Stadium cracks hinder progress

By Stephen Baehl
Copy Editor

The ongoing construction on Bobby Dodd Stadium is running approximately three weeks behind schedule, due in part to repairs to hairline cracks in one of the structure’s cement columns.

However, according to Senior Associate Athletic Director Sterling Brown, “in every construction schedule, there’s a little ‘float time’ built in. We’ve been behind schedule a couple times, but always come out where we wanted to be bottom line.”

With a construction project as large as the ongoing one at the stadium, setbacks and miscalculations become more likely. For example, since pre-cast sections of seating are placed directly into the stadium using one of the largest cranes in the U.S., problems with miscalculations of the appropriate lengths for some sections has forced construction crews to remove them for refitting.

Similarly, hairline cracks appeared in one of the cement support columns during the process of welding diagonal support beam to the column. While the columns were overly large to start with, according to Brown, Tech still brought in construction firms—one of which looked at the Twin Towers’ structures—to analyze the problem and devise a solution.

“We’ve been behind schedule a couple times, but always come out where we wanted to be...”
Sterling Brown
Associate Athletic Director

Planning to vote in the SGA elections? Check out each candidate’s platform.

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Going dancin’! Women’s basketball in NCAA tourney for first time since 1993.

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Anti-SGA ads invade campus

By Tony Kloesner
News Editor

“SGA = worthless!”

Although this may be the opinion of some students on campus, candidates for this year’s undergraduate SGA elections were surprised to find that their campaign signs posted last week had been replaced by signs proclaiming this and other anti-SGA opinions.

When candidates began campaigning for the major SGA positions last Wednesday, little did they know that a campus prankster was planning a little campaign of his own.

This side campaign resulted in the posting of numerous anti-SGA signs around the center of campus, the Student Center and the Instructional Center.

Vice presidential candidate Mike Handelman was one of the first candidates to notice the replacement signs on Monday morning.

“I went out at about 9 or 10 just to check and see how my campaign signs were looking,” said Handelman. “The first signs I saw were near the IC, and as I made my way around the campus, I noticed that for the most part, they had just posted the signs over SGA campaign posters.”

Handelman said he basically removed the anti-SGA signs if they were in front of campaign posters. However, the number of signs ended up being larger than he expected.

“I thought I got them all,” said Handelman, “but I heard later that there were still some up around campus.”

In the end, not all the candidates were completely negative about the anti-SGA signs. “While

Students admire artwork prepared by fellow students in this week’s Student Art Show held on the third floor of the Student Center. The artwork presented ranged from pencil drawings to photography to even some sculpture.

By Keziah Tylorzawski
STUDENT FICTIONATIONS

Religious groups sponsor dialogue

Representatives of various religions will gather for dialogue and discussion March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 117 of the Student Services Building. Representatives will present central tenets of their faiths and discuss common misunderstandings and prejudices. The meeting will also include small group discussions.

Event sponsors include the Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) and the Muslim Student Association (MSA).

IPST Dean Dr. Barry Crouse dies

Georgia Tech and the Institute of Paper Science and Technology community suffered a loss this week with the sudden death of Dr. Barry Crouse on Sunday evening.

He served as the Dean of Academic Affairs at IPST and as the long-time faculty advisor of the Yellow Jacket Flying Club. Crouse was also active in Techmasters, a professional speaking group on campus.

As an aviator, he was distinguished with the designation “Master Certified Flight Instructor,” one of only 300 in the country from among 250,000 pilots.

Crouse joined IPST in 1990 where he served as dean and professor of Chemistry.

Molly Ivins to speak at Tech

Political columnist and best-selling author Molly Ivins will speak Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. She is receiving the 2003 Ivan Allen, Jr. Prize for Progress and Service from the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts.

Her speech is entitled “Molly Ivins Can’t Say That. Can She?” which is also the title of her new book. The public is invited to attend. Doors open at 12:50 p.m.

GT Motorsports lacks funds to compete

By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

Economic hard times have painful effects on student organizations. Funding quickly dries up, and corporate sponsors become harder and harder to find.

One organization forced to tighten its belt over the last year is GT Motorsports.

Since 1986, students of GT Motorsports have designed, built, tested and raced 11 award-winning Formula SAE race cars. Last Thursday, the team unveiled its twelfth car, Car #3. However, funding shortfalls may hinder the team’s ability to demonstrate the prowess of its latest creation.

Normally, the GT Motorsports budget totals $50,000 to $60,000 dollars per year.

“We’re at less than half of that right now,” said Team Leader Scott Flanagan.

Construction of the vehicle itself costs approximately $80,000. Because of the shortfall, a major element of the team’s racing schedule, a competition in Birmingham, England, had to be dropped from its schedule.

“Due to a lack of funding, the car will not compete abroad this year.”

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Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue’s poll garnered 31 responses to the question: “Have you decided how you will vote in this year’s SGA elections?”

This week’s poll is related to stadium construction. Do you think the north stands will be completed in time for the season opener? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: April 9, 1993—Tech won the ACC Championship, defeating top-ranked University of North Carolina 77-75. A freak blizzard hit Georgia Tech, shutting down campus. 51 Burge residents signed a petition demanding better security after a string of robberies, car thefts and a rape.

20 years ago: April 8, 1983—Dr. Gerald Day was appointed Acting Dean of the College of Management in the wake of a rift between faculty and the former dean. The Burger King on Hemphill Road was held up at gunpoint. A printed Course Critique was ready in time for registration.

30 years ago: April 13, 1973—Roger Wehrle became the new head of the Student Center. Famed sci-fi writer Arthur C. Clarke was scheduled to speak at Tech. Former assistant to Whack Hyder Duane Morrison took over as Tech’s new head basketball coach. Morrison said he was thrilled and that coaching at Tech would be the biggest challenge he’d ever had.
**Michaels vetos Tech Beautification bill**

By Tony Kluemper  
News Editor

To anyone who saw the agenda for this week’s meeting of the Graduate Senate, it seemed that with only five bills up for discussion, the senators would finish up in record time. However, that was not to be the case as three of the five candidates running for vice president and president of the Graduate Student Government presented their platforms. These speeches pushed the meeting to nearly 45 minutes, making it one of the longest senate meetings of the year.

Vice presidential candidate Roy Furbank and presidential candidates Pelham Norville and Yasser Bhatti all made presentations to the senate. For the most part, each speech outlined the experience the candidate has with GSS and student affairs as a whole and how this experience would help candidates upon election. The two other vice presidential were not in attendance to address the senate. Once the speeches from the candidates were complete, the senators tackled the five bills up for discussion with only a small amount of debate. That debate arose from the discussion of a bill, which was passed by the senators just last week, but then vetoed by president Alan Michaels.

The issue at hand was the funding of T-shirts for Tech Beautification Day. Although the funding had been approved, Michaels felt it was inappropriate for the Senate to fund these T-shirts after failing a similar request from such organizations as TeamBuzz and presidential candidates Pelham Norville and Yasser Bhatti.

Michaels also addressed the fact that in his opinion, T-shirts were not a vital part of the organization, a view that was also held by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), which failed the bill.

However, TeamBuzz representative Ben Lawder felt that the T-shirts served an integral part in helping to get students to participate in the event, a view that was also held by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC), which failed the bill.

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Author: Kevin Brinson  
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Author: Keith Becker  
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Author: Danny Puckett  
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Joint Resolution on Tech CCF  
Author: Adika Fernandez  
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**Undergrads discuss Honor Code issues**

By Daniel Amick  
Assistant News Editor

Representatives considered the state of honor on campus at Tuesday night’s issue meeting of the Undergraduate House.

“This is a very big issue that cannot be handled at one simple meeting,” said Executive Vice President Nate Watson. The purpose of the discussion, he said, was to “begin some sort of dialogue” about honor on campus.

Raps heard from several speakers, including students, faculty and administrators. Guests included Senior Associate Dean Karen Boyd, Honor Advisory Council (HAC) Chair Sara Cames, other members of the HAC and Dr. Joel Sokol, who offered a faculty perspective.

Cames and Boyd initially described the history and policies of Georgia Tech’s Honor Code. Student leaders created the code and the HAC in 1997. Reps questioned the speakers about the procedures involved under the code, including punishment for violations.

Punishment, Boyd said, is “not a cookie-cutter thing,” but is designed to match the severity of the offense.

“This is supposed to be a learning experience,” said Cames. “Most first-time punishments are not severe, not suspensions, not expulsions.”

Discussion slowly turned to representatives’ concerns and ways student government could help foster honor on campus.

“There’s a lot of focus on process,” said Sokol. “I think it’s important to look at the bigger picture.”

“SGA cannot make people honorable,” said Boyd, but she said it can help promote an honor-friendly environment.

“[Students] do look to each other to see what’s acceptable,” she said.

CS Rep Adam Bernstein offered several suggestions. He advocated posting the honor code in all classrooms, showing up at Honor Code meetings and “talking to other students about what’s acceptable.”

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to adjust that thing to get the right pitch of our it, so that nobody complains. It’s always been a touchy sub-
ject,” Cash said.

As a result, the whistle will have three chambers, compared to the current whistle’s one.

[The current whistle] plays one note. The one that we’ve just fin-
ished plays three notes, three differ-
ent octaves,” Brown said. “You’ll usu-
ally hear the low pitch come in first, and then it will pick up until
usually hear the low pitch come in first, and then it will pick up until
all three are blending together to
all three are blending together to
where it’s pretty much the same.”

In addition to solving the prob-
lem of finding spare parts, approxi-
nating the original whistle’s sound was another motivation behind the
project, Brown said.

“There’s so much controversy
about the whistle. Any time we’ve
changed a bell, you sit there and try
to adjust that thing to get the right
pitch of our it, so that nobody com-
plains. It’s always been a touchy sub-
ject,” Cash said.

One such incident occurred in
September 1997 when the Alumni
Association asked for the removal
of a five-chamber steam locomotive
whistle that had been willed by an
Alumni earlier that year and recent-
ly installed. The whistles were later
swapped, said Cash.

According to Dennis Denney,
foreman of GTRI Machine Servic-
es, the power plant conducted a suc-
cessful test whistle Tuesday, March
18. The test took place inside to
prevent any confusion between the
two whistles.

The whistle will be finished after
chemical treatment to protect its
brass construction, according to
Brown. He estimates the project will
cost between $8,000 and $8,500 by
the time of completion.

“We have a lot of research time
faces. “Having us back out of the T-
shirt deal after we already thought
signs,” said vice presidential candi-
date Chris Rankine, “it doesn’t af-
flect my campaign too much.”

The senate also passed bills allo-
cating funds to the Christian Cam-
pus Fellowship (CCF), the Rowing
Club and the Black Graduate Stu-
dent Association. The only major
debate during the discussion relat-
ed to the fact that CCF was request-
ing funding for an event that had
already taken place.

Some senators questioned wheth-
er that violated the rule against retro-
active bills. However, according to
Norville, since the bill had been
tabled in old business prior to the
event, the request would not be
considered retroactive. A majority
of the senators agreed and the bill
passed overwhelmingly.

In the end, the senators were not
convinced, and just a week after
approving the bill, upheld Michaels’s
veto.

