Committee proposes honors program

By Arcady Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

A committee established to evaluate the feasibility of launching an honors program at Tech recently delivered a proposal to implement such a plan to the Office of the Provost.

The honors program, similar to those found at several other schools such as the University of California at Berkeley, University of Florida and UGA, would be a merit-based, selective program that would allow accepted students to take a variety of courses in ‘special’ ‘honors’ classes.

These honors classes would have a number of differences from standard versions of the courses currently taught at Tech. The classes would be taught in significantly smaller sections, a move designed to encourage student-faculty interaction and a more inquiry-based learning environment.

The committee stressed, however, that the courses would not be substantially more difficult than standard courses. "They would cover pretty much the same material," said Gregory Nobles, a professor in the School of History, Technology and Society and co-chair of the committee responsible for the proposal.

In addition to a higher caliber of students, the committee hopes to involve a higher caliber of faculty in the program. The classes "would be taught by faculty...selected as people who are good teachers, good scholars. You want your best people...in that classroom," said Randall Engle, chair of the School of Psychology and the other committee co-chair.

Most of the new classes would be replacing core curriculum courses. "It starts with...taking some of the work...of the first two years that they'd be taking anyway and doing it in small classes with a more intensive kind of engagement with a professor," said Robert McMarth, vice provost for undergraduate education.

SGA candidates kick off campaigning

By Nikhil Joshi
Staff Writer

Campagn for undergraduate student government kicked off this week, and SGA has set its goals for election turnout higher than last year’s record numbers, hoping to draw 40 percent of the student body, or 9,000 students.

Elections are April 11-13.

SGA has worked to encourage students to vote in order to improve the reputation of Tech’s student government among students locally and nationally.

“We have been publicizing more this year than we have in the past," said Patrick Cook, chair of public relations. "We want to get as many people out there as possible.

According to Cook, last year’s voter turnout was close to 38 percent. This year, he said, SGA hopes to top that.

“It’s going to be a challenge," Cook said, "but SGA has been very interactive with students...such as the University of California...such a plan to the Office of the Provost...delivered a proposal to implement an honors program at Tech recently...working well with students.”

"We want to emphasize the competition between schools to get high voter turnout," he said, "Last year Duke had the highest turnout—around 44 percent—and we want to be the best this year."

Chris Rankine, chair of the Elections Committee, agreed. It’s going to be hard to beat last year’s turnout," he said, "but we should be able to bring in more people if we treat it as a competition.

This year’s candidates for the position of undergraduate student body president include: David Andersen, Andrew Howard, Tony Le, Micah S. Lucas and Will Welch. Each has different reasons for running.

“I am running for SGA president because I have a genuine desire to assist in bettering the Tech community," Welch said.

Howard said, "After serving as the RHA President for the last two years, I feel that I still had a lot left to give and a lot of good ideas to work with to make Tech a better place for everyone." I am running for SGA president because I have a true love for Georgia Tech, and I see this as my way of giving back to a school which has given me so much," Andersen said.

The other presidential candidate, Andrew Howard, for SGA President

Fate of Barbell Club remains uncertain

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Operations carry on as usual for the Barbell Club as it continues to await a final decision on its fate after learning last fall of an Athletic Association decision to take some or all of its space for the renovation of locker rooms for the women’s volleyball team.

"We still don’t know a lot of what’s going on," said Michael Kim, president of the Barbell Club. "We have a lot of questions.

"All we really know right now," Kim added, "is that volleyball is going to take some space, but we don’t know how much.”

Located in the basement of O’Keefe Gymnasium, the Barbell Club has been in existence at Tech since the mid 1950s and has an average of 900 members per year.

The AAS’s decision to renovate the locker rooms came after an independent report compiled as part of Tech’s NCAA reclassification process.

The report called the volleyball team’s current locker room facilities in Alexander Memorial Coliseum inadequate based on NCAA regulations.

Communications between club representatives and the administration became strained last fall as tensions began to rise. “Our communication with the administrator wasn’t very good,” Kim said.

“Basically there were a lot of things that were going on that we didn’t know about.” For example, the club did not inform anyone before deciding to renovate, Kim said. As such, the administration offered little room for discussion.

The money the club had invested into the renovation of its facilities was one of the main points in the ‘Save the Barbell Club’ campaign the club started last semester.

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From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

**Exit sign stolen**

On March 15, a Housing employee reported a torn down exit sign on the basement floor of Hefner Residence Hall. There were also damaged ceiling tiles.

**Thief steals soap dispenser**

On March 19, a complaint detailed damaged property in Towers Residence Hall.

One paper towel dispenser and one soap dispenser were found ripped from the walls of the third floor bathroom. The case status is still active.

