the need for the Parking Department to respond to the needs of the students.

The recent move to remove after-hours restrictions on parking in areas surrounding the library was a good move; I applaud the officials who made this a reality.

One step in the right direction does not equal a panacea, though; instead, more improvements need to be made before officials are allowed to rest on their laurels.

Access to campus during off-hours should also be granted, under a similar policy to the one governing the library area. Students with off-campus cars should be able to park on campus without a permit in A lots on the weekends—and especially during holidays—as long as they’re not students—such as parents and alumni.

These new policies would increase student safety at times when campus is deserted and dark. In light of the many recent incidents of crime near Tech’s campus, the possibility of lessening parking restrictions should be seriously considered.

If Parking kept in mind that students are not meant to be their sole source of income, we’d be happier students.
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“Diversity valuable”

My letter to the Technique in the November 22, 2002, issue was a statement on why there is a need to increase the amount of black professors at Georgia Tech. I did not expect to receive so many responses.

However, with so many responses, I did expect more variety. I was surprised and very disappointed by the frequency of certain themes:

1. Why is there any need for diversity?
2. There is no need as I was able to accomplish the same goals as the black professors.
3. It is more work than you think.

Ironically, the recurrence of the theme with such fervor is evidence of the necessity for the first. Many people assume or interpret diversity to mean that there will be a decrease in the quality of their community, neighborhoods, workplaces, or academic environments.

People fail to realize that their perceptions are sometimes shaped more by their academic environment than by the media because the former is more tangible than the latter.

There are those who actually believe that a black person can sit in the same classroom with them, go through the same tests and trials, walk across the same stage, and get the same degree, and many of us are born with the second wind.

The simplest thing is helping others, doing SOMETHING to give a reason to others, do SOMETHING to give a purpose for your life. Whether it’s because you’re driven towards a goal, find religion, or serve others, do SOMETHING to give your life purpose.

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Power of spoken word great, unpredictable

By Emmanuel Olubajo
The BG News Columnist

(U-WIRE) Bowling Green University—An experiment was conducted a few years ago on the implication of spoken words to people. One hundred students in a class were made to take a written test and the individual result of the test was not made known to the students. The class was then divided into two sets of 50 students each: the genius class and the mediocre class.

The genius class was told that they had the highest I.Q and was the most brilliant and brightest set of students to have ever lived in the world. The class was told, that without even teaching them, they had the brain capacity to teach themselves, as creativity was their birthright.

Students in the mediocre class were told that their I.Q was very low, that they were very lazy and dull. At the end of a new academic session, another test was conducted for both classes. The genius class did ten times better than the mediocre class.

“Always talk happiness, progress, prosperity, good health, peace and success.”

Emmanuel Olubajo
The BG News Columnist

Whatever you are told as a person and you believe it, you will manifest it. One trait of successful people is the ability to always use positive words at the slightest opportunity. Many often talk themselves to failure; they say “I don’t know why I’m always acting foolishly!” “I’m broke,” “I suck,” “I’m doomed” and so on.

Very soon whether you mean those words or not, you will ultimately manifest what you have said about yourself. It’s no magic, it is a simple principle of reaping what you have sowed into your own life. While listening to Robert Kirolaki (Author of Best Selling Book, Rich Dad Poor Dad) last year in Atlanta, he said many people talk themselves into poverty by saying, “I cannot afford it!” and as long as you make this kind of negative confessions, you may never achieve prosperity.

Cultivate the language of champions and achievers in life, who more often than not use words such as, “I can,” “I believe,” “It’s possible,” “Thank You” and other positive words. Your words reflect what you believe about your future. Mark Twain said, “The difference between the right word and almost the right word is the difference between a lightning and the lightning bug.”

Always talk happiness, progress, prosperity, good health, peace and success.

Georgia Tech has been named the top producer of black engineers and intends to remain the trendsetter. Quoted in the August 31st, 2001 issue of the Technique, Ingrid Hayes, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, states “the goal of Georgia Tech was not to increase African-American application and enrollment to improve some idealized statistic, but to make Georgia Tech a more complete, diverse learning institution with a broad cultural base.”

In this statement, the student body is not only being addressed but also the faculty. A pipeline for black students has been laid by the collaboration between Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and an organization has been established called Minority Recruitment Team (MRT). These actions show a desire to increase diversity; why should diversity end with the student body?

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Shaftnews.com offers new satirical parody of Tech

The 'Nique's Jennifer Lee conducts an exclusive interview with the two creators of Shaft News, "The South's Most Awesome College Newspaper." The parody website pokes fun at campus events and personalities.

By Jennifer Lee  
Staff Writer

Psst... have you heard about www.shaftnews.com? The site, which parodies Georgia Tech, Onion-style, is the home of Shaft News—The South’s Most Awesome College Newspaper.

Hey, we at the Technique can take a joke. Having just gone online two weeks ago, Shaft News, with only one published issue so far, has been making the email rounds and generating quite a bit of buzz. The site received about 7,000 hits in its first week. We're all already getting rave reviews:

"It's so funny," said Bela Jacobsen, an Industrial Engineering major.

"It is truly a funny site that gets its point across but doesn't try to slam Georgia Tech. I think it's awesome," said Wes Reynolds, a Communications major.

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We Reynolds, a Com-  
puter Engineering major, said, "I think it's a good, fun way for students to see that we're all in the same boat, sharing a lot of the same frustra-
tions."

And John Tulliver, a first-year Computer Engineering major, said, "It's very, very sarcastic."

And word is still spreading. We spoke with the two editors of The Shaft News, who prefer not to reveal their initials, to see what they had to say for themselves.

CA: How often do you read The Shaft News?
JB: We look at his log—he got about 800 hits the first day. We ended up getting over 7,000 hits in its first week.

CA: Does it involve beer?
JB: It did, for me.
CA: Yeah, it was really sweet.
JB: Another source of confusion: one person didn't realize that the articles weren't real, so he posted an angry message to a message board about the calc professor article. But for the most part the response has been amazing.
CA: We're really surprised at how much it took off. See, our nemesis—the GTSux website, I'd like to fight that guy in a boxing match. We looked at his log—he got about 250 hits the first day, so our goal was to beat him and get our 250 hits the next day, and we ended up getting over 800 hits the first day.
CA: When people email us, we email them with ideas and suggestions.
CA: We think that's great because it gets our point across but isn't really offensive in language.

CA: I think there's always plenty of material that Tech provides us with.
JB: At some point in time, we'd like to start up a prize patrol on campus. If we see you wearing a Shaft News T-shirt we'll hook you up with some prize. We don't really know what that prize is, but we have a couple hundred dollars to be given away. We don't really know what that prize is, but we have a couple hundred dollars to be given away.
CA: One guy wrote, "It's great reading the stuff on the website.
CA: We've had a lot of people ask us if we have all the extra articles in there.
CA: We sold a couple of T-shirts and some bumper stickers. Not enough to retire yet—we've made about $25. We'd rather people buy the shirts and wear them than make a profit.
CA: I actually have it on good authority that President Peurifoy is forwarding our site and his response—this is all purported—was, "It's a shame to see creative people wasting their time."

CA: Oh, yeah! Here you go. (hands me a Shaft News bumper sticker)
CA: It's witty, yet seductive.

CA: We were just like, "Wouldn't it be great if Tech had some-
Ever wonder how doctors clean their machinery, with all its intricate and delicate parts, without damaging any of the components? After all, medical instruments must be cleaned regularly to avoid transferring infections from patient to patient. The answer is—not very easily. Up until now, technicians have used a combination of heat and harsh chemicals, which can sometimes damage the equipment.

An ongoing research project involving Georgia Tech professors stands to revolutionize the medical instrument cleaning process. Cavitation, a phenomenon previously studied for its adverse effects on submarine propellers operating in deep waters, is the basis for this improved infection-killing technique.

Cavitation is a procedure in which acoustic energy applied to a liquid induces the creation of bubbles. When the energy is taken away they collapse. Powerful cavitation occurs naturally in environments with high atmospheric pressure, such as the deep ocean, because the enhanced surrounding pressure substantially increases the energy released by the bubbles. This so-called “anomalous depth effect” has helped scientists to understand how to control the energy release by the surrounding atmospheric pressure.