Students and faculty participate in a reading of Aristophanes’ Lysistrata as part of a world-wide theater
event for peace. Overall the reading was presented over 1,000 times in nearly 60 countries. Event
organizers also hosted a post-play discussion on gender issues as well as the potential war on Iraq.
**2003 Undergraduate House of Representative Candidates**

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**Funds**

However, some of the shortfall has been taken up by SGA. SGA (Student Government) has really helped us out. They have come through this year in a big way, more than they ever have before. The only thing saving us right now is SGA,” said Flanagan.

The team is also trying new fundraising techniques.

“We are asking for parts and donations,” said Flanagan. “We’re also working to go after local businesses, asking for $200 or $500. It will add up, but it will take a lot of legwork and time, which we kind of run short on,” he said.

They are also initiating a program to secure funding from alumni and the companies for which they work.

“Alumni usually do a really good job of selling the program,” said Flanagan. “They’re in it for the long haul, and they don’t want to see the program fail. This year, they’ve completely cut the program. They’ve just said, ‘Times are tough. We can’t afford to do that.’ [GT Motorsports] has gotten absolutely nothing from them [this year],” he said.

Some of the smaller companies have said ‘Money’s too tight. We don’t have the discretionary funds anymore.’ [Discretionary funds are] normally where we get most of our money,” said Flanagan.

Despite financial hard times, members of the team are not discouraged. For them, building racecars is a labor of love. On average, they spend about 40 hours per week in the shop.

The final product can accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 3.2 seconds. It holds 1.5 g’s in a turn and reaches a top speed of 130 mph.
The upper deck of the north stands of Bobby Dodd stadium has been under construction since early December. The work is currently three weeks behind schedule due to three cracks in concrete support columns.

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It turns out that solution’s source resides here at Tech. A technology developed by civil engineering professors, Dr. Lawrence Kahn and Dr. Abdul Hamid Zureick, is being used to solve the problem. A carbon wrap made of the same material used on stealth bombers is currently being applied to the columns after the hairline cracks have been re-cemented. Then the column will be painted, so no unsightly

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or Awareness Week events, having the HAC report regularly to the House and requiring that new reps pledge to uphold the honor code in their oaths of office. BME Rep Jen Hinkel expressed concern that there was no institutionalized way for students to get help when professors do not meet their obligations under the code. Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino said that her office spends much time; similar procedures can be used on the stadium.

DiSabatino said. Student Body President Tiffany Massey and Senior Rep Lindsey Mazza urged reps to act as “liaisons,” bridging the gap between students and faculty.

“Some students cheat when they feel like some professors aren’t on their side,” said Massey. She also warned against “the game of rationalizing” some types of behavior. After the close of the issue meeting, reps turned to financial business. House members voted unanimously to allocate about $500 to the Cycling Team so that some of its members could attend the Colleague Road National Championship in Berkeley, California.

Reps also passed a resolution on transportation that had been postponed last week. The resolution emphasized the importance of student input in the design of new and SGA’s bus routes.

Some members were concerned that such a resolution could sour relations between SGA and some administrators.

Member-at-Large Mindy Park tried to move an allocation bill for the Mock Trial Team from new to old business, but failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote. Reps voted to postpone three other bills until next week.

Breaking the Bubble

www.bubble.nique.net

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

War with Iraq increases terror threat at home

The terror alert status was raised to “High” during President Bush’s address to the nation last Monday night. The Department of Homeland Security has initiated a plan called “Liberty Shield,” designed to guard airports, railroads, ports, and highways against terrorist attacks. A report issued Tuesday suggested that US chemical plants might be vulnerable to attack. The US believes that Iraqi agents or terrorists sympathetic to Iraq will try to carry out attacks.

EU offices bugged, culprits still unknown

Ministers at the European Union have launched an investigation to determine who placed listening devices in their offices. Electronic bugs have been found in the offices of British, French, German, and Italian offices, among others. France’s newspaper Le Figaro first reported the discovery and blamed the US, but EU officials said they had not yet determined who placed the bugs. The discovery comes amidst divisions within the EU over war with Iraq.

Bush sends letter to Congress justifying war

In a letter addressed to the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate, President Bush offered Congress his administration’s formal justification for war with Iraq. Bush’s letter states that further diplomacy would “not adequately protect the United States” from the threat of Iraq. British Prime Minister Tony Blair won a vote in Parliament 412 to 149 authorizing “all means necessary” for the disarmament of Iraq. Meanwhile, analysts continued to speculate about the possible costs of a war. Estimates vary widely, from a low of $27 billion to a high of $1.92 trillion.

Copy of Bill of Rights recovered after 138 years

One of 14 original copies of the Bill of Rights has been found. The document was stolen from the North Carolina Statehouse in 1865 by a Union soldier. FBI agents recovered the document, valued at $30 million, in an undercover operation Tuesday in Philadelphia. The document was commissioned by President George Washington. The Bill of Rights lists the first ten amendments to the Constitution; demanded by many states, it was ratified in 1791.
Our Views

SGA elections

Early this week, signs appeared all over campus criticizing SGA and the elections process. These signs were later removed before most students saw them. While the boards that are put up every year around elections time may be for official use only, there is no notice about this restriction on the boards, making it difficult for the average student to know that these boards may not be used for non-candidate advertising.

If SGA does not want these boards to be used for any purpose besides campaigning, they should not only post notices to this effect, but they must also be more vigilant in removing all offending materials from the boards, not just those that criticize SGA. Additionally, the presence of such flyers demonstrates a major campus sentiment that SGA is not being as proactive and useful as it could. Candidates for both executive and legislative positions should take these feelings into account and attempt to address them. Some already are.

Despite the contention of these signs, SGA positions are important to the campus. Voters should attempt to be informed by visiting the candidates’ websites, reading their platforms and bios in this week’s issue of the Technique and attending the scheduled debates. By making an informed, intelligent decision about the candidates, perhaps some of the concerns of the critical signs will be answered.

Besides the major offices, students should also give strong consideration to the representatives for both their majors and their classes. People in these positions have an opportunity to make a difference in students’ perceptions about SGA. By making informed decisions about whom to vote, constituents can be assured of getting an effective representative.

Stadium construction

While it may be redundant to point out the irony of a tech school that cannot seem to build a well-constructed structure, the last few construction projects on campus have made it impossible not to do so. From the North Deck to the Student Center Parking Deck, cracks in campus structures have become a part of everyday life.

Following in this ignoble tradition is now the new stadium construction. While such problems may be acceptable in construction from time to time, the continual recurrence of these problems in all campus construction projects does not lend confidence to all of the building that will occur in the future. And hopefully, these cracks won’t extend to our team’s offensive line.

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Political opinions must be informed

After seeing celebrities who seem to know everything spout their mouths off about what they think about the situation in Iraq, and reading my colleague’s editorial on the war last week, I thought that this is a good time for me to comment. My colleague suggested that people ought to share their opinions, specifically referring to the crisis in Iraq, though I assume she is also speaking about issues at Tech and everywhere else in between.

More people should stand up for what they believe in, but at the same time, they should make sure they do it responsibly, with an informed opinion. One should think before he/she speaks and make sure they know what they are talking about to insure that they do not make a fool out of themselves. I know I have been guilty of this from time to time, but we should all strive to represent an informed opinion when at all possible.

Over this past weekend, Dixie Chick member Natalie Maines made the comment, “just so you know, we’re ashamed the President of the United States is from Texas.” Saying this was fair. It is common courtesy to use the right of your expression of your opinion in the way she wants, but it looked like she was just saying it because the people in the audience wanted to hear about it.

The comment she made at her concert is not what made me mad; it was what she did next. Maines made a statement the next day stating that she wished to apologize for her statements the day before. The reason this made me mad is that it only happened after her ratings began to tank, and she heard massive outcry from her fans. If she felt the way she said she did, she should not have apologized. Instead, she should have stood up for what she believed in.

I do think she could have made her comments a little more tasteful—though, with the state of the Iraq situation. It seems like these days with celebrities and other people in the spotlight think being in the spotlight gives them all-knowing authority on the world. I say if you’re going to express your opinion like that, especially in front of so many people, you should know what you are talking about and not be afraid to stand behind what you said.

I can respect both sides of any issue, even if I don’t agree with them. As long as the opinion is well informed and one thinks before they speak. The most important thing in a debate is that both sides have evidence to support their positions and honestly believe what they are saying. If these requirements aren’t met, any debate will be unproductive and may, in fact, even be counterproductive. Without honest, informed discussion, debate does nothing for either party. No exchange of ideas can be possible under these conditions.

A lot of problems in debating opinions come from the fact that usually people are surrounded by only one viewpoint for most of their lives, either by their parents or their friends. Because of this phenomenon, they can’t see another viewpoint and thus, see their own as the only truth. Too many people, even people smart enough to be here at Tech do not have informed opinions about much of anything. I would like to see more people get involved on campus, so they can hear more opinions from other people. This sharing of opinions is one of the major benefits of being involved on campus.

More people should be informed about what is going on in the world. Being knowledgeable is the only way that you can truly form your own opinion and have that opinion be valid. If your reason for having that opinion is, “because my parents said so,” then you should not have an opinion. You would have actual reasoning to back up your opinions. Unfortunately, there are a lot of people like this out there.

So, to you celebrities out there, next time you feel compelled to spout something out of your mouth, make sure you thought about what you are saying and that it is really what you believe. Saying things because you think it is what people want you to hear can get you into trouble, especially if what you are saying is so non-objective, as in the case of Natalie Maines.

For the rest of us, I would suggest getting in touch with what is going on in the world and trying to make our own, informed opinions. I have been guilty of spouting off my mouth before without thinking, or commenting about something I know nothing about, and I can’t remember a single time when this did me any good.

In fact, there are even times when this got me in trouble in discussion. So be informed and stand behind your opinions.
I know I should probably write about the impending war and its impact on Georgia Tech, but the truth is, I’m not very knowl- edgeable about politics or war. As an engineering major, I don’t get exposed to the public policy and international affairs cours- es. I could watch the news, but then thinking of war and the possible destruction makes me nauseous. Honestly, I’d rather not think about it and just go on with my daily life (as long as that’s possible).

So this week, I decided to fo- cus on something happy (at least to me)—one of my favorite events of the year: the Academy Awards. Plus, as Entertainment Editor, the topic suits me. I enjoy guessing who the winners will be. I’d really like my friends would have a pool with me, but for some reason, they think the NCAA bracket is more exciting. I’ve never satisfi ed myself, I’m going to tell all of you my predictions.

WARNING: I have not seen every movie nominated, so these predictions may be slightly (or highly) biased. Deal with it. In a word. This one’s tough.

Out of the ﬁ ve movies with actors nominated, I’ve only seen Chicago and Gangs of New York. And I hated it. So since I like Jack Nichol- son, I pick him. Plus, I heard he was very good, although slightly depressing. Best Supporting Actor.

Annie LeCage was impressive for its com- puter animation, but I think Lilo & Stitch will win. Disney always produces entertaining, animated ﬁ lms, but this one was cre- ative and original. I especially liked the fact that the main fe- male character was not a gor- geous, impossibly skinny princess. Best Picture. Okay, the big one. Chicago, Gangs of New York, The Hours, The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, and The Pianist are nominated. Unfortunate- ly, I have not seen The Hours or The Pianist, so I cannot give you a fully informed opinion.