**Woman shoplifts**

On March 18, a Barnes & Noble employee reported observing a woman in a pink jumpsuit placing items in her bag.

The woman had left the store area and was sitting in Starbucks when she was escorted to an employee area for questioning by GTPD.

After consenting to a search of her bag, 39 different items were found from the store.

The total items were valued at $382.00. The woman stated the items did not belong to her and was escorted to the Fulton County Jail without incident.

**Man sent to mental ward**

On March 19, a male Tech student flagged down GTPD to report a car following him.

The stalking driver passed field sobriety tests. However, he kept changing moods during questioning.

A bag containing a green leafy substance was recovered after the driver stated that drugs were in the vehicle.

The driver continued making comments that did not make any sense and his body movements were jumpy and unsteady.

The driver was determined to be mentally unstable and released with no charges to Grady Hospital Mental Ward.

This week's campus crime information written by Amanda Dugan

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**Reaching for the Stars:** Astronaut Scott Horowitz, a Tech Ph.D. graduate, spoke to the Tech chapter of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Thursday, March 17.
Undergraduate House of Representatives

Undergrads almost fail to meet quorum

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Tuesday’s Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting threatened to be a short one, as there were not enough members present at the start of the session to make quorum.

Executive Vice President Lamar Stewart said he would re-call roll after officer reports and the special presentation were concluded. “We have four meetings left, and we have one giant budget left that we haven’t passed yet,” said Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, in her report.

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The bills passed were.

- Joint allocation to Georgia Tech Mock Trial Team
- Joint allocation to Academic Quiz Bowl Team

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An allocation for the Georgia Tech Mock Trial team’s travel expenses to their national tournament in Illinois was tabled, as there was no organization representative present. However, some members of the house knew the specifics of the bill, and were later able to relate those to the floor. The bill was then brought up for consideration once more and passed. Also considered with virtually no discussion were an allocation to the Industrial Design Society of America because no club members were present.

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GSS considers budget amendments

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate rifle[d] through a set of standard allocations bills before moving to the main matter at hand—the Fiscal Year 2006 Student Activity Fee Budget. Senators managed to squeeze in discussion on several amendments before losing quorum to members leaving for class.

Among the changes to the budget discussed was the funding of an SGA student assistant, which had been cut from the budget previously. Some senators thought the position would be beneficial and sought to add just over $1,700 of funding back in for it.

At first, senators compared the position to the current undergrad student assistant, who maintains the web site.

The position is similar in a fiscally tight year, and could not work.” He said that SGA is operating in a fiscally tight year, and could not afford to spend extra money on the position.

Ultimately, the motion failed, and the position remained cut from the budget.

Other re-additions were attempted, such as funding for the GSS retreat. However, when it was noted that all retreats for all organizations were cut from the budget, senators felt it would be unfair to add money back in for themselves.

Other issues brought before the senators included a bill requesting funding for the Industrial Design Society of America. No organization representatives were present, and Treasurer Victoria Foster said that none had attended either the Tuesday meeting before or during spring break. One senator raised his hand.

Greco remained against the motion, however. “I’m against this motion, not because it’s not a good idea, but because it might potentially not work.”

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Vote from page 1

Sara'Amir, Paul Berne and Victor Jaworski are running for the position of executive vice president.

The elections committee has made several changes in the elections code to regulate campaigning, which began this Monday and will continue for two weeks until April 11, after which students will be able to vote.

"Most changes to SGA policies in elections are made as a result of problems during the previous years," Rankine said.

He said that SGA’s greatest worry for the current election is the possibility of having an election in which candidates do not adhere to SGA policy in campaigning.

"I have seen elections where people read the line," he said. "Our goal is to have rules and keep everyone calm."

For this reason, the elections committee meets to set out the rules and regulations in an elections code prior to campaigning. This document is then passed by the Undergraduate House of Representatives and established as the guideline to be used by candidates.

Three major changes were made in this year’s passed version of the elections code. The candidates are now allowed, for example, to have one four-by-eight sign and one three-by-six sign among their posters placed around campus. This is different from last year’s restriction of two three-by-six signs.

"By allowing the candidates to use bigger signs, we are allowing them to be more flexible and creative in their campaigning efforts," Rankine said.

In addition, the committee rewrote the content of the Penalties and Violations section of the document because “some of the language in the section was unclear,” according to Rankine. Finally, he said, the committee added a section with "provisions to prevent mass emailing by candidates."

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vote no on the bill since the representative had not shown up to even one of several opportunities. However, the bill was postponed, as Foster suggested David Andersen, JFC chair, had experienced problems with his email and may not have been able to contact the organization.

The bill was postponed. Following that decision, the senators passed a rapid succession of bills with little to no discussion in an effort to quickly bring the budget up for consideration.