Dr. Stephen Carter, an Atlanta dentist, has been experimenting with the cavitation process since 1994. He had been intrigued by the idea of using rapid decompression to kill microbes on his instruments. Decompression theoretically breaks the cell walls of the microorganisms and kills them.

Carter told Georgia Tech Research news: “Complex and extremely expensive endoscopes and related surgical equipment are very vulnerable to heat, and they are challenging to clean. We believe that our methods will sterilize in shorter periods of time, which would be a substantial advantage for expensive medical equipment.”

Throughout 1994-1997, Carter continued testing with cavitation, trying to find that perfect combination of decompression and ultrasonic energy exposure, but the technique was not able to kill the hardest microbes.

Kenneth Cunefare, a Georgia Tech mechanical engineering professor who also specializes in acoustics, was approached by Carter to assist with the research. Cunefare realized that Carter was onto something, and he experimented with increases in ultrasonic energy and changing the pressure to optimize the effects of cavitation.

Together, Carter and Cunefare successfully combined energy, high pressure and isopropyl alcohol to make the process work. For their purposes, cavitation requires the alcohol to be present and does not succeed with plain water or a standard atmospheric pressure. Their experiment consisted of a vial containing bacteria and an alcohol solution, which they subjected to short applications of cavitation over 10-15 minutes. During the power bursts, the vial appeared to foam, and the foam subsided when the power was turned off. The process created active cavitation for up to 60 seconds. This successful combination of forces and liquids killed more than 90% of the bacteria during testing.

Although the scientists do not currently understand the mechanism by which these forces kill the
Shaftnews
You guys are both graduating this spring. What’s going to happen to The Shaft when you graduate?
CA: We’d like to find people to write and do the kind of stuff we want to do, and hopefully turn it into an institution at Tech when we leave. We actually considered trying to start a campus club to do this, but we decided that there was no way we could write all the stuff we wanted to write if we were governed as a Tech organization.
TQ: Anything else?
CA: Our next issue comes out this Friday the 24th. Be sure to check it out.
You can find the latest issue of Shaft News, which comes out today, at www.shaftnews.com. If you have questions about Shaft News, email its editors, but also write a letter to the ‘Nique at opinions@technique.gatech.edu.

Sterile
Crobes, they are continuing to study and perfect the process.

Assisting researcher Donald Ahearn, a Georgia State professor, said, “We don’t exactly know how the cells die, but we know the end phenomenon…Increased pressure and disinfectant molecules are somehow enhanced by the cavitation process, but the physiology of the death has yet to be determined."

Cunefare theorizes that the process is similar to ultrasound, which makes the skin cells permeable enough to accept drug compounds. He believes cavitation acts likewise, making cell walls permeable enough to admit isopropyl alcohol molecules contained in the solution, killing the cell.

In December 2002, the researchers presented their findings to the First Pan-American/Iberian Meeting on Acoustics in Cancun, Mexico.

The implications of Carter and Cunefare’s research are immense. The cavitation technique could easily reduce the costs and time of cleaning expensive and sensitive medical equipment. It has a tremendous advantage over chemical treatments because it is fast and does not harm the equipment with abrasives. Cunefare believes that cavitation has potential to treat water and wastewater, and even pasteurize milk and orange juice someday.

Last October, Carter and Cunefare applied for and received a U.S. patent for their work, titled “Apparatus and Associated Method for Decontaminating Contaminated Matter with Ultrasonic Transient Cavitation.” They are also trying interest medical equipment companies in commercializing the cavitation technique.

Thanks to Georgia Tech Research News and Publications for their assistance with this article.
Student earns five degrees in four years

By Jennifer Lee
Staff Writer

With difficult classes, co-op, and frequent major switches, a fifth-year student at Georgia Tech is nothing out of the ordinary.

Alan Michaels, however, takes being a fifth-year student to a whole new level. Currently a Ph.D student in Electrical Engineering, he wanted to change his major when he first came to Tech. "But instead of changing," he said, "I just kept it and kept going."

Kept going, indeed. After May of 2003, he will have five degrees: a B.A. in Electrical Engineering, a masters in ECE, a B.A. and an M.S. in Applied Math, and a certificate in Applied Physics. "Last weekend I went sky-diving," he said.

According to him, "If it's a logical standpoint, and uses it to play intramural flag football and just have fun. For example, "Last weekend I went sky-diving," he said.

This semester Michaels is taking six classes, which, according to him, "is a light load because I'm doing [student government]." During the interview, he informed me, matter-of-factly, "I have a test in an hour for a class that I've attended once in the last month. I'll do fine. Last night I sat down and spent three hours reading the last month's worth of material. If a class doesn't interest me a lot, that's what I do. If it does interest me, I show up to lecture and ask questions."

What does he plan to do with all his degrees? "That's a good question," he says, laughing. This summer he will be working at the National Security Agency as a mathematician (although he has yet to get his math degrees). He is also looking at going to England to finish a math or physics Ph.D.

"What I'll probably do is quantum computing, quantum cryptography," he muses, "and beyond that, I'll probably be a college dean."

"My other option is that I've applied to Harvard Business School to get an MBA. So," Michaels is quick to add, "I really don't know what direction I'm headed."

"I'm just here to play," he concluded, with a shrug and a smile.

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mentality encouraged her to enroll in the co-op program and accept a position with Southern Bell (now BellSouth) after her freshman year. She recalled that it made sense from a logical standpoint, and she met a lot of people and gained a lot of experience that helped her function in graduate school and the job market. It was also a positive business experience because, she said, she never felt discriminated against.

Following her graduation in 1993, Dr. Walker attended Georgia State University, where she earned her masters and interned at Tech at the Center for Rehabilitation Technology. She then moved on to the University of Georgia and obtained her PhD in Counseling Psychology. Yet she attributes these later successes to her experiences as an undergraduate. "What was so wonderful was that even though I went into these more humanities-oriented fields, I always was able to support myself by teaching statistics, getting a computer-based job within my department. I really felt like all of the things I did as an undergrad really helped me. Now that I'm out working in our own company [Assessment Plus], even more so."

Ultimately, Dr. Walker remembers Tech as being one of the most positive and most important experiences in her life. "I think, overall, Georgia Tech is a wonderful place where you can really understand the way the world works," she said. "I really felt like all of the things I did as an undergrad really helped me."

Most importantly, Dr. Walker's experiences indicated that Tech had moved forward considerably in its acceptance of women since Shirley Mewborn set foot onto campus four years earlier. "Women once made a lasting impression simply with their presence on campus, it took the strength of women such as Walker to really stand apart from the rest of the student body."

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sliver box

www.nique.net/sliver

Weather outside: rain and sleet; Cyberbuzz's weather: sunshine!

A word to the wise. It is www.nique.net, not www.nique.com

Georgia Tech's new motto: Progress, please pardon our people.

U[sic]GA may win in football, but their graduates still serve us fries.

I hope Penn State loses every game for every sport because of an Economics professor who will remain nameless who didn't give me that damn half a point, shenanigans!

Parties are so much more fun when you are NOT looking for a man.

Someone please tell me why I didn't go to a libral arts school.

Yay! A new Nique for the winter semester! More shenanigans! Too bad I can't come back...
By Joshua Cameo
Staff Writer

Assessment Plus’ Director of Cli-
en Development had an extraordinari-
ly positive career at Georgia Tech.
“I thought it was very support-
ive,” said Dr. Karen Steadman Walk-
er, a 1993 graduate in Industrial
and Systems Engineering. “Of course,
like anywhere else, you gotta seek
opportunities. You gotta seek assis-
tance.”

Dr. Walker had settled on Tech
years before she submitted an appli-
cation. Her brother was a student
while she was still in high school, so
she frequented the campus on visits
and familiarized herself with its strong
engineering background, affordability
and other benefits. Furthermore, as
a woman born and raised in the
city, she developed a strong fascina-
tion with Atlanta, which attracted
her to the idea of attending school
in the city’s midtown district.

Dr. Walker recalls the inval-
ubleness of Tech’s rigorous academic
program. “I think that’s helped me
now since I learned how to really do
a lot of different things,” she said.
“It’s helped to study for that many
classes and do well in that many
classes, I had to really learn how to
study. You had to be on top of it and
plan well. You know, like one quar-
ter I had five finals in two days. Just
being able to back that up and plan
for that is quite a challenge.” She
discovered that she worked most
effectively in study groups, which
helped her maintain a healthy social
life at the same time.