I absolutely loved Chicago. I saw the musical in London last year and was blown away. I did not expect the ﬁ lm version to compare with the Broadway pro- duction, but it was just as good, if not better. They incorporated the plot with glitzy musical num- bers flawlessly. All the actors were great singers, and their perfor- mances brought the essence of Broadway to the silver screen. In contrast, I did not enjoy Gangs of New York. But in gen- eral I do not enjoy ﬁ lms showing mov- ies. There was a little too much knife ﬁ ghting and bloodshed for my liking. And the plot wasn’t fantastic enough to redeem it- self in my mind.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers was very entertain- ing. Having traveled to New Zealand last year, I found myself paying more attention to the scenery of the ﬁ lm than the plot at times. But the plot also kept me on the edge of my seat. My favorite character was Smeagol, the deformed hobbit. I loved it when he argued with himself. I never read the books, but I’m deﬁ nitely a fan of the movie (al- though I’m ashamed to say I got scared during the ﬁ ght scenes).

Overall, I think Chicago is the best picture. It’s been six years since a musical ﬁ lm has been received so well, and right- fully so. And any movie where a sex symbol like Richard Gere tap dances and sings gets an “A” in my book.

So watch this Sunday to see if my predications are right (they probably won’t be, since I don’t have ESP). Due to the military situation at hand, the glittery red carpet extravaganza that usually occurs has been cancelled, so you won’t be able to see the stars in their million-dollar jewelry. But the Oscars will provide a wel- come, light-hearted distraction to the serious situation happen- ing outside of Hollywood. For a full list of nominees, visit www.oscars.com.
Monologues help empower women, serve campus need

I was interested on reading Dr. Mimi Philobos’s letter on the subject of the recent production of Eve Ensler’s “Vagina Monologues.”

Dr. Philobos asks for examples of how this play helps to prevent violence against women. It is a bit short sighted to suppose that rapists and domestic abusers would flock to the performance and leave enlightened and repentant to sin no more. But, as Dr. Philobos has done, let’s overlook the thousands of dollars raised on Tech’s campus alone for two institutions whose sole purpose is aiding women who have been raped or abused and helping to prevent further violence.

How did this production help or change anything? How did it add to the university’s prestige?

In our society, there is a dictate that women’s vaginas are a dirty subject, something that states it is rude, disgusting or even morally wrong to talk about. Many women have an inability to discuss these subjects, even in a situation of medical necessity. The dictates of society make them unable to express themselves even in the most desperate of circumstances.

It is the women who cannot speak, even in a normal or casual context, about vaginas or sex that do not want to “make a fuss” when they are beaten or raped. These women are far more likely to stay silent about sexual abuse (thus encouraging further abuse), and if brought to the hospital or counseling center they will refuse to pursue cases any further. It is a tragic culture of silence.

But what normal or casual context is there that might help ease these women, the ones uncomfortable with their bodies or their sexuality, what can bring them a little (or, the hope is, a lot) closer to being able to articulate their feelings, to speak up when they are abused or threatened or just have a health problem that requires that they explain the intimate details of their vaginas?

I saw this play several years ago, and I said to myself, “This is it! This is wonderful!” Here was a play created from many voices, many perspectives, bringing together joy and pain and a plethora of the things in between and creating a context for them, an objective context where discussion can be entertained without becoming personal.

The play addresses a need, in the words of the introduction: “We need a context, a culture of vaginas.” “The Vagina Monologues” was designed, among other things, to get people talking. From reading Dr. Philobos’s letter, I see that it has certainly served its purpose—it has inspired dialogue, it has inspired women to say loudly and clearly how they feel, and I hope that it will continue to do so.

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Second language necessary for well-rounded Tech education

I recently read that one of the most quickly expanding academic areas in the United States is international studies. American college students can’t seem to get enough of the rest of the world, as an ever increasing number are majoring in International Business, International Relations and the like. As an International Affairs major, I find this trend both exciting (we can’t all be studying the wrong thing) and a bit intimidating (but how will we all find jobs?).

While I’ve been very glad to see my engineering friends run domestically appear in some of the INTA classes I’ve taken, I’ve been equally as sad to hear them tell stories about how hard it is to get into a foreign language class. No international education is complete without achieving some level of proficiency in a foreign language. Though Tech has seemingly offered more language classes every year, and even added languages to the curriculum, every Spanish class I’ve taken has had a handful of overload students and more on the waiting list.

If any student at Tech thinks that he or she can go through life and never have to deal with a colleague that speaks a foreign language, I will bet my degree that you will be proven wrong. Already, I am more than embarrassed when I see my international classmates speak fluent English when most people in the class could not identify their home country on a map. My European friends in similar areas of study speak up to four or five languages with ease. And these are the people we will be competing with for jobs.

Tech already has an international reputation. What could make it better? Creating more internationally minded engineers. Tech students can’t take advantage of great opportunities to intern or to co-op abroad without being given the opportunity to learn more languages. Do we want Tech grads who work for multinational firms to lose footing because they can’t compete with their multilingual co-workers? Obviously not, and the only solution is to provide Tech students with ample chances for foreign language study.

While Tech has thankfully been

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Tone gets taste of fame in PBS Pill documentary

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Students who revel in educational TV shows over may have caught an interesting episode of American Experience, PBS’s highly-acclaimed documentary series, a few weeks ago. “American Experience: The Pill,” which documented the history, development and impact of the contraceptive pill when it was approved for sale by the FDA in 1960, was interesting not only because of its subject matter but also because it featured a Tech professor, Dr. Andrew Tone.

Tone is a history professor in the School of History, Technology and Society, and also serves as its Director of Graduate Studies. She is also active in women’s issues at Tech: she has lectured at events for the Women’s Student Union, as well as being a faculty mentor for the Women, Science and Technology Learning Community.

A dual citizen of the United States and Canada, Tone did her undergraduate work in history at Queens University in Ontario, Canada, graduating with her bachelor’s degree in 1986. “My original plan was to go to law school,” she said. “And I did go to law school, but I dropped out after a couple of weeks to go with what I really liked, which was history.” Therefore, she ended up at Emory, focusing on women’s history, social history and industrial history, and graduated with her doctorate in Dec. 1992.

While Tone was finishing her dissertation at Emory, she did some volunteer work at a women’s health clinic in Atlanta, which led her to think about writing. “I think it was the merger of the scholarly focus on women’s history and thinking about birth control as a technology… along with the hands-on experience of working in a women’s clinic that made me think, well, I really need to merge these two,” she explained.

Since then, she published her first book in 1997, and edited another, Controlling Reproduction: An American History, in the same year. Her work on these books was a stepping stone to her next book. “Up until that point, a lot had already been written on the history of birth control, but it focused principally on reproductive rights activists such as Margaret Sanger, and lawmakers and physicians,” she explained. “I wanted to write a history that I thought would add something new, that would focus more on how people across time encountered these technologies. So [my book] looks at birth control as a technology, but [also] as a social experience from the 1870s to the 1970s.”

Devices and Desire: A History of Contraceptives in America was published in late May 2001, and was ultimately responsible for her involvement in “The Pill.” Tone was contacted soon after her book’s publication by the director, writer and producer of “The Pill.” Chana Gazit, an award-winning filmmaker who has also done

Night raises rape awareness

By Christine Rutz
Contributing Writer

This Monday, students will come together to “take back the night” and learn about victims of sexual assault and violence. Sexual assault is an issue that has been prevalent in the Tech area lately, with the recent attacks at Georgia State and the attempted attack on Tech’s campus in the Student Services building.

However, although these attacks made the news, many women are assaulted by acquaintances or do not report the incident at all. Take Back the Night is an international rally and march that is organized in local communities to promote awareness and understanding; at Georgia Tech, the evening is a part of Women’s Awareness Month.

Colleen Yaeger, a fourth year Mechanical Engineering major, has been in charge of organizing this year’s Take Back the Night. She and her committee have worked since last fall to make the event a success and attract more students. Yaeger stressed that this is an event for everyone to attend, not just women. She said that people should realize that “[sexual assault] happens to our friends, girlfriends and sisters,” making it relevant to the lives of all students.

Take Back the Night will feature a keynote speaker, Andrea Cooper, who speaks about her daughter’s experience with assault, a vigil to honor those who have survived rape, a silent march around campus and a reception following the ceremony.

“Sexual assault in general is a big issue,” Yaeger explained, “even more so now than it will be later.” She was referring to the fact that assault is an especially relevant issue on a college campus, and even more so because of the recent rape attack across the street at Georgia State.

The number of reported assaults on campus has declined, from 12 reported in 1996 to 4 in 2001, according to Georgia Tech Police Department statistics. However, many assaults go unreported, and the issue itself is often skirred be

McMath enjoys storied, varied career

By Kimberly Rieck
Senior Staff Writer

While an undergraduate student at North Texas State University, Robert McMath became “hooked” on history after becoming involved with an undergraduate research project. McMath went on to receive his Ph.D. in history from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1972.

After graduation, McMath decided to accept a teaching position at Georgia Tech. Tech had a school of social sciences that McMath said offered a wide variety of undergraduate history courses even though it did not offer any degrees. McMath enjoyed his position because it was not the typical job post-doctoral position for a history professor.

“Like the students and working with students from a wide variety of backgrounds and not just from my own field, I really enjoyed getting to meet faculty from the different fields,” said McMath. “It was a more open environment to be a professor in other places where you get stuck in your own little department.”

McMath’s research and teaching interests have dealt with American political movements, particularly populism as a move-

ment in the United States and Europe, the history of the new south and the history of technology.

McMath has written numerous books on American History and the history of the American South and authored or co-authored seven books. His books include a history textbook—The American People: A History, co-authored with Arthur S. Link— and American Populism: A Social History, his most recent book. A journal article that McMath wrote on the origins of Georgia Tech with retired professor Jim Witten led to the most comprehensive history book ever written on the school. After the article was published, Dr. Joseph Peri called McMath to his office and told him that the school needed a scholarly history of Georgia Tech to be written for the Institute’s centennial (in 1985).

McMath was reluctant at first because of his other research and

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Suzuki’s no car brand

The Monkey Suzuki, a rock band, performed Saturday night at the Echo Lounge, to positive reviews from the Technique’s Andrew Hagenbuch. Page 23

Records set, broken

The Cagers set a school record earlier this week. Page 31

Profile of Robert McMath

Dr. Robert McMath is recognized as an administrator, professor and friend of the students; he has been at Tech for more than 20 years. Page 20

Faces at Georgia Tech

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Records set, broken

The Cagers set a school record earlier in the month for the most consecutive starring wins, and then lost two games earlier this week. Page 31
teaching commitments. Also, Mc-
Math said, it can be difficult for
professors to be objective when writ-
ting about their own university, so
the writing could be viewed as a
“puff piece.”