The Senate was adjourned and voted on a chair and members of the committee.

After some other considerations of motions, the budget bill was post-poned until next week for further discussion.

Representatives also nominated and voted on a chair and members of an Awards committee to be in charge of administration duties associated with the nomination and election of UHR award winners.
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The risk management recommendations could put an extra financial burden on the club, as well as add to the responsibilities of the student leaders.

The need for constant supervision on the club. Kim said, will most likely force the club to limit hours of operation in the future.

The memo detailed the steps that needed to be completed in order for the administration to come to a final decision.

Of the various points listed, the memo called for a report to be completed by the Facilities Department to assess the space requirements for a new locker room.

The amount of space needed is one of the main concerns for the Barbell Club. “Once we know how much space they need…basically that will determine everything else,” Kim said.

According to Edwards, anything from none to all of the club’s current space could be taken, depending on the outcome of this report. “It is unclear at this time whether this report has been completed or not.”

The administration at this point is still in the decision-making process as to what to do with the Barbell Club space. “All the information asked for in the memo is being gathered up,” Edwards said. “I don’t know when the ultimate decision will come out…it is still a work in progress.”

Along with the Facilities report, the memo also called for an administrative review of current Barbell Club operations. Representatives of the CRC toured the club’s O’Keefe location with club officers to discuss issues of “risk management” that the club would need to address, if it does not have a wide array of opportunities among those organizations which provide athletic opportunities that Tech has to offer,” said Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, said that the Barbell Club situation helps set a precedent for dealings between the administration and student organizations.

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The scope of the program as outlined by the committee will have a variety of costs for administering the program, adding faculty and recruiting students. “This is not expected to take funds away from other departments, however,” Nobles said.

The program would instead be funded as a component of normal institutional expansion, as well as with assistance from the next capital campaign. “We all hope that there will be some good, interested, and—one hopes—generous donor or set of donors,” Nobles said. The program will not have a scholarship component like many of Tech’s peer institutions.

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Robert McMath

Vice Provost

would be very interested in this kind of challenge,” he said. “We think in some cases students are choosing another school because of their honors programs.”

“An awful lot of Georgia Tech students are interested in getting a degree, getting a job, making a lot of money...There’s certainly nothing wrong with that; Georgia Tech has done a very good job working with that kind of student over the years,” Engel said. “I think what we’re looking at is individuals who really do want to be a little more diverse in their education than the typical (Tech) student, who might be interested in combining some things by looking at things in an interdisciplinary way.”

The committee has also determined some basic aspects of the admission process for the program. “We decided early on that this was not going to be a program determined strictly by GPA and SAT,” Nobles said. “That doesn’t really make sense here because…you’re dealing with an average SAT of [1300] and change.”

Another feature the committee proposed that applicants be selected based on an essay and recommendation letters from high school teachers in two different disciplines (a humanity and a science) in addition to their grades.

Other features the committee hopes to include in the program are a variety of social activities and a residential component. “The goal here is to bring a level of vitality—vitality at an intellectual level, in ways that it’s not easy to do at Georgia Tech right now,” Engle said. “The goal is to do this both by having these students live together, having dinners with faculty and…just [encouraging] student-faculty interaction at a level that’s kind of hard to do right now.”

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MISPLACED EMPHASIS

Administrators are considering creating a Tech honors program with the goal of attracting “higher caliber of students” to Tech and providing them with alternatives to the traditional curriculum. The program would offer select students an opportunity to explore a variety of core courses and major courses at an honors level. However, at this stage, there are several major flaws with the proposed plans and its logic.

First, the idea that we need an honors program to attract a higher caliber of students is misguided. Harvard, MIT and Princeton are just a few of the many schools that don’t have honors programs, which are better suited to large state schools, such as the University of Georgia, that need to attract talented students away from top schools like Tech by giving them scholarship money, smaller classes and other perks.

Second, honors classes will not be designed to be “harder” but rather to be taught in a smaller setting with the best professors. This should be an Institute goal for all courses. An honors program would cheat the majority of students by offering only a select few access to the highest-quality teaching resources.

The selection process under the proposed plan also seems flawed. Students would not be selected based on higher SAT scores or GPA. Rather, they would get into the program based on high school teacher recommendations and essays. Almost every student applying to Tech should be able to obtain glowing letters from their teachers, and while essays are a valuable assessment tool, performance during the first year of college might be a better way to gauge which students are honors material.

There are also other significant problems that will have to be addressed if this program is to be successful. Tech’s academic programs do not lend themselves well to implementing an honors track. Our students have far fewer generic core requirements than most schools with honors programs. A large number of honors courses would have to be developed within each major and there would be no way to ensure that an honors class in one major was comparable to one in another major.