She recalled an undercurrent of
pressure because, as a woman, she
was still in a noticeable minority. “I
was one of very few women, espe-
cially in some of my engineering
and calculus classes, so it was a little
overwhelming at first that everyone
knew who I was but I didn’t know

who they were,” she said. “But that
being said, I thought it was a real
strength. I really think it prepared
me well, to be able to confidently
handle myself. So I thought it more of
an asset than not.” She had to
tolerate a couple of discriminatory
professors, but after the presence
of women on campus for forty years,
the faculty had overcome most
of its chauvinistic tendencies, and most
of her gender-related issues stemmed
from the attention she received from
her male classmates and various odd
phenomena. “It was more obvious
that the men on campus were con-
cerned about the women on cam-
pus more than my professors,” she
said. “You had to really deal with
standing out on campus. But I don’t
feel like I was discriminated against
by my fellow students.”

Dr. Walker was also displeased
with student publications such as the
Technique, citing articles such as
the exact same week they ran all these
ads about how Auburn girls looked
better than Georgia Tech girls and
all this kind of stuff. I wrote in say-
ing, you know, people were getting
raped on campus. Maybe we need
to be either promoting women or
talking about serious issues, nor who’s
got better figures.” Such features
would later encourage Dr. Walker
to initiate the now-famous “Tech
Page One” column in the Atlanta
Journal-Constitution.

Nevertheless, despite these
aspects of Tech, Dr. Walker found
plenty of assistance and support from
the Institute when she sought it out.
She fondly remembers the encour-
agement of Professor Kim Vicente,
human Factors Engineering
instructor. “I think he really was
able to help me figure out what my
strengths were and to help me apply
them,” Dr. Walker recalled. “He
seemed to really care about his indi-
vidual students and not just getting
the class done.” The Dean of Stu-
dents was another important fig-
ure. “There were several things
that happened to me on campus where
I wanted to have… a female leader,”
Dr. Walker said. “She’s very involved
with women’s issues and sorority
issues.”

When she wasn’t studying, Dr.
Walker kept herself busy in an ex-
ceptionally wide variety of social ac-
vities, most notably her involvement
in creating Georgia Tech’s Olympic
Color Guard in 1996. “I wanted some-
ingthing creative to do… and [the Flag
Corps wasn’t there. They didn’t
have it, and it was something I could
do. I’d done it in high school and
thought it was needed.” She and a
friend went to the band director
and earned enough funding and sup-
port to start and maintain the pro-
gram. She recalled that it required
a lot of physical training, but when
the Flag Corps began traveling with
the marching band and the football
team, she was treated to several ex-
hilarating-out-of-state trips, including
New York and Orlando when the
football team won the national cham-
ionship in 1991. As a bonus, her
training made her eligible to partici-
pate in the Olympic Color Guard
with the rest of the Flag Corps when
the Georgia Tech Band was helping
Atlanta place a bid for the 1996
Olympics, earning her a spot on the
front page of The Atlanta Journal-
Constitution.

She also participated in the camp-
us Greek life, although in an un
conventional move, she avoided
the sororities and pledged the Fiji
(Phi Gamma Delta) fraternity, becom-
ing a formal sister to this male Greek
organization. “They actually had a
formal program… That was prob-
ably because I was at a mostly male
school. I don’t know if any other
schools have little sisters at their fra-
sority house,” she said. Her pledge
made her eligible to participate in
all of Fiji’s activities, such as the
dance formals and other social func-
tions. “I could eat lunch at their
house (and) go to parties and stuff
like that,” she said. She recalled
that they always made her feel welcome.

In addition, Dr. Walker was also
a member of the Humane Society
and ORGT and a DJ for WREK.
her freshman year. She exercised and
swam at the SAC: attended football
games and, indulging in her love for
the city, spent a notable amount of
time off-campus at Atlanta’s resta-
uants, movie theaters and music clubs.
She dated frequently, an indication
that much of Tech’s male student
body was getting over the “don’t
date Tech women” stigma. Further-
more, she recalled that she had full
access to all of Tech’s facilities, in-
cluding the swimming pool, which
by then had been opened up to wom-
en for some time.

Dr. Walker’s business-oriented
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THIS WEEK ON GTCN21 (Ch. 21)

FRIDAY 1/24
12:00 Phat Videos
12:30 Flava 101
1:00 UK Today
1:30 French Focus
2:00 SGA Today
4:00 RHA Today
6:00 Secrets Through Smoke
7:00 Panic Room
9:30 Girl Interrupted
12:00 Dead Poets Society
2:00 Jumanji

SATURDAY 1/25
12:00 Burly Bear
4:00 Crazy/Beautiful
6:00 The Dating Bill of Rights
6:30 The Dating Bill of Rights
7:00 Sorority Boys
8:30 Get Over It
11:00 The Virgin Suicides
1:00 Girl Interrupted

SUNDAY 1/26
12:00 Girl Interrupted
2:30 Jumanji
4:30 Dead Poets Society
7:00 The Virgin Suicides
9:00 Panic Room
11:00 Crazy/Beautiful
1:00 Get Over It

MONDAY 1/27
12:00 Phat Videos
12:30 Flava 101
1:00 Sorority Boys
3:00 Panic Room
5:00 Secrets Through Smoke
6:00 Phat Videos
6:30 Flava 101
7:00 Jumanji
9:00 Get Over It
10:30 Crazy/Beautiful

TUESDAY 1/28
12:00 Burly Bear
4:00 The Virgin Suicides
6:00 The Dating Bill of Rights
6:30 The Dating Bill of Rights
7:00 Dead Poets Society
9:30 Jumanji
11:30 Girl Interrupted

WEDNESDAY 1/29
12:00 It's a Lifestyle
12:30 World Business Review
1:00 Get Used To It
2:00 First Amendment
3:00 Get Over It
4:30 Girl Interrupted
7:00 Crazy/Beautiful
9:00 Sorority Boys
10:30 Panic Room

THURSDAY 1/30
12:00 Zilo Network
3:00 Sorority Boys
4:30 Crazy/Beautiful
6:00 Dating Bill of Rights
6:30 Dating Bill of Rights
7:00 Get Over It
9:00 Dead Poets Society
10:30 The Virgin Suicides

JANUARY MOVIES ON GTCN21 (Ch. 21)

Crazy/Beautiful
Panic Room
Sorority Boys
Get Over It
Mr. Deeds
The Virgin Suicides
Dead Poets Society
Girl, Interrupted
Jumanji

What Movie Do You Want to See on gtcn21?
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The gtcn Crossword

What does gtcn20 do?
What does gtcn21 do?
What does gtcn16 do?
Who provides great campus television?
Tutor-Vision airs on gtcn16 Sunday - ______ at 9pm.
Tech earns grant, implements rape awareness programs

By Kimberly Rieck
Senior Staff Writer

One in four women will be the victim of sexual assault at one point in her lifetime, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. In the United States, a woman is raped every two minutes, the highest rate of any industrialized nation in the world.

In the Atlanta area, there have been two high-profile rapes in the past six weeks. On Monday a female Georgia State student was kidnapped on Meritt Street and Centennial Olympic Park Drive, a frequent parking spot for GSU and Georgia Tech students. The woman was subsequently sexually assaulted by an unidentified man. This attack was six weeks after the on-campus attack of five women, four of them GSU students, in the Spartan dormitory at University Village. Two of the women were sexually assaulted.

At Georgia Tech, there have been seven reported cases of forcible sex offenses between 1999 and 2001. Other Atlanta area schools have reported similar figures for the time period.

However, the figures are misleading. Rape is one of the most underreported crimes. Most reported sexual assault crimes involve crimes committed against a victim by a stranger. The number of reported sexual assault crimes by someone the victim knows is significantly smaller. A U.S. Department of Justice study found fewer than five percent of completed and attempted rapes were reported to law enforcement officials.

According to preliminary data from the 2001 Georgia Tech Health Risk Behavior Survey, 10.1 percent of female students indicated that they had been forced to have sex against their will. The Georgia Women’s Health Survey indicated 37 percent of first rapes in Georgia occur in the age range of traditional college students.