After consult-
ing other col-
leagues in the
department, Mc-
Math and four
other professors,
including Ronald
Bayor, went back
to Petit and told
him that they
would write the
book on a few
conditions, which
they did not think Petit would agree
to. The conditions were: a decrease
in the team’s teaching and research
commitments, full editorial control
over the project, funding and com-
plete access to the school’s records.
Instead of the “no” the team was
expecting, Petit said, “when can you
start?”

The project was unique in that it
combined professors with overlap-
ing interests in the history of tech-
nology, the south, education and
urbanization.

In just
two short years,
the team had
completed the
research and
writing and En-
engineering the
New South:
Georgia Tech,
1885-1985 was
published in
1985.

Further along in his
time at Tech, McMath was chosen
to be one of two associate deans to
help organize the Ivan Allen Col-
lege during its formation.

After a couple of years, McM-
ath went on to become Chair of the
School of History, Technology and
Society.

In 1996, he traveled to Italy as a
Fulbright Lecturer. While in Italy,
McMath learned that President
Clough had created the position of
Vice Provost for Undergraduate
Studies and Academic Affairs. Mc-
Math applied for the position after
he returned to Tech in the fall and
subsequently became “the lucky
winner” of the position.

As Vice Provost, McMath over-
sees student academic services and
coordinates campus-wide initiatives
designed to improve the learning
environment for students. One of
his major projects right now is the
building and the development of the
Undergraduate Learning Cen-
ter, which will begin construction
as soon as funding is secured from
the state.

The learning center will be the
new home of freshman science labs,
a few classes, academic support of-
fices, tutoring assistance, advising
and other information for students.
“It’s both an academic building and
part of the library informations sys-
tem and kind of a gathering place
for students right in the center of
campus,” said McMath.

McMath still continues to teach
history courses as well, despite his
busy administrative schedule. He
notes that teach-
ing is very re-
warding and
satisfying to him,
and he is usually
happiest in the
day after he’s
come out of
Teach one of
his classes.
His classes
have included a
class on the his-
tory of Georgia
Tech (taught twice in 1985 and
1999), history of the south courses
and special topics classes.

His current course is a history
class designed to help students un-
derstand political and social affairs
in the United States from 1960s to
the present.

“Personally it’s very satisfying to
me to interact and teach undergrad-
uates,” said McMath. McMath said
he considers working with students
the most rewarding part of his job.

During his tenure at Tech, Mc-
Math has re-
c eived
numerous
awards includ-
ing the George
W. Griffith
Award for Out-
standing Teach-
ing, the Dean
James E. Dull
Administrator
of the Year
Award and the
Governor’s
Award for the Humanities.

Outside of Georgia Tech, Mc-
Math is currently collaborating with
his wife, Linda, a public school ad-
ministrator in Dekalb County, on a
historical travel guide to the eastern
shore of Virginia and Maryland.

“I really enjoyed getting to meet faculty
from the different
fields.”

Dr. Robert McMath
Vice Provost
Double the challenge: the trials of being a woman and a minority

By Joshua Cuneo
Staff Writer

Georgia Tech’s growing ethnic diversity can be traced back at least to 1961, when African-Americans—both men and women—were admitted on campus for the first time. Following the Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. Board of Education that eventually led to the desegregation of every public school in the country, the Georgia Tech administration began working quietly behind the scenes to prepare for peaceful desegregation. This action was deemed necessary due to the notorious behavior at Little Rock, UGA, and other southern schools when they were forcefully desegregated. In the fall of 1961, three African-American men were enrolled with little fuss, the press was ordered to stay off campus and life resumed as usual, making Georgia Tech the only southern public school in history to peacefully desegregate without a court order.

Yet despite Tech’s general acceptance of ethnic diversity, the campus is hardly a safe haven from the discrimination still felt by the African-American community, as Adria Miller, a senior Building Construction major, and Tiffany Robinson, a fifth-year Civil Engineering major, can attest to.

“My PL,” said Robinson, “told me that guys at Tech have yellow fever.”

Tina Denq, Second-year IE

“I actually feel that I relate best to other dual degree/transfer students,” said Robinson. “Due to the number of transfer [students] from the Atlanta University Center, these students tend to be African-American.”

Miller concurred. “What I have learned, though, is that it is really a cultural difference, not an ethnic difference,” she said. “I cannot relate to certain people because we do not do the same things or value the same things or cannot relate to racial issues.”

The integration crisis of the mid-20th century was the most dramatic shift in the ethnic diversity of Tech’s student body. The assimilation of other cultures was more subtle, and because Tech opened its doors to women before many other institutions, the arrival and increase of women of diverse ethnic backgrounds was just as subtle. Sally Lam Woo, for instance, became the first Asian woman to graduate from Tech in 1986, but the event didn’t make headlines as strongly as some of the previous events for women or ethnically diverse students did. Yet the diversity has grown, and today it’s readily apparent in both genders in the faculty and students.

Part of that diversity comes with the different challenges each ethnic group faces. Whereas African-Americans have to face negative prejudices from some of their classmates and professors, for instance, Asians and Asian-Americans often have the opposite problem.

“The first thing I remember about someone noticing my Asian-ness was my PL, who told me that guys at Tech have yellow fever,” said Tina Denq, an industrial engineering junior.

Nevertheless, Denq feels that Tech still harbors its own share of negative prejudice to all minorities, including her own, and to women.

“I mean, I’ve heard of guys on campus making the gross mistake of spitting on a fellow (female) student just because of her ethnicity,” she said. “So ignorance is still a big problem at Tech and nationally as well.”

She also said that Asian women suffer under their own prejudice.

“I think [some] may expect me to be a ‘good girl’…[because] Asian girls are submissive…Even the fact that I listen to Metallica surprises some people.” Nevertheless, she said, “I think Tech is still more accept-
“We’d like to bring you up to New York to film you for this documentary. Would you be game?” And I love New York City, so of course I’d be game.”

Andrea Tone
HTS Professor and Director of Graduate Studies

“I don’t think there’s such a thing as a perfect documentary, but [“The Pill”] came close to the mark.”

Dr. Tone
HTS Professor


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offering more languages, it still lags behind other major universities in both the number of languages offered and the levels of advancement offered within the various programs. In my Spanish class this spring, the professor had to change the format of the course because too many students enrolled, making spoken presentations logistically impossible.

When speaking is even more important than listening, students need a class size that allows them to participate often, which usually means fewer than twenty students. The professors in the department are doing a fantastic job dealing with the present challenges, but they need more attention from the Tech community to further improve the program.

I’ve found language study to be both an extremely challenging and an extremely rewarding experience. Obviously, if the rest of Tech students didn’t agree, they wouldn’t be clamoring for registration overcrowds or crowding into cramped classrooms to have the chance for language study.

An engineering, science, and even INTA majors, speaking a foreign language (or not) can make or break a chance at a promotion or a posh international assignment. When our study abroad group met a Tech alumna who worked in Belgium, he lamented that he never had a good opportunity to learn language skills in college. If you think that learning French is hard now, try doing it in ten or fifteen years from now when you’ve forgotten how to study.

Without better funding and support, more class offerings and smaller class sizes, Tech students are bound to fall behind when competing in an increasingly global corporate world. Tech has always benefited from having an edge in educational quality—we can hardly afford to remain so vastly outstripped in the area of foreign language education.
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:
Chimney top behind the French building.

Last week’s winner:
Anup Shah

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This may be true in part to the large Asian population at Tech—Asians comprise the largest minority on campus. Their presence has brought about wide-scale support for their cultural heritage, including the establishment of the prominent Chinese Student Association, which gives students like Denq a forum through which she can meet others of her ethnic background. This is important, she said, since "on a very personal level, Asians still have never been exposed to it because we are intelligent people and understand the challenge of carrying it on while living in another culture."

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Second-year ChE

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"It's easy for someone to say another culture is wrong because they have never been exposed to it before," said Farah. "And even if I do not necessarily agree with something, I still have respect for other cultures and understand the challenge of carrying it on while living in another country. You have to disregard the ignorant and realize we are all here because we are intelligent people and expect that (this) will be seen eventually."

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Heroic women females can be found on every single continent in the world right now. She said that she grew up as a woman, but not because there aren’t women in Africa. She said that she grew up as a woman, but not because of some silent goddess. She said that she was Palestinian, but not because her name, like Farah, means "sun." She said that she was Palestinian, but not because of her name, like Farah, means "sun." She said that she was Palestinian, but not because there aren’t women in Africa.

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"It's easy for someone to say another culture is wrong because they have never been exposed to it before," said Farah. "And even if I do not necessarily agree with something, I still have respect for other cultures and understand the challenge of carrying it on while living in another country. You have to disregard the ignorant and realize we are all here because we are intelligent people and expect that (this) will be seen eventually."

Although many students are unaware that the event exists, when they are informed, they believe that it is a positive thing for Georgia Tech to host. Most students agreed that the event does give people awareness about negative events in society. She added that "if you can get people to participate, it's a good way to get folks aware of negative events in society."

More information can be found at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wom.
The Mooney Suzuki performs to “save rock and roll”

By Andrew Hagenbush
Contributing Writer

“The Mooney Suzuki with the task to save “Rock and Roll.” Finding a true rock and roll band in the fashion of The Who, the Stones, or Led Zeppelin on the top 40 stations to-day is a daunting task. So, if this is evidence that rock and roll needs true rock and roll band categories to choose a camel, this kid challenged The Mooney Suzuki with the task to save “Rock and Roll.”

Although Sammy James Jr. leads the lyrical charge and plays the rhythm guitar, the real star of this garage band foursome is the lead guitarist, Graham Tyler. From the first chord to the final guitar solo, this man plays to the crowd like it’s the last rock show on earth...[He] never seems to miss a note.

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The Mooney Suzuki performed last Saturday at the Echo Lounge with the Raveonettes, Longwave, and White Light Motorcade. The band, which has been compared to 60s garage bands, put on a spectacular performance.

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Located in Midtown, offers a variety of tapas dishes, which are appetizer-sized (and priced) portions perfect for sharing with your friends.

Loca Luna serves up a variety of appetizing tapas dishes...

Name: Loca Luna
Address: 836 Juniper Street
Atlanta, GA 30308
Phone: (404) 875-4494
Website: www.localu.com
Cuisine: Tapas
Price: $$-$$$
Rating: ★ ★ ★ /2 out of 5

If there were a food equivalent to music’s mix masters, the chefs at Loca Luna would have to take the title. It is easy to call something fusion cuisine, but what does the word “fusion” even mean? With so many restaurants claiming this genre, we should perhaps take a moment to understand it.

The dictionary briefly defines fusion in relation to food as “a style of cooking that combines ingredients and techniques from very different cultures or countries.” The recent popularity of this style of cooking has led to the popping up of numerous fusion restaurants around town.

In retrospect, I must admit that I had no idea what to expect after having made reservations. I found this to be a rare feeling, as one generally has a pretty good idea at restaurants that are of a certain specific culture.

The first thing I felt upon entering Loca Luna was a blast of heat. The restaurant is part wood, and part greenhouse-style with plastic canopies. I imagine these canopies are removed during the summer to enhance the flamboyant Caribbean/salsa feel of the restaurant.

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By Joey Katzen
Staff Writer

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The problem for short people because the floor was flat and required you to get up close to get a decent view of the action. However, for a $6 show, you aren’t going to find a better value anywhere, short people or otherwise.