While the present proposal for an honors program seems like a bad idea, some of the components are certainly worth pursuing. These include the creation of additional accelerated classes, opportunities for interdisciplinary learning in seminars, smaller class sizes and putting Tech’s best professors in positions that favor and compliment their talents. Our current selection of interdisciplinary, social science and humanities courses is lacking. There’s no reason why only a select few should be able to partake in challenging courses and have interesting classroom experiences—everyone at Tech deserves that opportunity.

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WHOSE TRUTHS ARE JOURNALISTS TELLING?

“Does the journalist allow himself to narrow in on one aspect of the story to the point of exclusion of facts?”

Stephen Baehl

News Editor

“With the drive to expose the public good (and the good ratings) such scandals, making this the pinnacle of reporting among many in the industry.

Personal possible bias aside, however, there is also the very reason the story would be worth covering. It is a scandal, that perhaps involves the taxpayers’ money being spent wrongly. Definitely worth attention. And without this scandal, there would really not be much of a story to report—unless government contractors are suddenly considered interesting to the public—so why bother covering it?

This reason for coverage, though, can be just as harmful in limiting the information gathered as individual judgments. Combining the two can lead to our journalistic inadvertently narrow his focus not to the lines of ‘There’s a cover-up, and so what is the truth behind it?’ but to, ‘How can I prove this cover-up and get to the facts behind it?’

I have heard this concept of approaching a story with specific coverage—mind expressed in its terms—of advice in determining what stories to assign at a newspaper. ‘Have an idea of the story’s headline when it is first assigned.’

This subtle shift in thought sets a tone for the story even if the rumors are ultimately proven to be nothing more than just that.

The story itself then guides information gathering. It dictates what quotes are used where and how, in addition to what particular facts are sought, rather than allowing the facts discovered to guide the story’s formation.

This is not to say that the media has a specific agenda. It is a hard case to make that any political party controls media—or that any one line of thought pervades it.

It simply points to a reporter’s humanity. The majority of people who read or hear about a string of shootings and then learn that a suspect has been apprehended-substitute the word convicts for suspect, even before the trial.

Journalists are no different from any other person, and while they may strive to do their best to set aside such preconceived notions, such prejudice, it seems, can never fully be disregarded.

Then again, my own perceptions and observations led me to write this. Had I wanted to, I could find the questions to ask people to back it up with facts. But would those facts make this opinion the truth anymore than it is now?
Five simple steps to winning an SGA office

“Don’t pick a domain name like *Abraham Lincoln InSmith4presGTSA0986.com.*” Kyle Thomason
Sports Editor

It’s that time of year again; time for everyone to be beyond burnt out from school and talk about how tough it is to skip the beautiful weather and go to class.

Well, that’s true, but, it’s not what the signs are about. It is in fact time to elect our new fearless leaders—the executives of Tech’s Student Government Association. As a supporter in campaigning and elections, as most sports editors are, I feel that it is my duty to help.In some of them there are not even listed on the facebook.com. My advice to them is to act quickly before they are quickly falling behind. They are not able to campaign by ‘poking’ unsuspecting members of the Tech community (who respond by having no clue whatsoever as to what this means) or forming groups like “Only cool kids vote for John Smith for president” to intimidate their opponents.

As in all political campaigns, it’s important to have friends, and what better way is there to quantify your friends and your entire life value than an online connection that is eerily similar to a bad dating service. They have been on the facebook and making friends with everyone he or she might have ever known, a candidate is probably wondering what to do next. Well, I looked at the signs for inspiration for the next step in the process. The candidate had one thing in common; they have names.

See, the tricky thing about these elections is they are kind of like the race for judge in the local elections. No one is associated with a party, there are a lot of people running and a majority of the voters probably do not really know the people among which they are making their decision.

As a result, most voters just pick the candidate with the best name; something pronounceable and distinguished like say Abraham Lincoln Smith. You might think it’s crazy, but think back to the last election, you know it’s true. Candidates, if your name is not like this, I suggest that you change it, quickly.

But not all voters look solely at names; some actually look at issues. It appears there is a trend toward designing websites to deal with these pesky voters that actually care about a candidate’s platform. Don’t pick a domain name like “Abraham Lincoln Smith info@tech4SGA0986.com.” First, that way too long for anyone to remember, and second, if you lose, what on earth are you going to use that domain name for? Exactly. So, now that you’ve got a website that you can actually use for your group, in addition to the outcome, you actually have to start thinking about a platform.

First, remember that the SGA president serves a one-year term, so pick something you can actually do in one year. Perhaps something really like I will attend all meetings for the whole entire year unless there is a good basketball game on or my friends want to go out and do something would work here.