“Women are not feeling comfortable coming forward and telling people what has happened,” said Heather Hopper, Secretary, Director of the Women’s Health Center. The Department of Justice created Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women to reduce the number of sexual assault crimes against women on college campuses. Recently Georgia Tech received one of the Justice Department’s grants. The $200,000 grant is good for two years. The Institute was one of 20 schools nationwide to receive the award. Georgia Tech was unique because of the high percentage of male to female ratio.

Georgia Tech will use the money to implement the Georgia Tech Violence Prevention Project (GTVPP). The GTVPP will establish the first official campus protocol for responding to survivors of sexual violence. While there is the Georgia Tech Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct and the Sexual Assault Task Force on campus to define unacceptable behaviors, this will be the first official victim advocacy support network.

“One problem that we’ve had at Georgia Tech is that everybody’s really interested in this issue, but we all have so many things that we’re working on. We’re going to be able to hire a full-time Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator. We’re also hiring a part-time Victim Advocate,” said Surrency.

Visitors of sexual assault crimes currently can go to the Dean of Students Office to report the crime or to the Georgia Tech Police Department. It is up to the victim whether or not to pursue charges. Surrency said victims can see the Police Department and report the crime and then decide to press charges at a later date if they choose to do so.

Another focus of the grant will be to establish separate training programs for college men and women, faculty, staff, and students. In order to establish this, Surrency, Yvette Upson and others worked with several on campus groups including the IFC, Panhellenic, FASET, Women’s Resource Center, Health Center, Dean of Students, Auxillary Services, Housing, Georgia Tech Police Department, HYPE (Helping You Through Peer Education), Office of International Education, RHA, UJC, SGA, the Georgia Tech Interfaith Council and the GTAA among others.

The coordinator and the victim advocate will train members of each of the preceding groups in advocacy skills, sexual assault prevention information and how to be a resource for victims in need.

For example, each of the six Panhellenic sororities will train one member to be a victim advocate. The Housing Department pledged to the grant proposal to offer additional training in rape prevention to its Residence Life Coordinators and staff. Similar programs will occur in the aforementioned groups.

The program will also include Atlanta outreach programs. Among the programs in Atlanta that will aid in the prevention efforts are the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault (GNEESA), the Feminist Women’s Health Center, the Grady Rape Crisis Help Center and the Men Stopping Violence organization.

Several of these groups have already helped Tech in the Take Back the Night, Women’s Awareness Month and other awareness programs.

The GTVPP will be launching a media campaign, starting its advocacy training programs in the near future and hiring its first employee, Andy Peck, the Sexual Violence and Prevention Coordinator. Peck has experience working in the field when he worked with the Atlanta-based group Men Stopping Violence. He served as the group’s Youth Coordinator.

“My hope is that once we get this program going for sexual violence that we can expand the advocacy to all crimes,” said Surrency.

For more information, check out www.sexualassault.gatech.edu and www.gnea.com
Winner of the Tech Up Close contest receives a Technique T-shirt and a coupon for a free student combo at Li’l Dino’s.

Last week’s Tech Up Close:
Valve indicator

Last week’s winner:
Thomas Glover

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Technology improves features of games on GameCube
Resident Evil Zero allows for more flexibility with two characters

By Aman Solomon
Contributing Writer

Game: Resident Evil Zero
Company: Capcom
System: Nintendo GameCube
Rating: Mature
Score: 8.5 out of 10

For many gamers, a defining moment for the video game genre was the introduction of the original Resident Evil on the PlayStation. Released in 1996, not only was the game enjoyable, but it also had the capability to scare the crap out of you. Many a gamer screamed out loud while battling through the zombie-filled mansion that was the setting of the original game.

In the six years since the release of that classic, Capcom has been putting out a steady stream of titles in the series that culminates with the latest iteration: Resident Evil Zero. Acting as a prequel to the entire series, it is exclusive to the GameCube console. The fact that it is being released only on this system shows that Nintendo is trying to appeal to an older audience.

The game begins on a train in-fested with evil zombies. The main characters are S.T.A.R.S. agent Rebecca Chamber, who will be familiar to fans of the first game, and ex-Navy soldier Billy Coen. Billy's character is a vast departure for the series. An escaped prisoner accused of the murder of 23 fellow soldiers, Billy's character is a vast departure for the series. An escaped prisoner accused of the murder of 23 fellow soldiers, Billy's character is a vast departure for the series. An escaped prisoner accused of the murder of 23 fellow soldiers, Billy's character is a vast departure for the series. An escaped prisoner accused of the murder of 23 fellow soldiers, Billy's character is a vast departure for the series. An escaped prisoner accused of the murder of 23 fellow soldiers, Billy's character is a vast departure for the series. An escaped prisoner accused of the murder of 23 fellow soldiers...

The backgrounds are fully animated and as well for example, on the moving train, objects shift and rattle and rain drips and sprays through open windows. One shining exam-

Metroid Prime’s graphics provide a new perspective on an old game

By Joshua Canoe
Staff Writer

Game: Metroid Prime
Company: Capcom
System: Nintendo GameCube
Rating: Mature
Score: 9 out of 10

First, a disclaimer: this is being written by someone who’s only worked his way through 15 percent or so of the entire game. Given the length and complexity of Nintendo’s GameCube’s Metroid Prime, that adds up to a good eight hours or so of game time, but it still may not be sufficient to give a fully accurate account of the game.

Nevertheless, I may have a distinct advantage in that I’ve been a die-hard fan of the Metroid games since the eight-bit Metroid II: Return of Samus for Game Boy. Way back in the eighties, I became enthralled with the series and the main characters: Samus Aran, the lone space fighter with a bone to pick with the evil Space Pirates. They are interstellar nomads who are technologically advanced in both weaponry and space travel and have little regard for alien life, especially where it interferes in their quest for even greater power.

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Knowing the story, the protagonist, and the nemesis well enough that I have a little insight into the latest incarnation. In fact, the story is quite interesting, especially since it sounds like something from a low-budget 1950’s science fiction film.

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Unfortunately, I didn’t get far enough in the game to find out.

Nevertheless, a number of key elements remained consistent throughout the first three games, and the programmers at Nintendo have wisely kept them in this new incarnation, rendering them in a spectacular three-dimensional environment.

Samus’ most famous ability is herball morph, enabling her to transform into a perfect sphere roughly one meter in diameter that allows her to navigate tight spaces. Accessories to this include the Ball Jump and the Spider Ball, which allow her to jump and stick to walls in ball morph, respectively. She also has her usual arsenal of energy beam, charge beam, and missiles, plus special accessories such as the ice beam, which will freeze certain enemies for a short time.

But what should make this game particularly exciting and unique to Metroid fans is seeing these features rendered in a three-dimensional environment for the first time. The previous incarnations had been side-scrolling in traditional Super Metroid, fashion, so seeing Samus and her universe operate with complete freedom of movement is a real treat.

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**Entertainment**

**Darkness Falls** lacks thrills and chills

When entering a theater to see a horror movie, I don’t expect to be scared out of my mind. But I usually expect a few plot twists and some entertainment. Not only did *Darkness Falls* fail to scare me, it failed to keep my interest.

The movie begins by telling the tale of Matilda Dixon, a woman who gave children coins when they lost their teeth. She was hung for a crime she didn’t commit and laid a curse upon the town of Darkness Falls. Now her ghost, the Tooth Fairy, returns to retrieve teeth from children. The fairy tale states that if you peek when she comes to get your last baby tooth, she will kill you. The trick is that she can only attack in the dark.

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After his return, the story became rather predictable. The film did not offer any special plot twists to keep the audience interested. Besides, the plot of a demon Tooth Fairy struck me as slightly odd to begin with. Also, I had to laugh when Kyle and gang had to avoid the dark like they were dodging bullets.

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**Mann’s voice makes the album**

By Sara Gomes

**Artistic Editor**

**Artist:** Aimee Mann

**Title:** Lost in Space

**Label:** SuperEgo

Aimee Mann’s new CD *Lost in Space* explores a new side of her art that unfortunately is not as compelling as most of her earlier works. The music on the CD is where the songs fall especially flat. Mann is an excellent guitar player, but her talent in this area does not come through as clearly as it did on her other CDs, most notably *Bachelor No. 2*. That being said, Mann has such a good voice and such emotionally satisfying lyrics that *Lost in Space* still ranks among my favorite recent releases.