It’s difficult to describe the acoustics at the Echo Lounge; it seemed the gain and distortion were cranked to the max, so it was pretty hard to even hear myself think. All in all, it was an excellent venue for a band of this nature and really allowed The Mooney Suzuki to get off stage and interact with the crowd. For example, at the end of the show, the bass guitarist and drummer put Sammy James Jr. and Graham Tyler on their shoulders as they performed an admirable dueling solo.

For this current tour, The Mooney Suzuki are promoting the re-release of their second album, Electric Swastik. This time around, Columbia Records is distributing the music, and the CD is enhanced with three of their music videos. They played most of the songs on the album at the show, plus a mix of older stuff off the album People Get Ready, and a new song or two. All the songs sounded great, although some critics say the music is too much of a throwback to the 60s garage rock bands. And while it might seem that way every time Sammy James Jr. imitates Pete Townsend’s famous windmill guitar strum, The Mooney Suzuki create a fresh, new sound that really gets the audience moving to the beat.

So, will The Mooney Suzuki fulfill its destiny to save rock and roll as we know it, or fizzle out like many upstart garage bands have in the past? We’ll have to wait and see. But the food is worth the wait, and we suggest simply ordering a side of plantains. The plantains were sweet and perfectly cooked, and doubled as both an entrée and dessert.

All in all, we found Loca Luna to be a very exciting restaurant, with average service, but definitely above average cuisine. This is not a place to go alone, though—make sure you have a few of your friends with you. If you enjoy Latin dancing and live entertainment, be prepared to enjoy a night with a flamenco guitarist and his band. It is a bit pricey, and it would perhaps be a bit nicer if the various tapas items came out in quicker succession of each other, but the food is worth the wait, and if you can handle the general loudness of the atmosphere, you will love an evening spent there. Oh, and be sure to call for a reservation, as a 1.5-hour wait is not atypical on weekend evenings.
Dreamcatcher fails to thrill audiences with poor storyline

By Joseph Jeong
Staff Writer

Title: Dreamcatcher
Starring: Morgan Freeman, Thomas Jane, Jason Lee, Damian Lewis
Director: Lawrence Kasdan
Rating: R
Runtime: 134 minutes
Score: ★ 1/2 out of 5 stars

The old cliché is that the book is better than the movie. I hope this is true for Dreamcatcher because the movie version really wasn’t very good. The movie starts out strongly by introducing an interesting core of protagonists, but it quickly morphs into a B-grade science fiction/horror movie. Such events as an alien invasion, the army trying to stop the invasion while covering it up, and four friends with a common mysterious history are loosely tied together and presented as a movie.

Dreamcatcher is a movie based on the Stephen King novel and was adapted to the screen by one of my favorite scribes, William Goldman (Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid). Perhaps the combination of the most eminent horror fiction writer and a prominent screenwriter raised my expectations a little, but it still doesn’t excuse the poor plot.

It’s a bad sign when the first 30 minutes of the movie is leaps and bounds better than the rest. If they kept the movie about the four buddies and how they went about their daily lives, except going about their daily lives, except they have been a much better flick. The movie opens by introducing four friends, Dr. Henry ‘H’ Devlin, Gary ‘Jonesy’ Jones, Pete ‘Petey’ Moore, and Joe ‘Beaver’ Clarendon, going about their daily lives, except for one small matter. All four seem to exhibit some form of psychic power. As the exposition continues, we learn that all four are childhood friends that share a secret. Another childhood friend that we know only by name is finally introduced, Douglas ‘Daddie’ Cavell.

Daddies was a mentally challenged child the four main characters befriended when they saved him from being tortured by the local bullies. In return, he gave them more than just friendship—he gave them a gift of special powers, which allowed them to read people’s minds and then some. This concludes the interesting background story of the four friends, and the movie starts going downhill in a hurry from this point on.

The main plot of the movie begins when the four friends go on their annual hunting trip to the backwoods of Maine. The pace picks up from this point, and we find out that aliens have crashed somewhere nearby. Unlike most aliens in other alien invasion movies, these aliens don’t take advantage of their technology advantage. Instead they opt for a more subtle option of taking over the world. They try to get you to consume them so they can incubate in your stomach and come out and eat you when they are ready. Not logical, but it makes for a few horrifying and gross scenes.

By the time the four buddies figure out what’s going on, two of them have died, one is possessed by an alien, and the last guy is stuck in an army camp. The army has taken care of the situation save for one exception—the alien that currently possesses Jonesy. The movie then switches gear and becomes a chase movie, where Dr. Devlin, an army captain, and Daddie’s try to catch the last alien.

This is actually quite a well-acted movie. Morgan Freeman and Tom Sizemore’s acting talents are really wasted on two throwaway characters, the former as a slightly insane Colonel Kurtz and the latter as Captain Underhill, who assists Dr. Devlin. Donnie Wahlberg is actually quite good as the adult Daddies.

However, good individual performances can’t overcome the overwhelmingly weak storyline. Dreamcatcher is not worth the price of admission, even if you include the exclusive screening of the latest installment of The Animatrix: Final Flight of the Osiris (which can be succinctly described as a computer geek’s dream).
sliver box continued

www.nique.net/sliver

Wanna bet that Hooter’s airline goes “bust”? Comments on OPA being in the step show at Souther Poly: “I never saw a white girl move like that before” :) Thanks to Quay, Phil, Brandon, Harry, Brett, Esi, Nikki, and Lauren for making the OPA Step Team’s performance go well...love you guys I have a exam in 20 minutes and I can’t seem to make myself study. Yeah for procrastination. Gezz. Could we hear a little more about the food and a little bit less about the kind of dinosaur they want to be when they grow up? Stupid as Saddam, why can’t he just freaking disarm? I heard he sleeps in her closet! Wow. That Pioneer 10 is travelling what, about half a billion lightyears every year, while only being 656 light minutes away. That is really going to put a kink in the Unified Theory of Physics. I wish I knew then what I know now Temptations and occasions put nothing into a man, but only draw out what was in him before. - John Owen i want my stuff printed!!! what is better hyper or tension for high blood pressure? Shibby Shabba 143 stephen king is and always will be da bomb haha she is on vacation haha she is on vacation yay for people with a realistic platform, boo for SGA candidates trashing campus with ugly posters stop hating yellow ribbons anyone? I wanna buy it for 5 dollars where is the sun?? I hate the rain Saddam should bomb Brittain dining hall. Housing selection process sucks! I hate waiting lists! I’m ready for spring break now.
**ENTERTAINMENT**

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**Live List**

Echo Lounge (554 Flat Shoals Rd.)

(404) 681-3000
tech@echolounge.com

3/21 Po-Paid/Almory/Twolfie Seminol
3/22 Off By One/Tiny Head Year/United
3/23 Folk Impression/Max Don Todd/Elakaf
3/27 The Immortal Lol Country Killers
3/29 Kingsnake/Amy Pike & The Last Beer
4/1 Matt Sharp/John Hagie/Scott Johnson

CF’s Landing (Dockhead Ave.)

(404) 247-7837

www.cflanding.com

3/21 Counting at Dawn
3/21 Hand风筝/Extras
3/29 Church Cargo/Uncle Mike/Soulcrush

Snell’s Olde Bar (550 Piedmont Ave.)

(404) 875-1522

www.snellsoledebar.com

3/21 Mason Jennings/Crooked Fingers
3/22 The Pleasure Club/Loman/Edgewood
3/23 HEM/Arlington Prist
3/24 The Suggestions/Monticello Read/Sol
3/26 Ben Taylor Band
3/27 Stanghanger/Outhine
3/28 Tonic/Shane Hines
3/29 Blue Dogs/The Biscuit Boys/Cool Beans
3/30 Red Lotus Agent/Polyphonic
3/31 Electric Tea Party/Leo’s Invention

Variety Playhouse (1099 Euclid Ave.)

(404) 521-1786

www.varietyplayhouse.com

3/23 Jump, Little Children
3/23 Aaron Neville Quartet
3/25 Mary Gray
3/28 Pat Green
3/29 Ken Clinton/Commom
4/1 Vonda Shepard

Meatpade (805 North Ave.)

(404) 577-2000

www.meatpade.com

4/1 Insane Clown Posse/2 Live Crew

Cotton Club (152 Luckie St.)

(404) 688-1193

www.atlantaconcerts.com/cottonclub.asp
3/23 Duncan Sheik
3/26 The Red Elvises
3/27 Halfone
3/28 Aesop Rock
3/29 Slightly Stoopid
3/30 Kool Moe Dee/Killa Priest
3/31 Hot Hot Heat

Star Bar (4527 Moreland Ave.)

(404) 683-9108

www.starbar.net

3/21 Jimmy and the Teasers/The A-Sides
3/22 Cigar Store Indianapolis/Stateside
3/26 Vice ConJose
3/27 Dumbeye
3/28 UnAmerican/Pretty Vacant
3/29 Diner’s Duo

The Earl (488 Flat Shoals Ave.)

(404) 522-9590

www.earl atlanta.com
3/21 Copa Vawca/New Brunswick
3/22 The Fumare/The Yum Yum Tree
3/26 The Vandemark Five
3/27 The Deathray Davies/French Toast
3/28 YOU/Dodd Ferry & Tinfoil Stars
3/29 Group Sex/Diana Cop 1945

Tabernacle (152 Luckie St.)

(404) 659-9022

www.tabernacleatl.com/tabernacle.asp
3/21 Earl Sweatshirt
3/27 Sugar Free

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The Two Bits Man has once again been reflecting. It’s an interesting time to be at Tech. We are currently celebrating “50 Years of Women at Tech.” Now, not to be cynical, but for some reason, I feel that a great deal of us at Tech may find it difficult to get too excited about such a celebration. Somehow it seems misplaced. A better recognition of accomplishment over time might be found in recognizing “50 Years of Men Surviving with Very Few Women at Georgia Tech.”

In other news, rumors claims that plans are underway to open up a non-alcoholic bar on campus. Considering that the only real problem with opening a non-alcoholic bar on campus is that non-alcoholic bars tend to not serve alcohol, we are able to isolate the problem. The obvious solution is to concurrently open an alcoholic campus strip club. Myself and my co-luobbits are preparing to present the idea to SCK. The current draft of our proposal reads something like this:

“Instead of heading to the recreation room to jump on a dance machine, you can head up to the club for some Lap Dance Revolution.”

In order to encourage the use of Buzz funds, we’ll probably make one of our dancers a Buzz only stripper. On the mention for the ladies, Technique Editor-in-Chief Jody Shaw has volunteered to be on hand every Wednesday to perform his ador-able “paperboy” routine.

Now to move on to less scary matters, the benefit of a campus strip club to the student body and alumni cannot be overstated. Assuming we are granted a location in the Student Center, the club will be easily accessible to students, dirty professors, and visiting alumni.

Convenience is the key factor here. Imagine it’s 12:30 p.m. and you’ve got an exam at two. You’re at the student center trying to work that last minute cram session. Instead of heading to the recreation room to jump on a dance machine (God forbid), you can head up to the club for some Lap Dance Revolu- tion before crunch time. Now it’s those kinds of study techniques that will give the average Tech student a serious edge. And on a more serious note, as opposed to celebration of women, the opening of a campus strip club would give us a proper and just cause for celebration.