Of course, most people won’t actually care about your platform that much, or if they do, they’ll attend a debate where you can make up all sorts of wacky-sounding ideas and then make them sound like a terrifi cally rational thought for at least a few days.

What is more important than the issues is to have a good slogan. Or a good promise. A bad combination choice in this matter would be “I’m John Smith, and I’m reporting for duty.” If you use this, you’re guaranteed to lose, no matter what. If you send out a mass email to all sorts of people that do not know you, absolutely no one will or should vote for you—not one, regardless of your promise or enhanced performance. And upon the rare chance that you will win, I will use the little strength I have in me to make sure you are referred to as John who should have to walk-on-burning-coals-and-shattered-glass-for-all-eternity Smith.

Okay, maybe not, but at least make you won’t have twice before you sent out that email, huh?

Like-new Skiles
After years of disrepair, the steps at Skiles have finally been repaved. No longer do students have to walk out for the stairs that were bright black and forth when stepped on. Now if only Tech could prevent the sidewalk between Boggs and Ferle Drive from becoming a swimming pool every time it rains...

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What did you think of the March Madness games?

Stephanie Brunone
BC Fourth-year

“I feel like Tech did their best and I’m proud of them.”

Justin Pounds
NRE Fourth-year

“We should have won. I only watched part of a game.”

Edward Kin
BME Freshman

“I expected our team to do better simply because of last year’s tournament.”

Andryll Davis
ISE Fourth-year

“They were better than I expected.”

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“For our views, please see the editor’s column in the Thursday offering.”

Our Views

HOT or NOT

No. 1 Baby!
Who needs to go across town to see their favorite baseball team when we have a No. 1 baseball team right here! On their way to the top of the championship the Eagles with 505th win under Head Coach Danny Hall, making Tech’s all-time winningest coach. To those of you still being hurt from the basketball team’s loss, go out to the ballpark and see the team give Duke a run and other ACC foes hell this season.

Grad ceremonies
Given the anticipated length of this year’s spring commencement ceremonies, we can only hope that Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham has more of a sense of humor than his bio lets on. Any comic relief is going to be greatly appreciated this year as graduates struggle to get through the four-hour ceremony May 7. We suggest that either next year’s ceremonies end sooner or we get John Salley to do it again.

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New EPA rules harmful to scientists

In the past few years, I have been continually disappointed by the backtracking of our nation in regards to its care of the environment, especially after the strides we took in the 1990s and before. One prime example of the damage we are currently doing is the new Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) issued by the EPA earlier this month. Presumably aimed at reducing mercury emissions from power plants, the rule actually weakens the mercury standards under the current Clean Air Act (CAA).

Reducing mercury pollution is important because mercury is a highly dangerous toxin that can cause significant brain damage; it primarily affects pregnant women and children. Humans most commonly become affected by mercury when they eat fish that come from polluted fresh and seawater.

Under the new EPA rule, coal-burning powerplants will be allowed to participate in a cap-and-trade system allowing higher-polluting facilities to buy pollution allowances from plants that have lowered their pollution levels. The rule would reduce mercury emissions from the current level of 48 tons a year to 15 tons a year by 2018.

In contrast, the CAA calls for the implementation of affordable and currently available technologies to reduce mercury emissions.

Under the CAA, mercury emissions would be reduced to 5 tons a year by 2008, a decade earlier than the CAMR proposes. Why is the EPA actively replacing effective legislation with less stringent rules that will hurt public health in the future?

Another aspect of the issue that is nearly as alarming to me as this blatant disregard for public health is that the EPA ignored a study commissioned by the agency that disagreed with the ultimate recommendations of the CAMR. The EPA claims that the benefits of further reducing mercury pollution are not enough to warrant the costs, but the Harvard study refutes this claim. In fact, it found that the benefits to public health far outweigh the costs to industry. The study conducted by a Harvard University group was not only not paid for by the EPA, but was co-authored by an EPA scientist and peer-reviewed by two other EPA scientists.

EPA officials claim the study was not submitted in time and question some of its methodology. But the agency was well aware of the methodology long before the study was completed, and again, EPA scientists participated in it. And so it appears that the study was ignored by officials because the findings were not to their liking. If the study was taken into consideration, there could be no excuse for not keeping the more stringent mercury reduction policies.

It saddens and scares me that important science like this is being ignored and that the federal agency charged with protecting our environment and the American people from pollution is instead protecting the interests that are polluting. EPA spokespeople have defended the agency by saying that we are the first country to regulate mercury emissions, which is all well and good, but why aren’t we doing the best job at regulating them that we possibly can? Why are we ignoring the science that tells us what the best policy would be?