Aimee Mann got her start in Boston after dropping out of music school. Some of her earlier popular work includes the song “Voices Carry,” but Mann was never able to fully capitalize on this popularity.

Mann got her new start in Los Angeles with the release of her first CD, *Deep - Them Delights*. The CD featured ten tracks, but Mann’s new CD, *Lost in Space*, is much more polished and focused.

She has remained on the fringe of the pop music scene for most of her career, her biggest brush with fame coming as a result of her sound track for the movie *Magnolia*. While others have criticized her for failing to break the boundaries of pop music in any way, her fans have consistently praised her heart-wrenching and honest lyrics.

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*Starring:* Chaney Kley, Emma Caulfield, Lee Cormie

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It is indeed the lyrics that make *Lost in Space* worth buying. “This Is How It Goes” explores the psychological effects of addiction in terms of the ending of a relationship. With the lines, “So I’ll try to hold on, while you try to let go,” Mann describes the pull of addiction on one woman’s life. She also describes the life of a perpetually passed over person in her song “Guys Like Me” by singing, “Guys like me, we look good at the gate, but you’ll agree, with the odds on the slate, and put all your money on a bona fide heavyweight.”

The title song, “Lost in Space,” paints the picture of a woman who is isolated within her self. The lyrics, “She’s the face, and I’m the double, who keeps the pace, and clears the rubble,” demonstrate the range of emotions that Mann can portray. From physical pain to aching loneliness, Mann’s lyrics are by far the best part of her music.

Besides the lyrics, Mann’s voice is also remarkable. A listener will discover that it is the sound of her singing as well as the words that make Mann’s songs so deep. Without both the words and the passionate voice, *Lost in Space* would be lost indeed.

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Across
1. First NFL president Jim
2. One of the Egyptian walkers?
3. Bug's setting
4. Superman and Batman, often
5. Reformats, for instance
6. Blvd. inferior
7. WWF Wrestler turned actor
8. Rendezvous
9. Sequoia National Park gardener
10. Vis a vis
11. To ___ with love
12. Bequest
13. Uncool dude
14. Roses
15. Actress Davis
16. Chinese VP Jintao
18. Pollution
19. 18th-19th century language
20. In a downpour
21. WWF Wrestler turned actor
22. Miss Cod, I presume?
23. Boggs setting
24. 1991 Clarence contrary
25. “Vinyay” actress Marisa
26. Courage, or...? (In Heat)
27. Meadonlands team
28. Hang (on) annoyingly
29. Circle Eight
30. Pita plant
31. Sheep loser, in reverse
32. Formal bench
33. Petulantly sulky
34. Carnage
35. Radio band
36. Cerebro alternative
37. Homer Simpson’s theme
38. Hope or wish adjectivizer
39. Less restrained
40. “Out”
41. Beatle Starr
42. Ares’ sister
43. Ares’ sister
44. Kiss me, ____, please
45. Ignore
46. A rose ___ rose ___ rose ___ rose...
47. Kenyan capital
48. Actress Carerre
49. Courage, or...? (In Heat)
50. Corn unit
51. Connecticut Ivy
52. Ares’ sister
53. Blair to Bush, of late
54. Folk knowledge
55. Gangster Barker
56. Creole alternative
57. Radio band
58. ‘70s carpet
59. Cipriano
60. Make amends
61. Ares’ sister
62. Use a cipher
63. New Yorkers in Buenos Aires
64. Eleven, Paul, and Mary
65. Easterly free trade alliance
66. Russian TLD
67. Resident Evil
68. Heroine user, often
69. Miss Cod, I presume?
70. Crossfire anchor Robert
71. Pictogram
72. Pita plant
73. Wardlaw room
74. St. Petersburg’s eponym, previously
75. Pita plant
76. Ares’ sister
77. They follow Ars
78. Snowman
79. Ares’ sister
80. Robin roost
81. Oxford TLD
82. Cold War alliance
83. Uncool dude
84. Creole alternative
85. Before, poetically
86. Ingenious humor
87.Kiss me, ____, please
88. Deceive
89. Simpatico
90. Detergent option
91. Formal bench
92. Seafood
93. Helping
94. Kenyan capital
95. Arizona
96. Home of the Brave
97. Folk knowledge
98. Simpatico
99. Home of the Brave
100. Chicago TV station
101. Rainbow colors
102. Ares’ sister

Thailand

Though the fact that the back-grounds are not actually three-di-mensional marginally hampers movement and realism, the visual appeal remains. In addition, the con-cet serves the horror movie aspect well, allowing the designers to cre-ate tension and drama through a fixed perspective, much like a fright-enning movie.

Indeed, the visual presentation of this game is so thoroughly excel-lent; it is the closest thing to playing a movie achieved by any video game to date. In addition to the graphics, the sound is intense and appropri-ate. A creepy orchestral score and great sound effects make the action all that more realistic and frightening.

Some drawbacks to this game, however. Though the graph-ics set a stunning standard, the in-terface and controls are disturbingly similar to every game made in the series since the original. The game is no doubt exceedingly fun and challenging; however, one wishes that the developers had put more time into the movement. Billy and Rebecca charge around like tanks, rotating in place, then plowing forward. One often runs into walls and hits hidden obstacles.

Though the controls are not too hard to get use to, they never be-come second nature, and when they lead to an untimely death, they can be extremely frustrating.

In addition, many of the puzzles hearken back to the era of finding the red key for the red door. Perhaps in the forthcoming Resident Evil 6, the programmers can attempt to incorporate the puzzle more believably into the gameplay, rather than resorting to extended treasure hunts.

Taken as a whole, the game is nearly a masterpiece. The graphical and sound presentations are unpar-alleled. If this game were a movie, it would sweep the highest awards for production values.

Despite the fact that you can switch between main characters, one wishes that the controls and puzzles were improved as much as the graph-ics. But overall, it is a must-play game for any Resident Evil fan, and newcomers will probably disregard the controls as they get caught up in the experience.

Verdict: Definitely worth experi-encing, despite being hampered by shoddy controls and repetitive puzzles.
The graphics themselves are so ex- cellently rendered that it’s only a step below the CGI mastery seen in Pixar’s films, and the game’s de- signers have added a lot of exquisite detail to give the game an unprece- dented realism.

As a side note, the sound effects and background music also work to appropriately enhance the mood of each environment Samus encoun- ters, ranging from suspenseful mel-odies abroad the devastated orbital ship early in the game to Legend of Zelda-style music as Samus goes tromping through a rainforest.

Intyypical Metroid fashion, many of Samus’ foes have once again re- turned for this game, but this time they highlight another of the game’s important qualities: better graphics means things get more dark, vile, and disgusting. They’re now armed with sharpened teeth and claws and a grotesque, distorted appearance that warrants their destruction. And, of course, we mustn’t forget the obligatory end bosses, who are larger and faster and require more skill and strategy to defeat.

Yet the feature that truly differ- entiates Metroid Prime from its pre- decessors is its first-person point of view, a setup not unfamiliar to fans of other shoot-em-up games that have popularized video game systems across the country for years. The player sees Tallon IV through Samus’ visor, which displays energy re- serve status, maps, and other information necessary for the play- er to navigate the game successfully.

Most significantly, though, the first-person perspective allows the player to take advantage of several visor modes, including a scan mode that gathers information on Samus’ surrounding environment and re- veals weak points in her enemies.

That said, the first-person per- spective offers decided disadvantages as well. If you’re not used to other shoot-em-up games, it can be a lit- tle difficult to learn to navigate the game effectively, and jumping be- comes trickier. The game only shifts into third person during automated sequences and when Samus is in ball morph, and I wish Nintendo had given users the ability to make this shift at will.

Still, even though I generally dis- like first-person games, this game’s close association to the other Metroid games helped it grow on me, and I became quite addicted to it. Fur- thermore, I love puzzle games such as the Myst and Dr. Brain titles, and Metroid Prime is so much a game of intellect as a shoot-em-up adven- ture that I overcame my initial dis- taste for the new perspective faster than expected. In fact, it’s that very intellect that distinguishes Metroid Prime from other shooting adven- tures.

Verdict: New enhanced graphics and features make this version of Metroid a vast improvement over earlier versions.
You've already turned the page around so keep on reading and get your portrait taken for the yearbook.