The vitality of the student body is being threatened at every turn by the evildoers who would have us stranded on a dry bar, our hormones staved away by an unforgiving ratio, our confidence distorted by the epidemic perversion that is TBS. It’s time to understand that we work hard to earn the respect of this institution.

We are among the most driven and diligent college students that inhabit this country. If you’re going to sit my ass on a non-alcoholic barstool after all I’ve done for you, the least you could do is provide me with some hot naked chicks to look at. Really, is that asking too much?

The Two Bits Man would like to leave you with a famous feminist quotation: I am woman, watch me dance...swipe, swipe, swipey-swipe.
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National ranking of the Georgia Tech women’s track and field team in the Trackshark Women’s Top 25 Final Indoor Poll, which was released Monday. The Jackets were one of only two Atlantic Coast Conference teams to receive an opportunity to advance to the championship. North Carolina was ranked fifth.

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The closing round score by senior Troy Matteson at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate in Austin, TX. Matteason’s performance, the Georgia Tech golf team improved its standing by six spots to finish in eighth. The 54-hole tournament was contested at the par-72, 6,906-yard Austin Country Club.

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Number of years that Georgia Tech has hosted the annual Buzz Classic that will be held this weekend. The Lady Jackets will be playing at Marietta’s Al Bishop Softball Complex. Tech opened the season against Maryland and Lipscomb Friday before concluding pool play Saturday at Oregon State and Radford.

**Tech taking NIT tourney trip**

*By Al Przygocki, Senior Staff Writer*

A sparse crowd of 5,000 turned out on a rainy night to see if the cozy confines of Alexander Memorial Coliseum would provide a much-needed spark as Tech began its NIT campaign.

They were also wondering how the Jackets would respond after losing in the first round of the ACC tournament.

Behind 18 points from Chris Bosh and a renewed attention to defense, the Yellow Jackets answered all questions with a resounding 72-58 victory over Ohio State. Tech improved to 15-14 and will play the winner of the Iowa-Iowa State match-up. That second round game will be played either Monday or Tuesday with the site to be announced.

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**Lady Jackets invited to dance for second time**

*By Katie Neal, Sports Editor*

For the second time in school history and the first time since the 1993 season, the Lady Jackets will be participating in the NCAA Tournament.

The team will be traveling to West Lafayette, IN as the No. 10 seed in the East Regional.

The Yellow Jackets (20-10, 8-8 ACC) will play No. 7 seed Virginia Tech (21-9). If the Lady Jackets make it past Virginia Tech, they will take on the winner of the Purdue-Valparaiso game.

“This will be a great challenge for our team and I know that they have a great program and we are really looking forward to playing them,” said Tech head coach Agnus Berenato about Virginia Tech. The only other time Tech made the NCAA Tournament was the last time it served as the host of the Women’s Final Four in 1993.

“Certain teams are used to going deep,” said Tech head coach Agnus Berenato. “Not necessarily winning a certain number of games. The ACC Tournament has been our goal, and we accomplished our goal. Now we just have to sit down and re-set our goals.”

This marks the fourth year in a row that Tech has been invited to post-seasonal play. Tech was invited to the Women’s National Invitation Tournament in each of the past three seasons, falling to Miami in the first round a year ago.

“This is a great statement for our program and where we are at right now,” said Tech head coach Agnus Berenato. “I think it’s great for the players and our staff.”

The Lady Jackets finished the regular season as a top ACC team, winning five of their last six games to tie for fourth place with FSU and trying a school-best 8-8 ACC record.

“I just think that’s been our No. 1 goal the whole year,” Tech coach Agnus Berenato said. “Not necessarily winning a certain number of games. The ACC Tournament has been our goal, and we accomplished our goal. Now we just have to sit down and re-set our goals.”

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Tech Head Coach

**Tech swimming and diving teams are scoring big, both in the pool and in the classroom. Check out the post-season action. Page 33.**

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**NCAA could postpone tourney if war breaks out**

The NCAA will consider postponing games in the men’s and women’s basketball tournaments and other national championships if war with Iraq begins this week.

President Myles Brand acknowledged Monday that the NCAA was checking the availability of arenas and hotels for the days after first and second round games are completed. The primary consideration, Brand said, would be the safety of the athletes and fans. He also said there has been no determination about changes in television coverage.

CBS holds the rights to the men’s tournament, but the network, which is owned by Viacom, has discussed switching the games to ESPN if CBS needs more air time for war coverage. ESPN and ESPN2 already are scheduled to show the women’s tournament.

**Rain stalls UGA tennis match for third straight time**

The women’s tennis match between Tech and Georgia was called off for the third time due to rain on Wednesday at the Dan Magill Tennis Center in Athens Ga. The match, which was originally scheduled for Feb. 22, had already been postponed twice and now will not be made up.

Due to scheduling conflicts between the two schools for the remainder of the season, the women’s team will look to extend its six-match unbeaten streak when they host Big 10 foe Minnesota at the Bill Moore Tennis Center at 10 a.m. on Sat. March 22.

**Chris Bosh named ACC Rookie of the Year**

Tech’s 6-foot-10 power forward Chris Bosh became the tenth Yellow Jacket to earn ACC Rookie of the Year this past week. Bosh, a second-team All-ACC selection, was the only freshman named to the first or second teams.

He ranked eighth in conference scoring this year with 15.4 points per game and leads the ACC with a 55.8 field goal percentage and 5.1 blocked shots per game. He ranked second in the league with 8.9 rebounds per game and has been named to the league’s all-defensive and all-rookie teams.

Other Tech ACC Rookie of the Year winners include Mark Price, Bruce Shelton, Terence burnt, Tom Hammonds, Dennis Scott, Kenny Anderson, Mattice Moore, Stephen Marbury and, just last year, Ed Nelson. Duke’s J.J. Redick finished second.
Is anyone picking a team not called the Wildcats? Me neither.

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

I’ll give you three guesses what this column is about. OK, you already know I’m writing about the NCAA Tournament. Before I get to that, there is one order of business to take care of…

If you are reading this while tourney games are on, for heaven’s sake, PUT DOWN THE PAPER AND WATCH THE TOURNAMENT. I realize I’m starting to make a habit of discouraging people from reading my column, but I couldn’t sleep at night if I thought my ramblings were distracting sports fans from more important things.

Now on to my bracket. Not that I am qualified to write on this, but it has never stopped me before. Keep in mind that I’m writing this before the tournament starts, so this could be shot to hell by the time you read it (this fact also explains the future tense references to some games that have already been played).

I’ll start with the Midwest, since it seems to be the easiest, right? Is there anyone that doesn’t have Kentucky in the Final Four? Didn’t think so. I like Pitt, Mizzou, and Dayton as the other pod winners here. I can usually count on someone upsetting Pitt to help my bracket, but with the unimpressive Indiana and the undeserving ‘Bama playing the 7-10 game, I see Pitt having an easy route to the Sweet 16. Then Mizzou will knock them off.

Then there’s the loaded West. I still like Arizona. Everyone is talking about how West is so loaded you can’t count on them. OK, but they’re still a much better team than anyone else in the West. Just because there are a lot of good teams, it doesn’t make it smart not to pick the best one. As for the Sweet 16 teams here, I think the top four seeds here are clearly a cut above the rest of the teams. So I don’t think there will be any major upsets here, unless Wisconsin-Milwaukee knocks off Notre Dame for the right to lose to Illinois.

Now for the region with, I think, the most undeserving top seed, the South. Here I’d pick Texas to go down around the Sweet 16. It’s tricky because I really want to pick BYU in the Sweet 16 for giggles. Can I pick Dayton to win the South, even though they’re in the Midwest?

Maryland has become a trendy Final Four pick because of the weak top seeds, and well, I agree. I wrote Maryland into my Final Four Sunday evening right after the bracket was revealed.

Finally, let’s break down the East, where Oklahoma and Wake are the top seeds. For future reference whenever I say anything about the Sooners in the tournament, bet against it. I’m serious, whatever I say Oklahoma will do, they do something completely different.

This year I hedged my bets and put them down for getting knocked off in the Sweet 16 by Louisville. This of course means that they either became the first one seed to go down in the first round yesterday, or they’re on their way to the Final Four.

As for the East winner, Syracuse is the trendy pick, but I can’t bring myself to hitch my wagon to a team that will live and die by a freshman; I don’t care what he can do. So here I make my sleeper pick and take Louisville to come out of the East.

My champion for the tournament is Arizona. I’d like them to beat Kentucky in the ‘real championship’ semifinal. Then I’ll take Louisville over Maryland. Then Arizona will win impressively in the final and I’ll rake in the cash from all my pools before waking up and seeing all the red lines through my bracket.

Ousting Ohio State

By Shelley Hoyal
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Chris Bosh scored 18 points and B.J. Elder added 12 as Tech beat Ohio State 72-58 in the first round of the NIT Wednesday night.
Adios Ohio

be determined.
Ohio State came in with a 10-1 record and eight straight wins against the Yellow Jackets. The Buckeyes had won eight straight over Georgia Tech, their last matchup coming in the second round of the 1991 NCAA tournament, when Ohio State won 65-61. After an up and down season highlighted by a run to the Big 10 title game, Ohio State ended its season with a 17-15 record.

In Wednesday night’s first-round victory, B.J. Elder chipped in 12 points and Marvin Lewis added 11 to the balanced offensive attack that saw all eight Jackets in action score at least four points. Freshman forward Theodis Tarver made his first career start in place of Luke Schenscher and provided quite a spark. Tarver scored nine points, but it was his defense, highlighted by three blocks and a steal, that really provided a lift. Head Coach Paul Hewitt was very pleased with Tarver’s play, commenting, “He stepped up and played a very nice basketball game tonight. He was active. The thing I’ve been on him about and the reason that he didn’t play much early in the year is because he would turn the ball over a lot.”

“I thought this might be his fourth game in a row without a turnover,” Hewitt said of Tarver. “He’s playing stronger with the basketball, he’s blocking shots, and he’s starting to show some of the ability we saw when we recruited him.”

Tech used its pressing defense to generate a few easy baskets, but the real impact was in creating a faster tempo and wearing down Buckeye star guard Brent Darby.

After playing four games in four days over the weekend and then traveling to Atlanta, the Buckeyes were playing on tired legs and the defensive pressure didn’t make it any easier on them. Darby took himself out of the game with what appeared to be a cramped leg with less than ten minutes to play. He returned to action but wasn’t quite as agile again.

Ohio State Head coach Jim O’Brien commented on the style of play saying, “I thought our kids played very, very hard. We just ran out of gas. We just didn’t have enough. That team was very, very athletic and they just wore us down.”

“We had a really good effort, and with about eight or nine minutes to go we were still in the hunt,” O’Brien said. “Brent got a cramp and had to come out for a while and foul trouble hurt us. We just lost to a better team tonight.”