As a society, we can’t afford to make these kinds of mistakes, and the only way to avoid them is to make sure that policy makers are as informed as they can be. As one scientist noted, it would be fine if they produced evidence refuting the findings, but to simply ignore them is unacceptable and dangerous.

“Is real life enough?”

By Andrea Cortland

Daily Targum

“American Idol,” “Survivor,” “The Real World,” “Newlyweds.” The list of reality television shows that we as Americans watch goes on and on.

You don’t think America is that obsessed with reality television? Think it’s just a few TV shows here and there? Think again. Since reality TV hit the air, more than 300 different shows have aired, all of which fall into the genre of reality television. Three hundred! Compared to Canada’s two shows, Australia’s two shows and the United Kingdom’s 20 shows, I would think that such a number qualifies reality television as an American obsession.

The question then is: Why do we as Americans love reality television so much? Not surprisingly, I’m not the first person to pose this question. In fact, psychologists nationwide have begun to examine the American fascination with reality television. However, even a modest woman, I’d like to offer a few of my own.

Primarily, let me state that I, too, have a special place in my heart for reality television. I didn’t miss an episode of “America’s Next Top Model” last season, and I’m very much looking forward to the premiere of “American Idol” this season. Thus, my hypotheses will be based on personal experience as well as observation.

This being stated, one belief I have held for quite some time is that we love to watch reality television because it makes us feel better about ourselves. Cynical, I know, but sadly, it’s true. We watched as Heather Simpson got caught lip-synching. Watching “America’s Next Top Model,” we learn that some of the most beautiful women alive can have cellulite and look bad in photos. We hear Simon make comments so mean we didn’t dare think them.

Reality television really puts its participants in a situation where they have to cutthroat and aggressive in order to survive, and many of the contestants rise to the occasion.

Or maybe it’s that we like the fact that it is indeed average, everyday people who appear on many reality shows. It’s thrilling for us to see that people who are like ourselves can be on television, can have raw, untapped talent and can make a lot of cash, regardless of their exposed and exaggerated flaws.

But the real reason I think we like reality television so much is the reason that I like reality television—it gives us the opportunity to step out of our immediate life and into someone else’s. For just one hour, we can think about whether Bo or Anwar will get cut tonight and not about the war in Iraq, getting into graduate school, Terry Schiavo and our problems with our significant others. It makes us forget that we’re lonely or exhausted or stressed out or frustrated. All the while, we’re seeing other people who are all of those things as well—and when the hour of reality television is over, we’re ready to resume our lives.
Female faculty offer opinions on Harvard president’s statements

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

The debate still lingers, even though it’s been more than two months since Harvard president Larry Summers made his controversial remarks on women in science and engineering at a January National Bureau of Economic Research conference.

Just two weeks ago, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard passed a “no confidence” vote citing long-standing dissatisfaction with his management style and, to a lesser extent, his conference remarks.

So what do the women at Tech think about the controversy? We spoke to several female faculty to see what they thought were the real issues behind Summers’ statements.

**Enough research**

It was Summers’ remarks about a difference in “intrinsic aptitude” between men and women in science and engineering that drew the most criticism from the media and peers.

And it’s not hard to see why, said Nancy Nersessian, a joint professor in the College of Computing and the School of Public Policy.

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“Many also felt that as president of Harvard, Summers should have been much more aware of his position and his choice of words.

“I’m just surprised that someone in his position would make such a comment,” said Enid Steinbart, director of Advisement and Assessment in the School of Mathematics.

“Where we are is not where we want to be, and it’s not inevitable that we’ll continually go to be so underrepresented in the math and sciences,”

Mary Frank Fox, an NSF Ad-\vance Professor in the School of Public Policy and co-director for the Center for the Study of Women, Science and Technology, has done research on the subject of women in science and academia for over 30 years.

“I was struck by the issue being raised in such a way as to suggest that what we need is more research on this topic of different abilities,” she said. In her research, Fox has...
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Projects, tests or papers? Assessing assessments

While a certain type may be more common in a given major, that doesn’t mean it’s preferred

By Narendra Seshadri
Contributing Writer

Ask a frustrated student what assignment he or she is so worried about, and it’s easy to guess what the answer will be based on his or her major. For engineering students, it’s a free-response test or homework set. For Ivan Allen students, it will probably be an essay or paper. Management majors always seem to be working on group assignments and putting together PowerPoint presentations.

Why is it that some classes and majors seem entrenched in their types of assessments? Most students are used to one type or another, but given the chance to think about it, what would they really prefer—a test, a project or something else?

Jonathan Dechko, a fifth-year Management major, prefers projects to tests simply because “they [provide] a hands-on approach to the material and give applied learning instead of random memorization of facts.”