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Sign up for an appointment, be there on time, and bring two dollars for the sitting fee.
With the Super Bowl coming up this weekend the Two Bits Man recommends that everyone make the necessary adjustments to their schedules and priorities in order to be able to watch the entire game. Reason being: the Super Bowl is the most widely watched broadcast in the world (even surpassing the premiere of *Joe Millionaire*) and it is quite important that you absorb every ounce of million-dollar advertising that can squeeze into your subconscious. For these are no ordinary commercials; these are the commercials that will shape our collective destiny for the next year.

I’m sure you’ve never doubted that the Two Bits Man is quite the insider, well privy to the goings-on in the world of media, entertainment, world domination, etc. By the gift of being someone who knows some others, some of who are somebody, the Two Bits Man has snuck away with some inside info regarding the commercial lineup we can expect to see during this Sunday’s game.

What’s a Super Bowl without Britney Spears? Apparently, in response to mounting public protest against a war in Iraq, the Bush Administration has collaborated with Pepsi to create a TV ad campaign featuring Britney Spears, clad in a sexy camouflage motif, getting groovy on top of tanks in the desert sands of the Persian Gulf.

At the end of the whole routine, the Pepsi logo will be planted on the screen as the audience is reminded by a sentimental-sounding narrative that Saddam Hussein is indeed going to great lengths to hide his possession of weapons of mass destruction, and while the UN inspectors have yet to reveal hard evidence implicating Iraq’s weapons program, there is enough evidence to show that Pepsi is officially Saddam’s least preferred soft drink. Bush on the other hand has continuously denied any involvement or possession of weapons of mass destruction, and while the UN inspectors have yet to reveal hard evidence implicating Iraq’s weapons program, there is enough evidence to show that Pepsi is officially Saddam’s least preferred soft drink.

Aside from Britney, nothing says “premiere Super Bowl advertising” than furthering the public’s knowledge of Bob Dole’s erectile dysfunctions. You didn’t hear it from me, but Viagra 2 for “The Next Generation” is up and coming. The latest news coming from the designers of the first Viagra is that they are no longer settling for Bob Dole as the poster image for the drug.

“He’s too young,” they say, and, “Viagra has just begun to realize its potential and Dole’s image just doesn’t speak Viagra 2003.” The new Viagra cover boy (to be revealed on Super Bowl Sunday) will be none other than America’s 100-year-old Senate sweetheart, Strom Thurmond.

The goals of the new Viagra team as stated, “are to transform every square foot that Camel was no longer settling for Bob Dole as the poster image for the drug. It is quite important that you absorb every ounce of million-dollar advertising...these are the commercials that will shape our collective destiny...”
by the numbers

**6**
Number of events the Georgia Tech men’s and women’s track and field teams combined to win Saturday at the Kentucky Invitational at the Wildcat’s Nutter Field House.

**22**
Number of points tallied by three-time ACC Rookie of the Week Chris Bosh in Sunday’s close loss to No. 17 Wake Forest. Bosh had 22 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

**17**
The ranking of Tech’s women’s tennis team in the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis Rankings, which were released Tuesday by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. With three players ranked in singles and two in doubles, the No. 17 spot is the highest in team history.

**7:41**
Time set by Amandi Rhet in the Kentucky Invitational, as the placed first in both the 60-meter dash and 200 meters. Her time of 7:41 in the 60 was a NCAA provisional qualifying mark, a time that equals her career best.

**Taking the plunge**

**Tech’s skydiving team’s first try at Nationals produces outstanding third place finish**

*By Katie Neal*

**Sports Editor**

In February of 2002, the members of the Georgia Tech Skydiving Club held a meeting to consider putting together a four-way team for the Collegiate Tournament that was to be held in December. The meeting resulted in the initiation of a team of four participants who were devoted to the sport of skydiving.

“We walked away from the meeting with four members who were dedicated to the team and to each other,” said Brian Timberlake, one of the competition team members.

At the end of December, the team of skydivers tested their skills in front of a national audience at the US Collegiate National competition in Eloy, Arizona.

The GT team walked away with a third-place finish, losing only to the two senior teams from the Air Force Academy, who had been the competition’s biggest contenders and had been the Tech team’s main rivals for the season.

The rivalry between the Air Force Academy and the GT team was a continuous one that has lasted the past two years. Tech’s team competed head-to-head with the Air Force Academy at the US Nationals and at both the Skydive League semifinals and finals, where the Air Force team competed at one class level above the Tech team.

Rob Ice, a member of the Air Force team, was named as the National Collegiate Champion at Nationals. With this award, Ice received a scholarship, which, as per tradition, if awarded to a member of the military, is usually passed on to a civilian competitor.

Ice passed the award on to the entire GT Skydiving team and commented that it had been a pleasure to compete against the team all year. The Tech team also has competed at the “A” Class of National Skydive League, and finished in first place in the Intermediate class of the Georgia Skydive League for the season. They placed first in both the National Semifinals in Raeford, NC and the National Finals in SkyQuest, FL.

The 2002 team consisted of Brian Timberlake, Allison Yasin, Jonathan Bartlett and Craig Sellars. Sellars graduated from Tech in August, prompting Gene Staut to take over for him to compete in the Collegiate Skydive League. Sellars is continuing his graduate work here at Tech and will be competing with the team for the 2003 season.

Since the 2002 season, the competition team has increased their training level and intensity, spending at least five hours in simulation training and working with their coaches to perfect their sport. “Our goals have changed from the Collegiate Championship and our eyes are now set on the USPA Nationals with a plan to move into the AAA Advanced class next season,” said Brian Timberlake.

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**Track back**

**GT Track teams travel to Kentucky for 2003 season**

By Katie Neal

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**Competition Team Member**

**Tennis takes on ACC’s**

**Men’s tennis team traveled to Wake Forest to compete in the ACC Championships. Check out the results. Page 33.**

**Jackets push past Phoenix in 66-47 victory**

**Bosh leads slow starting Jackets to quick finish**

*By Katie Neal*

**Sports Editor**

Despite a first half slump and a low shooting percentage, the Georgia Tech mens’ basketball team rallied in the second half of Wednesday night’s game to push by the Elon Phoenix 66-47.

While the game initially showed a scrappy Phoenix team who was able to play with the Jackets, the second half saw a talented Tech team show their true athleticism as they overpowered, outplayed and eventually outscored the Big South Conference opponent.

Although Elon shot 52 percent in the first half, the team eventually resorted to throwing up what they could to beat the shot clock in the second half. Elon made only 7-of-28 in the second period. The Phoenix had 23 turnovers in the game, including 14 in the opening 20 minutes of the game.

Tech shot 35 percent in the first half and went into half-time trailing 27-26. Tech’s all-star freshman, Chris Bosh, had 14 points and Ed Nelson had seven at the half, but the rest of the team shot a combined 2-for-18.

Bosh finished the contest with 21 points and nine rebounds, while Tech’s leading scorer, B.J. Elder, finished with 12 points and Ed Nelson added 11.

Lasorda to speak at baseball banquet

Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda will be the featured speaker at the Yellow Jackets’ annual Baseball Benefit Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Several former Georgia Tech standouts, including catcher Jason Varitek of the Boston Red Sox, outfielder Jay Payton of the Colorado Rockies, and pitchers Kevin Brown of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Jaret Wright of the Toronto Blue Jays, Kris Wilson of the Kansas City Royals, David Elder of the Cleveland Indians, and Cory Vance of the Colorado Rockies have attended the banquet in the past and are expected to attend the dinner this year.

**Football schedule announced**

For the first game in the newly expanded, 55,000-seat Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Grant Field, Tech hosts Auburn on Sept. 6 in the long-anticipated renewal of a rivalry that dates back to 1892 but has been dormant for 15 years. Tech’s home schedule is also highlighted by a third straight Thursday night, nationally televised matchup with Maryland on Oct. 23 as well as the traditional season-ending rivalry game against Georgia on Nov. 29. Clemson (Sept. 20), NC State (Oct. 4) and North Carolina (Nov. 15) also visit Bobby Dodd Stadium at Grant Field next fall.