Although the tendency has been more pronounced on the road than at home, one thing that has plagued the young Georgia Tech squad all season has been an inability to close out games. That trend reversed itself in this game. The Yellow Jackets took full advantage of the situation and over an eight-minute span turned a one-point game into a 66-51 blowout with an 18-4 run.

Coach Hewitt explained the difference by saying, “I thought tonight was the best we’ve executed in the last five to eight minutes of a game.”

“Paul Hewitt
Tech Head Coach

Jim O’Brien
Ohio State Head Coach

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Post-season looks positive for swim teams

By Kimberly Rieck
Senior Staff Writer

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It was a bittersweet weekend for Tech baseball. This year's squad was able to better the previous best start to a season by one game, but they were unable to maintain their unbeaten record as they lost their last game to Kent State.

They also fell to Auburn 7-5 on Tuesday as the visitors exacted their revenge from last week.

In the first game, it seemed as if Tech gave up on their run at history, as they fell behind 4-1 to Kent State early, with all four runs unearned. A rally in the bottom of the eighth scored three runs for the home team and tied the score.

Jeremy Slayden finally won the game for Tech when he hit a clutch two-out single to drive in the winning run.

Tech ace Kyle Bakker failed to win despite pitching seven strong innings, allowing no earned runs and striking out eight. Closer Jeff Watchko picked up the win for pitching a shutout ninth.

In the record breaking second game, there were less dramatics, but it was still a close game.

Kent State drew first blood with a run in the third, but Tech went back ahead when the Jackets benefited from two unearned runs in the fourth.

Tech finally put the game out of reach and when they doubled that score in the sixth. Aaron Walker picked up the win in his first career start for the Jackets.

Kent State finally got a break in the last game of the series when they edged Tech out 5-3 and ended Tech's hope of matching or bettering the school record win streak of 20.

After escaping with a come from behind win and a close win, Tech finally got burned by Kent State. It was a close for most of the game, and as late as the seventh inning, they were still tied before Kent State finally broke out with late game heroics of their own and scored two runs in the eighth and put the game away.

Chris Goodman took the loss for Tech and Andy Sonnanstine got the win for Kent State.

To add insult to injury, Auburn came to town and avenged their loss from last week by beating Tech 7-5. Auburn jumped out early to a 6-0 lead before Tech halved the deficit in the bottom of the fourth. Both teams scored one more run each before going into the final inning. Murton homered for Tech to make a 7-5 game and Tech managed to two runners on base with only one out before Auburn's Josh Bell snuffed out the last rally.

Auburn's Le Vale Speigner picked up the win.

Tech lost despite outhitting Auburn 12-8 and committing one error to their four. Micah Owings got the loss for Tech and Auburn's Le Vale Speigner picked up the win.

Tech will open up its conference schedule with Maryland this weekend and then play Mercer on Tuesday before going on a two week road trip to Miami and Chapel Hill.
Ben Lawder  
USG Presidential Candidate  
Major: Management  
Class: Senior  
Campaign website: www.votelawder.com

SGA Experience  
Executive Vice President (01’-02’, 02’-03)  
Academic Affairs Committee Chair (00’-01’)  
Fence Center Student Advisory Board  
Student Rules and Regulations Committee  
Service on SGA Committees  
Other Experience  
 Theta Xi Fraternity  
Inter-Fraternity Council Judicial Board  
Omega Delta Kappa  
Men’s Glee Club  
Teach Beautification Day 2000, Chairman  
Gamma Alpha Tau (EAS Honor Society)  
Honors Advisory Council (Spring 2000-Spring 2002)

Platform  
Action-Focused SGA that Listens to You  
In order to become a more proactive group and really meet the needs of the campus, we need to actively seek the input of the student body and direct those concerns through our existing committee structure. I’d like to push more power and responsibility to the other executive officers and committee chairs and set up methods—like a regularly updated website, an optional President’s Update e-mail list, and open meetings for SGA officials—to increase interaction between SGA and the entire student body.

Meet the Needs of the Students  
By not making promises I cannot keep, I will have the time to focus on the top priorities of my students—whatever those issues may be come August or December or February. While I’ll be looking to the students for direction on how to spend my time, I have some great input so far on where to start:  
• Improve campus safety and security by establishing a temporary committee to improve lighting on campus, ensure that all hallboxes function, improve Stingarette reliability, and explore the idea of a weekday SafeWalk service and weekend designated driver service.  
• Improve campus life through major campus events and extended hours for parts of SGA. When I open this year  
• Improve the Music Department by securing additional funding for operations, making students concert free for all Tech students, and working with the administration to improve music facilities on campus  
• Establish a Buzz Card meal plan equivalency program to allow students to use required meals to purchase food at more places, including the new restaurants in the renovated bookstore mall building.  
• Improve the academic experience through an online “word” library that could be used by all students to help study for tests and mandatory language and skill requirements for TAs and professors.

Proven Track Record of Success on Campus  
Through my leadership positions on campus and within SGA, I have developed a reputation for getting results. Examples include:  
• founding an organization and serving another to meet the needs of the campus; working with the current President to establish the Student Life Committee and provide major events like concerts and “Tech Night at Six Flags”; and designing a major fundraiser for SGA to buy better sound equipment for UHR meetings and better survey technology to get student input. If elected, you will see the same trends of impressive results, meeting the needs of the students, and making it a year to remember.

Please visit my website for more details or ways to contact me. I’d appreciate your vote, and I look forward to serving you next year as President!

Nate Watson  
USG Presidential Candidate  
Majors: Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and Public Policy  
Class: Senior  
Campaign website: www.watsonworks.org

SGA Experience  
Executive Vice President (01’-02’, 02’-03)  
Academic Affairs Committee Chair (00’-01’)  
Fence Center Student Advisory Board  
Student Rules and Regulations Committee  
Service on SGA Committees  
Other Experience  
 Theta Xi Fraternity  
Inter-Fraternity Council Judicial Board  
Omega Delta Kappa  
Men’s Glee Club  
Teach Beautification Day 2000, Chairman  
Gamma Alpha Tau (EAS Honor Society)  
Honors Advisory Council (Spring 2000-Spring 2002)

Platform  
The very essence of leadership is that you have to have honest, concrete goals and vision. It’s hard to make real progress on real issues when you hide behind the cloak of generalized promises. During my four years at Tech, I’ve been working with other student leaders and we’ve come together to achieve tangible results for the student body. The products of this collaboration already include the 24-hour library, mid-term grade reports, 10 new student advisory boards, a stronger involvement of SGA officers through the red tape. Everyone in my administration will hold office hours and be available to meet with you about what you want done. We won’t just listen, we’ll act on what you have to say to us. To make sure you know what we are doing for you, I’ll ensure that we establish the SGA Loop, an optional e-mail list to keep you informed about what’s happening.

Student Life  
If you go outside on any evening at Georgia Tech, you’ll notice a lot of people running to keep in shape. I want to create a three mile running loop around campus that will be well lit, safe, clearly marked, and have a minimum number of pedestrian-car intersections. I also will work with the Music Department to ensure they get a new building in the future and that we can establish a music technology program at Georgia Tech.

Academic Improvement  
Before Tech needs to emphasize the quality of teaching more. Many Tech’s feel that they could become better teachers, and since TAs are such an integral part of classes at Tech we need to create more opportunities to help them become better teachers. I will work to expand these opportunities, while also working to help our professors improve. The College of Science has utilized programs to provide professors with a great deal of feedback about their performance while also providing resources to help professors improve. We can expand and strengthen this program so that you get the education you came to Tech to get.

In Closing  
What sets me apart is not only my experience, but my dedication to leading teams of students to accomplish real goals. My three and a half years of experience working for you with other students and all level of the Tech administration have made me the most knowledgeable and prepared candidate to do work for you.

Please visit my website, www.watsonworks.org, to find out more about all of the above or e-mail me with questions (nwatson1@gt.edu).

Calvin Yu  
USG Presidential Candidate  
Major: Electrical Engineering  
Class: Senior  
Campaign website: 

Platform  
My name is Calvin Yu, and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my vision for SGA and the students at Georgia Tech. I believe in empowering the students, giving SGA back to the students, and increasing communication on all levels.

SGA is the students and the instrument of change to increase the quality of student life and decrease the suffering that too many Tech students experience. How much has our SGA improved the careers and lives of students at Tech?

Many feel that SGA has not had a significant impact on improving student life at Tech. The result is a general apathy against SGA. Applications for SGA candidacy were due by last Tuesday, and the last week of the Technique reported, “At the end of Tuesday, there were only applicants running for just over half of the representative positions in the House. This marks the second year that the application deadline was extended due to lack of candidates.” The general feeling is that a student cannot make changes through SGA.

SGA does provide leadership opportunities, but student organizations: Greek, cultural, academic, and special interest, provide us with events and communities. SGA does not need to be re-vamped, but a new direction is needed to open itself to the students. I believe much progress can be made through improved communication.

Communication on all levels is key issue. Communication between student organizations is necessary to co-ordinate the timing of events such that events are spread through a semester and no major conflicts occur. A good number of student organizations I have spoken to are disconnected from SGA. I would support the push for the assignment of a House Representative to each and every organization, so that each organization has a member of the SGA directly connected to. Organizational events could be widely publicized; issues and ideas would spread equally between SGA and the organization, and between organizations themselves.

Communication between the students and the administration is a major issue. Students constantly miss opportunities and deadlines due to a lack of publicity or information. Two years ago, the Auxiliary Services created a position to handle any issues that arose. There is such a lack of basic information that the student liaison was overwhelmed by requests and unable to handle all the issues.

A solution I am advocating is a comprehensive document that addresses every issue of Student Life. This handbook of Student Life would provide info such has yearly events, deadlines, registration times, etc., deadlines, athletic events, finals schedule, and any other information that is needed by all students. With the daily issue addressed, the administration could designate student liaisons to handle unique cases and be open to listening to new suggestions and ideas the students voice.

The handbook of Student Life would be made possible by the close relationship SGA currently shares with the administration. The Undergraduate House would divide into committees to research and work with the administration on each particular. Student involvement through focus groups, surveys, and other forms of input would play an integral role in the creation of this document.

My vision is for a better student life, through increased communication with the students. I promise involvement and participation on all levels once I know every student can make a difference. I encourage everyone to vote and voice his or her opinion. My vision is quite extensive, and difficult without wide participation. Remember, Yu can make a difference, vote for Yu. All ideas are welcome! Please contact me, Calvin Yu, at g75790@gatech.edu.
Undergraduate Student Government Elections Vice-Presidential Candidates

Mike Handelman
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Majors: Public Policy and Economics
Class: Senior
Campaign website: mike@op.com

SGA Experience
- Member of-large, Undergraduate House, 2001-02
- Public Policy Rep., Undergraduate House, 2002-03
- Chair, Community Affairs Chair, 2001-02
- Chair, Internal Development Committee, 2002-03
- Advocate-General, Undergraduate House, 2002-03
- Member, Legislative Communications Cmp., 2001-02
- Member, Internal Development Committee, 2001-02
- Undergraduate Representative of the Year, 2001-02

Leadership and Organization Membership
- FAET Leader, 2001-02
- Pys1000 Team Leader, 2001-02
- Ivan Allen Student Advisory Board
- Georgia Tech Men’s Glee Club
- College Democrats
- Prick Alliance

Platform

Communication: A plan of action
- It takes experience to implement a plan to improve communica-
tion between Student Government and the student body. With
two years of experience as both a representative and committee chair, Mike
knows what works and what doesn’t.
- Accurate and punctual publication of votes by representative, following each meeting
- Guaranteeing that all bills and proposed agenda are available online prior to a House meeting
- Maintaining an online archive of all past bills, including vote counts
- Compiling a concise one-page weekly e-mail, distributed to stu-
dents voluntarily, of all current issues in the House, including links to appropriate bills, minutes and agenda
- Weekly Office Hours
- Returning all phone calls and e-mails within 24 hours

Integrity and Ethics
- Mike will serve the students with the highest standards of integri-
ty. He will be a leader in encouraging members of the House and
student government to do the same. A Code of Ethics shall be devel-
op to help guide the actions of the Legislative Branch.