But some engineering majors prefer projects as well. “[Projects are] a different way to express one’s abilities,” said Felix Boachie, a third-year Biomedical Engineering major. With tests, he said, “[even if] you know all the material, you could still end up failing.”

Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) graduate student Ari Zachas agreed. “[I] prefer projects mainly because projects allow more thought into the problems” as compared to tests, he said.

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Sheila Lukesh
ISyE graduate student

Projects were also beneficial for a sometimes-overlooked part of the student population. Courtney Wright, a graduate student in Operations Research, said she enjoys the “broad, low-stress, high-collaboration” involvement in projects. Also, as a distance-learning student, “they were a great way to put me in touch with other students in the class.”

Some students said projects had another benefit over tests: first-year Biology major Chaturuckan Rajendra said that projects alleviate the stress of Tech’s rigorous curriculum since they are “easier to make an A on” compared to tests, even if they involve more team meetings.

Not all students are fond of tests, especially group projects. Many complain that there are always one or two slackers that rarely show up for meetings, and turn in below-average work affecting the entire group’s grade.

Amin Rida, a fourth-year Electrical Engineering major, prefers tests because “you learn a lot more while studying for a test.” He feels that group projects don’t work out well because the work always piles up on a few people. In his Computer Communications class, for example, Rida said the group project is unclear, which makes it harder to understand the material.

“Tests [force] you to go through the material, while projects are better for understanding the material,” he said. Also, depending on your group members, “[you] might not get the grade you deserve.”

And group projects can also be a hassle for students in the Distance Learning program. While group projects may allow them to interact with students on campus, “Tests work better... as group projects are a bit tedious because of logistics,” said Sheila Lukesh, a distance learning student in Industrial Engineering.

Regardless of whether engineering students prefer tests or projects, many senior design courses usually involve an oral presentation and a research paper. The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering requires students to take Project Engineering and Professional Practice, a class that involves presentations and research papers to enhance their communication skills, instead of “the usual problem sets,” said an ECE graduate student.

“I feel like tests still count for a much higher percentage of the grade than they should be. I learn much more by doing a project.”

Nafeez Taher
ECE graduate student

Operations Research graduate student Lindy Sellers said she felt a combination of tests and projects is usually a good balance.

“A mix of tests and a term project drives home the application of the theories and skills learned in the class,” said Sellers. Her classes reflect that philosophy: “Twenty-five percent of the classes give only tests and no projects; 75 percent of the classes give both,” she said. Sellers, who is currently framing a business plan for her management course, said, “We usually have two major tests and an involved project at the graduate level.”

However, the stereotypes seem to hold true when it comes to engineering versus liberal arts.

Rida said he feels writing assignments don’t “work out well for ECE courses” because they are more technical.

On the other hand, freshman Public Policy major Ann Schneider said, “Tests are just cramming down the material, while projects are better especially for students who do not work well under pressure.”

She expressed a dislike for multiple choice tests, preferring assignments and group projects. “[Multiple choice tests] don’t necessarily help you in the long run, because in the workplace you will be writing plans and working on projects—not taking tests.”
found that women in the science and engineering disciplines in fact had higher IQs, grades and other performance indicators that would refute the “innate aptitude” claim. “They were able to overcome social barriers to stay in [these fields], that’s something that has been demonstrated again and again,” she said.

Society vs. genetics

All the faculty members interviewed also emphasized their belief that social and environmental factors were much more important to a woman’s success in science and engineering than aptitude. “[There is] compelling evidence of the power of small differences in how we treat boys and girls, men and women,” said Mahera Philobos, an academic professional in the School of Civil Engineering and director of Women in Engineering. “Those differences, I would argue, provide a better hypothesis than innate sex differences to explain the gap between the numbers of men and women in academic jobs in the sciences.”

For Nersessian, who earned undergraduate degrees in physics and philosophy and whose background is in cognitive science, social factors played a role in her own advancement as well. “I never found being a woman an impediment to studying science,” she said. “But I also realized...why did I have that kind of a systematic marginalization...is not going on here,” she said.

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Enid Steinbart
Dir. of Advising, School of Mathematics

“I think that shows a commitment from the top of how important teaching is on this campus,” something that students don’t always think about, she said. “[Clough] spent a good half hour walking around and talking to people at their posters, really finding out what people were doing, and I think that really had an impact on people doing the presenting and the people walking through.

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“Women in academia”

Another issue brought up by Summers that was addressed by faculty was the issue of women not wanting to work in a “high-powered, intense workplace.” “That’s extremely misleading,” Philobos said. “First of all, no one [set] this as a condition for advancement. If this is true, then that concept should be changing, not the other way around.”