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Josh Howard proved to be too much as the Yellow Jackets fell short of the 19th ranked Demon Deacons, 73-66. Howard, one of two seniors on the young Deacons squad, dropped a game-high 30 points, and had his second biggest game this season, going 3-4 from three-point range and 11-12 from the line.

Howard has established himself as one of the premier players in the conference.

“He made a pretty strong statement about being among the best, if not the best player in the ACC,” said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt. “I know I wouldn’t trade him for anyone in the ACC,” Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. “I’m glad I get to coach him.”

The Yellow Jackets got a solid performance from diaper dandy Chris Bosh, who led the Jackets with 22 points and added 10 rebounds. Sophomore B.J. Elder contributed 18 points. Wake Forest (12-1, 2-1 ACC) won their eleventh straight game at Lawrence Joel Coliseum, and their fifth straight home win against Georgia Tech (8-6, 2-2 ACC).

A key part of the Demon Deacons’ victory was the ability to control the glass. Georgia Tech was out-rebounded 48-38 by Wake, the ACC’s top rebounding team. Wake Forest, which leads the ACC in rebounding, have yet to be beaten on the glass this season by any opponent.

Wake Forest did a solid job containing the complementary pieces to the dynamic duo of Bosh and Elder: Tech’s top two scorers on the season. Key to this was holding the sweet-shooting guard Marvin Lewis, coming off a career-high 33 against Florida State, to just seven shot attempts. This game is the fourth of six losses by the Jackets of seven points or less, partially because of the youth and inexperience of the roster. Hewitt is confident that his young team will improve in the future.

“I’m not disappointed in my team, I thought they played very hard.”

Paul Hewitt
Men’s Head Coach
Beyond the White and Gold

A Super Bowl Itinerary for Columnists

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

After putting my elbow on ice for a week, I’m back and ready to entertain for another semester. I’ll get to some sharp commentary on the Super Bowl, but first I’ll reach back a week and a half to talk about one of the most compelling television events I’ve seen in a while. Yes, I’m talking about Man Vs. Beast.

If you find it odd that I’d write about this under the guise of a sports column, I’d just like to point out that ESPN’s Pardon the Interruption devoted close to half it’s air time the evening in its show the next day.

The show wasn’t compelling because of the events themselves. After all, only one event wasn’t decided within the first 15 seconds. No, it was compelling just in its concept. How could you not be intrigued by an orangutan participating in a tug-of-war against a sumo wrestler?

Even more interesting was the 44 little people trying to pull a jet further than an elephant. (By the way, this confirms my theory that you can sell anything that involves little people.)

I’ll summarize my observations here:

• It definitely seems like the sumo wrestler took a dive. He’s fine one second, then suddenly he’s flying into the mud.

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Friday finally rolls along and sports fans can’t possibly take any more Super Bowl coverage. Knowing this, we writers just write about how we’re tired of the hype we’ve been creating all week.

After trying all week to pry the juicy quotes out of the players and coaches, we write columns about how they should shut up and play the game. Isn’t that clever? It’s just another way to go about creating one’s own column material.

During the weekend, everything gets hashed out all over again just case you actually have a job and couldn’t spend the entire week immersing yourself in the coverage.

Finally, the Monday after the game, you’ve got two types of columns. First, every sportswriter in America offers their take on why the game turned out the way it did. Second, the zebra had to realize it’s a race. In fact, all of the shows most entertaining moments came when it tried to play itself up as being a legitimate sporting event.

• In case you actually care, the humans fell by a 4-2 score.

The timing of this column would seem to dictate that it should be a “shut up and play” column. Yep, there is a tried and true schedule to Super Bowl columns. On Monday, all of the go getters that are already at the site write columns about how the city is the (perfect/worst possible) place for the Super Bowl. The legitimate analysis peaks on Tuesday, but can be found sprinkled throughout the week.

The trendiest Super Bowl column comes out on Wednesday. It’s the one that points out how ridiculous media day is. You’d think that with so many sportswriters writing these columns, they’d stop asking the stupid questions that make the day so stupid. Apparently, they’ve got some kind of conspiracy going to give each other column material.

Then there’s Thursday, when reporters talk about how each team is handling the week. They have practice schedules. They’ve got the latest gossip on who broke curfew. Then they have sound bites from the coaches talking about how there teams are trying to stay focused.

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More importantly, there are recaps of the commercials that aired during the game. Isn’t that why everyone watches anyway? I can tell you I’ve been “ssh’ed” far more times for talking during the Super Bowl commercials than during the game.

When I lived in Germany and the Super Bowl came on at midnight, we recorded it, not to watch the Bills lose again, but to see the commercials. So, here’s to some great commercials.
Duke president pushes higher standards

By Will Rosenthal
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) Duke University—In an op-ed piece published recently in the San Jose Mercury News, Duke University President Nan Keohane called for university educators to push for aggressive steps to improve the academic standards of college sports programs.

Writing with President John Hennessy of Stanford University, Keohane declared that "those of us charged with leading our nation’s major universities have a responsibility to restore the primacy of academics in the lives of student-athletes."

Highlighting the low graduation rates of many college sports teams and the increasing time demand of voluntary practices on athletes, the two presidents made several specific proposals for measures that would combat the problems.

"Whenever there is a proposal for change at the NCAA, you’re going to get some surprising responses and some unpredictable opposition because of the diverse range of the [NCAA’s] constituencies," Kennedy said.

The first proposal made in the article is to toughen the scholastic requirements of college-bound athletes when they are still in high school. Under NCAA rules, students must complete 13 core courses in high school to be eligible to play college sports. There currently is an NCAA initiative to raise the number of required classes to 14, and Keohane wrote that number should be increased to 16.

"Many of the NCAA’s efforts have brought the standards closer to what Duke’s already are," Kennedy said.

Perhaps the most controversial proposal in the article is to punish schools with low graduation rates.

"We must develop sanctions with real teeth for programs that fail to achieve reasonable graduation rates," the presidents wrote. Punishments could include disqualification from bowl games or post-season tournaments and a reduction in athletic scholarships.

Lew Perkins, athletics director at the University of Connecticut, which only recently upgraded its football program to Division I, said such an approach would be misplaced. "I don’t think we should penalize bad schools. I think we should reward good schools," he said. In addition, Perkins questioned the way graduation rates are calculated since schools are punished for students who transfer to other schools or leave early to play professional sports.

The last major step that the two presidents proposed is to limit the voluntary workouts of student-athletes in order to combat increasing practice requirements.

"We need to look at redefining voluntary workouts, [because] the word 'voluntary' is a joke," said Kathleen Smith, professor of biology and chair of Duke’s Athletic Council, a group of professors, administrators and other community members that advises on University athletics policies.

Current NCAA rules limit "required athletically related activities" to 20 hours a week. "When the NCAA created the 20-hour rule, there was a huge outcry from students," Kennedy said. "So I would expect a lot of resistance to cutting back voluntary workouts."

In addition, Duke officials said measures described in the article are unlikely to have much effect on schools like Duke and Stanford, which already have high academic standards for their athletes relative to other schools. "Duke’s [athlete] graduation rates are usually pretty close to those of non-athletes and are traditionally among the top five in the country," Smith said.

ACC opponents fill remaining schedule

By The Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

B.J. Elder, Tech’s leading scorer, gave the Yellow Jackets their first 10-point lead with a steal and dunk in the Elon victory.
While the goals of the competition team might sound lofty to the average person who is simply interested in skydiving, the club and team doesn’t take all the fun out of skydiving. The competition team is made of ultra-competitive and skilled skydivers who have practiced day-in and day-out for their competitions, yet the GT Parachuting Club offers all the same thrills to the students, faculty and staff of Georgia Tech, with less of the dedication and time-commitment.

For the safety-conscious sports fan, it is reassuring to know that the club prides itself on using strict health and safety precautions, such as weight and medical conditions. The team also uses state-of-the-art equipment (and returning Tech students use the gear for free!) to aid in making the experience as fun and rewarding as possible. In general, at least a hundred Tech students jump per year, recording at least 500 jumps per year total. Some of the more active members are able to make around 100 jumps independently per year. If those facts don’t convince you to go jump out of plane, just think about this: Statistics show that there are more accidents associated yearly with SCUBA diving, mountaineering, boxing, and water sports, than there are in skydiving.

Still not convinced on taking the plunge? So how else are you going to get a chance to free fall at 180 MPH?