Giving Representatives the Tools For Success
- Mike is committed to giving representatives the tools that they need to be effective leaders and committee chairs. Through a compre-
hensive training and orientation program, these student leaders will
serve their constituents and their students exceptionally.
- Developing a system to coordinate and publish office hours among representatives
- Giving representatives the physical and electronic resources to com-
municate with their constituents, including lists, bulletin boards, and
flyers.
- Organizing a voluntary ‘adopt-an-organization’ program for rep-
resentatives to serve as liaisons to student organizations
- Providing comprehensive leadership development throughout the year for representatives

Student Life
- Mike will work to improve issues that affect our quality-of-life at Georgia Tech. His experience will allow him to be an effective mem-
ber of the student board, working on the improvement of campus safety, effective campus transportation, and the maintenance of ade-
quate lecture facilities.
- Student organizations and their leaders work hard to develop innovative programs and encourage leadership among Tech Students. Their efforts are paramount in improving and sustain-
ing student life at Georgia Tech. Beyond his responsibilities as Vice
President, Mike will work to give these organizations the resources and
support that are required for success, including:
- Assisting student organizations in locating additional sources of
funding for events, programs, tournaments, and concerts
- Improving the bill submission process for student organizations and
individuals

Experience Gets the Job Done
- Mike has the experience, the leadership, and the initiative to make
his campaign goals happen. Working in both the legislative and
executive branch of student government, he also knows that it takes
teamwork to reduce bureaucracy and efficiency. For more informa-
tion on his commitment to the students, please visit the campaign
website at mike@op.com.

Danny Puckett
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Mechanical Engineering
Class: Junior
Campaign website: www.djp4vp.com

SGA Experience
- Having been involved with Student Government for two years, I am
prepared and have the experience to be the next Vice President. As
a freshman I was a part of FreShGA, which seeks to teach freshman
about the inner workings of SGA while solving problems they see
around campus through SGA. Continuing my involvement, this year
I served as Freshman Representative for the Undergraduate House of
Representatives. Furthermore, I served on the Rules Committee and
the House Advisory Committee. That is a little bit about what I have
done, now let’s talk about the future.

Platform

Student Life

Students’ Interests/Representation
- Too often students feel that professors just provide lectures and
administer grades. I believe there should be more interaction between
students and professors. Students should feel that they have a voice in
the classroom and that professors are approachable. I propose having
more events such as Take-A-Prof to lunch, which will encourage
students and professors alike to better know one another outside the
classroom.

Extending the Drop Date
- Drop day comes too fast! Before students have a chance to get a good
feel of what a class will require, they have to make a decision on
whether to stay or drop. I will work to have the drop date extended a
few weeks. I feel that grades will improve as well as the students’ satisfaction.

Security and Safety on Campus
- Safety and security is a concern to many and an issue on all. I served on
the Selection Committee that helped choose the replacement for the reti-
red Chief of Police. I will work with her to concentrate on the areas
that need the most improvement and attention. Every student should
feel safe and secure while on campus.

Half-Year Housing Contracts
- In the real world you can rent an apartment, condo, or house for a half-
year at a time. Why should you not be able to do the same with campus
housing? This plan would provide students with the option of living in
their dorms for fall semester and then either moving into their
fraternity/sorority house or moving off campus with friends. In turn,
half-year contracts would then open up housing opportunities for
students that were unable to live on-campus in the fall.

College Band Psys 1000
- I believe the majority of students feel Psys 1000 is a waste of time. I
was in a pilot program that grouped freshmen mechanical engineers
together into the same Psys 1000 class and the ME advisor was our
teacher. I propose to give this option to all students, which will group
people together from their respective colleges, gaining more knowl-
edge of your major and its requirements from the beginning.

Within SGA

Communication
- Each week, the Undergraduate House of Representatives convenes to
to either discuss hot topics on campus or determine how to appropriately allocate funds. The results of these meetings have such an impact on
the student body, yet are never communicated. I will strongly encour-
ge the representatives to actively interact with their constituents by
promoting meeting times with the representatives and a related group
or organization.

Issue Meetings
- Issue meetings are a powerful vehicle for the House of Representatives
to make the voice of the student body heard. Furthermore, not only is
it an opportunity for their voices to be heard, but for progress to be
made in the direction that is desired. Before each meeting, I will clearly
define the issue and direction, allowing the representatives to focus
their debate and reach a solid solution. As Vice President, I will then
make these decisions my personal agenda to see that the administra-
tion hears these results and that action is taken.

Chris Rankine
USG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Computer Engineering
Class: Senior
Campaign website: www.voterankine.com

SGA Experience
- Current Junior Rep
- Current House Administrative Committee Chair
- Post Office Renovation Committee

Tech Activities
- Students Centre Homecoming Committee: 2 years
- Talent Show Coordinator: 1 year
- Kappa Kappa Psi: Active 2 years; Service Chair: 1 year
- VP of Sixth Street Hall Council: 1 year
- RHA IT Chair: 3 years
- Band Club: 4 years
- Band Club President: 1 year
- Band Librarian: 2 years
- Marching Band; Concert Band; Pep Band; Symphonic Band

Platform:

Streamline SGA
- Keep meetings as efficient as possible, reduce any difficulties people face when submitting bills, help communication between reps and students/make reps report back to constituents, keep issue meetings, make SGA more visible after move to Houston building (old book store)

Student Life
- Keep improving student life initiative, more big name events like concerts, comedians, and speakers (such as DMB or Kevin Smith),
central database/calendar of what is happening with all student orgs and departments (and what is available at night), improve crime awareness thus helping prevent crime

Parking
- More ‘free and open at night’ lots like one next to library, create ‘free & open during holiday’ lots near residential areas, stinger tracking system, more decks

Music
- Maintain SGA’s current support of music, work with department administration to develop long term goals that are best for the students and Tech
Yasser Bhatti
GSG Presidential Candidate

Major: Computer Science
Class: PhD.
Campaign website: [URL]

My fellow graduate students:
Pay Attention, Assess, and Act! PAA(y) is my commitment to you. With concerns you can bring, together we can make our voice heard through the Graduate Student Senate, a body BY and FOR graduate students. As current serving Graduate Student Senator I have a recognized track record of working on important issues for the betterment of our academic and student experience, bringing the Cricket World Cup for virtually all students to watch, international students visa concerns, equitable budget allocations, etc.

My experience also speaks for itself! Current serving GSS Senator, President Pakistan Students Association, GA-Tech Student Foundations Investments Committee member, Secretary Treasurer P. (National Engineering Honor Society), Technology Allocation Committee member (University of Oklahoma); Student Congress Rep (UI). In addition, distinguished awards such as the Letterman Award presented by former Oklahoma Governor and US Senator David Boren, Yea Award from IBM, and service recognition from the 1998 Goodwill Games all reveal values of integrity, loyalty, and service.

Graduate students come to Georgia Tech to be leaders and professionals. To ensure that goal is achieved to the fullest extent, as GSG President, I will represent you and help the Graduate Student Senate to work for improving:
1. The academic and research ranking of GA-Tech
Research rankings depend heavily on the quality of graduate students and we can contribute tremendously to GA-Tech’s reputation by continuing to play an active role in steering GA-Tech’s research policy.
2. The deteriorating safety and security environment on campus
The need is to work with all students especially, students who spend unhappy campuses in the nation!
3. International students concerns about maintaining visa status
Already I am involved deeply with SGA and school officials to high- light this important issue and help improve procedures.
4. Work to establish an academic press
4. Interlibrary loan and access to journals
For example, enable students to shape the development of the library collection.
5. Stronger ties
6. Interlibrary loan and access to journals
7. Advancing the student and faculty research and development
8. Diversification
9. Student’s activity life
Establish stronger cultural and arts environment on campus to broaden interaction and environment that builds graduate student culture on campus.
10. Transportation and parking
11. Volunteer service to Tech and the community
12. Student technology fee
13. Health insurance
14. Student organizations space

For all these issues and even the UNEXPECTED, I will PAY ATTENTION to you, ASSESS, and ACT for you! The SGA Graduate Student Senate, Undergraduate House of Representatives, and the school Administration working TOGETHER can make a difference and with Yasser coordinating and leading the effort from the graduate students side, that improved difference is just on the horizon.

Trust me, it will PAA(y) to vote Yasser for GSG President!
Roy Furbank
GSG Vice-Presidential Candidate

Major: Chemical Engineering  
Class: Graduate  
Campaign website:

I have served as a Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Senator for the last three years. During my tenure in the Senate I have been a vocal proponent for graduate student concerns (health insurance and the Graduate Student Conference Fund are the two biggest) and for fiscal responsibility with regard to the allocation of Student Activity Fee monies. I have opposed funding requests for events which do not directly benefit Georgia Tech students or which seek to funnel money from the Student Activity Fee to outside groups in the guise of “fundraisers.”

With that said, I have been a strong proponent for various sports clubs and student organizations over the last three years. For example, I have repeatedly sponsored bills for the Woman’s Gymnastics Club and the Canoe and Kayak Club—both of whom are relatively new (and growing) clubs with active graduate student members and only make what I consider to be very reasonable requests from SGA. I have also consistently supported non-sports related activities including the Culture Festival and Team-Buzz despite their requests not agreeing with the letter of JFC policy.

I also serve as the Chair of the Campus Recreation Advisory Board which consists of students, faculty, alumni, and staff who deal with issues relating to SAC, ORGT, sports clubs, and intramurals among other things. We have worked hard over the last couple of years to ensure that the ongoing construction of the new Campus Recreation Center (previously referred to as SAC II) affected the students as minimally as possible. I support the recent proposed increase in funding for SAC for two reasons: 1) to ensure that when the new facility opens it is able to provide the students with the best service possible, and 2) it is the best way to positively impact the greatest number of students (nearly 2,000 students per day).

As Vice President of the Graduate Student Senate I will work together with the President and the Senators as well as the Undergraduate House and the Administration to address issues important to graduate students and to responsibly allocate funds from the Student Activity Fee in a manner which benefits the greatest number of Georgia Tech students while continuing to provide opportunities for smaller organizations to promote cultural and extracurricular activities on campus. I believe my extensive experience in the Senate as well as my involvement in other campus activities makes me uniquely qualified for this position and I would greatly appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. Thank you.

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