When you jump, once you leave an aircraft, you are moving horizontally at the same speed as the aircraft you jump from. Your body then accelerates for the first 10 seconds, increasing or decreasing because of the different techniques of either diving or “standing up” during the freefall. This is where the real fun begins.

The most experienced skydiver can reach from 180 MPH to even 200 MPH.

The highest recorded speed ever for a freefall is 321 MPH, but for you beginners, don’t worry about getting anywhere close to that anytime soon.

If you’re interested in finding out more about the club, it meets almost every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Student Center in Room 320.
Track starts strong at Kentucky, looks to weekend events

By Finny Turner
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Last weekend the Georgia Tech men’s and women’s track and field teams started the season with impressive performances and an excellent precursor for the season ahead. Tech combined to win six events Saturday at the Kentucky Invitational at the Wildcats’ Nutter Field House.

The No. 25 women’s team was led by a pair of victories from junior Amandi Rhett, as she placed first in both the 60-meter dash and 200 meters. She took the 60 in an NCAA provisional-qualifying mark of 7.41, a time that equals her career best.

Her teammate Jessica DeFreitas finished second in the event. Rhett won the 200 meters in a time of 24.25, while sophomore Shanta Smith finished third.

Rhett commented on the coming season by saying, “Have a heightened confidence in our ability to defend our ACC title.”

The other victory on the women’s side came from freshman Jessica Graff in the pole vault. She cleared a height of 12’9.50” to set a Tech school record and provisionally qualify for the 2002 NCAA Indoor Championships.

“It was a great start,” Graff said about her performance.

Freshman Kira Barcus took second in the pole vault and junior Jodie Netles placed third in the competition. The Yellow Jacket women also had solid performances from sophomore Dana Rogers, who was third in the 60-meter hurdles, and senior Cassandra Worthy, who was second in the shot put.

Freshman Chantelle Howard placed second and provisionally qualified for the 2003 NCAA Indoor Championships in the high jump clearing a height of 5’11.25” to earn the runner-up finish. Howard also took second in the long jump with a leap of 19’6.25”. DeFreitas placed third in the event.

When asked about the rest of the season, Head Coach Alan Hinsdale said, “As far as goals, they are pretty simple. We want to defend our ACC championship indoors and win the conference meet outdoors. We want to qualify kids and score at the national championship. We want to move into the top 20.”

The Jackets’ men’s team picked up a trio of wins as well. Senior All-American Bryan Swarn won in a rare appearance in the 800 meters with a time of 1:51.94.

“Overall it was a fantastic meet. Our team had a lot of great performances. A lot of people looked like they were in mid-season form. If we keep working and stay healthy we will have a great season,” said Rabbitt.

Sophomore Ned McDonagh took second in the same event. The final win for Tech came courtesy of Michael Masssey, who won the high jump in a career-best leap of 6’11.50”.

Masssey thought on the meet was that all of the Personal Records and the team’s overall performance at the Kentucky meet was very foreboding for the team’s first ACC championship.

Other strong showings for the men came from sophomore Alex Berardi, who was third in the pole vault, senior Brian Fraser, who placed third in the long jump, sophomore Ian Brewer, who placed third in the weight throw, and sophomore Zeb Sisson, who finished third in the shot put, both put in complete performances. Tech dominated the triple jump, placing second through fourth.

Senior Brian Fraser led the way with a runner-up finish and a mark of 47’4.50”. Junior Spencer Irvine took third, while senior Chris Crawley placed fourth.

“I have extremely high expectations for this team,” said Hindmle, who earned ACC Men’s Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year honors a year ago.

“When I look at this team on paper, it may be the most balanced team with talent depth that we’ve ever had here,” Hindmle added. “We were a very young team last year. That team has grown up and is poised for a big year.”

Tech next indoor track action will be Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Middle Tennessee State University Invitational.
Intramural Notebook

First off, congratulations go out to all of the Fall intramural champions. The Bluetick Hounds and Pom Poms in Motion took the men’s and women’s flag football championships.

Lambda Chi pulled off a pseudo-sport trifecta by taking the ultimate, bowling and sand volleyball championships. Finally, FIJI and Alpha Xi won the men’s and women’s volleyball championships.

Spring intramurals kicked off this past Tuesday, with several B League divisions opening play. GT Band played Beta Pi in the first action of the season and finished with a 2-2 tie. Ruckus and Rangers both picked up 1-0 wins in their openers and have to be pleased to sit atop their respective divisions.

B League wallyball was supposed to get underway on Tuesday as well. This apparently comes as news to the teams that were supposed to play as all matches were won by forfeit. Hopefully there will actually be action to report on next week.

Co-Rec Basketball Top 10
1. Sigma Chi Co-Rec
2. ASCE
3. BGDs
4. Fiji Co-Rec
5. Killer Bs
6. Sharp Shooters
7. BBD
8. Crusade Ballers
9. TKE CR
10. Free Radicals

Women’s B-ball Top 10
1. Phi Mu
2. Romans
3. ADPi
4. Zeta Tau Alpha
5. Crop Dusters
6. Alpha Chi Omega
7. Alpha Xi Delta
8. Independent Women
9. Alpha Gamma Delta
10. ATLiens

Bluetick Hounds and Pom Poms in Motion took the men’s and women’s flag football championships for the fall intramural season. Basketball, wallyball, and soccer are already underway for spring.

You’ve already turned the page around so keep on reading and get your portrait taken for the yearbook.
Maryland didn’t just stay focused — the Terps got motivated. As quickly as Duke built its halftime lead, Maryland had wiped it away. After Nichols opened the second half with two free throws and a layup to cut Duke’s advantage to two, Maryland’s Taj Holden blocked a shot by Duke’s Shavlik Randolph, then converted a layup on the other end to knot the score at 43–43. The Blue Devils would never enjoy another lead for the rest of the game.

“I thought it would be a different game if we came out in the second half with some spirit and excitement and not let them get a quick 6-0 run on us,” Duke point guard Chris Duhon said. “I think then it could have been a different game.”

But while Duke’s second-half efforts began to wane, Maryland’s only became more intense. “I thought that in the first half, when we did get the lead we had the patience to wait until we forced them into a couple of defensive situations where we either scored or they fouled us,” Williams said. The Terps made the most of their free throw opportunities, converting 29 of 31 attempts for the game. Duke, meanwhile, struggled mightily at the charity stripe, going 9 of 20 for the game, including a 5-of-13 performance in the second half.

“We have to come into hostile environments and knock down free throws,” said Duhon, who finished the game with seven points and three assists. “That’s a key to us becoming a good team.”

While aware of Duke’s struggles at the free throw line, Krzyzewski maintained that his team has many other areas where improvement is needed. “We’re concerned about everything,” he said. “We’ve got a team that still has a lot of development, and this is not a good effort on our part.”

For Duhon, the Blue Devils’ lone captain, that development starts with a win by virtue of a withdrawal due to illness on the part of UNC’s Brad Pomeroy. He followed that up with a second-round win over Wake Forest’s Andrew Simpson by a score of 6-4, 7-5. In the third round, Menano fell to third-seeded Doug Stewart by a score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Campos also started the tournament off with a win by virtue of a withdrawal due to illness of North Carolina player. Campos triumphed over Virginia’s Nick Meythaler in 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 fashion. Saturday saw Campos have to withdraw due to an injury in his match with fourth-ranked Mike Murray.

Schunn opened the tournament with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Florida State’s Hagen Endler. Another straight set victory, 7-6 (3), 6-4 over Virginia’s Travis Triplet catapulted Schunn into the round of 16.

On day two, Schunn was the only one of the three to win a match, advancing to the quarterfinals by virtue of a 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory over fifth-seeded Alex Herrera. Unfortunately his hot streak ended in the quarterfinals with a loss to second-seeded Ludovic Walter of Duke in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

The two doubles teams had less success than the singles players. The team of Menano and Marko Rajevac won their first match over UVA’s team of Meythaler and Noen, by an 8-6 score, but the team had to withdraw due to an injury in their second match.

The team of Schunn and West Nott picked up a victory over UNC’s team of Jonathan Janda and Andy Metzler by the same 8-6 score. Flor-ida State’s third-seeded team of Matt Chor and Rodrigo Laub knocked out the Tech team by a 9-7 score.