Steinbart agreed, and said that when it comes to academia, “there are certain things that the workplace can do,” such as flexible hours and being able to take time off from the tenure clock without penalty for raising a child.

Steinbart also said in the recruitment process, diversifying the faculty was not an issue of lowering standards. “It’s not, ‘Because we don’t lower standards, that’s why we don’t have any women,’” she said.

In fact, in an article she published in February, Fox found that women in science who have children publish as much or more often than women in science who have no children.

Philobos also talked about the efforts of the administration to increase women students and faculty. “There is a long way to go, but we have accomplished a lot on this campus, and I’m sure it has a lot to do with the administration,” Philobos said.

However, according to Wendy Newstetter, director of Learning Sciences Research for the School of Biomedical Engineering, Summers’ comments can serve as a reminder to Tech to be mindful of the gender gap. Based on conversations with former faculty and personal experience, Newstetter discussed the possibly of implicit discrimination against women in the workplace, “in the way that people are treated, the way people are either included or marginalized,” she said.

“Georgia Tech would be deluding itself if it were to imagine that this kind of systematic marginalization is not going on here,” she said.

More statistics

Instead of focusing on the low number of women in science and engineering, some faculty pointed out the need to look at other statistics. “I don’t think it’s an issue of just numbers of women in science, it’s what happens to you when you get your degree,” Fox said. “I think that we now have found the rest of the time...we have pretty significant groups of women of some of the scientific fields such as the life sciences...and even chemistry.”

This may be due to an attraction to “new sciences,” Newstetter said, pointing out that during the early days of computer science and information technology, the percentage of women in computing was much higher than today.

This is clearly the case with biomedical engineering, which, according to Newstetter, is one of the few engineering majors at Tech that is 50 percent women.

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Tech hosts anime, gaming convention

By Amanda Dugan
Staff Writer

“Tell me why you love me. You want to kiss me,” were among the last words of Miss Congeniality Gracie Hart. Sandra Bullock reprises her role as FBI agent Gracie Hart in the sequel to the 2000 romantic comedy, Miss Congeniality

Sandra Bullock reprises her role as FBI agent Gracie Hart in the sequel to the 2000 romantic comedy, Miss Congeniality. This time around she is joined by Regina King who co-stars as Hart’s new partner.

The plot becomes predictable as it goes on a publicity tour to promote her tell-all book. Surprisingly, any hope of continuing Gracie’s love interest from the original is quickly dashed as we witness her breakup within the first few scenes. Removing the romance from what could have easily been another romantic comedy was a smart move to keep the sequel interesting and different from the original.

Instead of a smart-mouthed male counterpart playing opposite Bullock, Regina King steps in as Agent Sam Fuller. Their differences and the development of their friendship carry the movie past its similar Hart-saves-the-day plot.

This sequel picks up three weeks after her eventful Miss USA pageant mission only to find Gracie back to her pre-makeover masculine self. However, after her cover is blown during a bank robbery due to her recent notoriety, she is left with no choice but to become the public representative for the FBI.

It was hard not to feel sorry for the boynish Gracie in the original, but her character in the sequel sometimes leaves you wanting to gag because of her pretentiousness. She quickly transforms into FBI Barbie and goes on a publicity tour to promote her tell-all book.

Bullock’s performance is more reserved. Their conflicts lead to interesting and very physical fights. Women doing physical comedy isn’t expected and that is partly what makes it work well in Miss Congeniality 2.

Hart and Fuller end up pulling it together in an effort to save Hart’s friend, Miss USA, who has been kidnapped in Las Vegas. The plot becomes predictable as the closer it gets to the kidnapper’s location.

Cassandra Wilson to sing at Rialto

Cassandra Wilson, jazz singer extraordinary, will be coming to the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Atlanta this Friday, April 1. Her significant repertoire ranges from modern pop to Delta Blues, and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $32 to $56.

Maybe they have tips for dorms, too

Through Sunday, April 3, the Georgia World Congress Center will be hosting the Atlanta Home Show, an exhibition featuring products and services for the home, seminars, and home improvement celebrities Carter Oosterhouse (Trading Spaces) and Eric Stomer (Clean Sweep).

The show is open Friday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are $10, $3 for children ages six to 12 and kids five and younger get in free.

Don’t settle for Less Than Jake

Tonight, your favorite pop/punk explosion is coming to the Masquerade. Less Than Jake will be playing at the Masquerade with Alllister, Hidden In Plain View and Days Away. The show is general admission, starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are $15.

Make some time to see the Time

Funk and R&B group and all-around Prince collaborators Morris Day and the Time are coming to the Tabernacle tomorrow, Saturday, April 2. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets cost $30.50.

Last days to catch 30 plays in one

Today and tomorrow will be the last days to catch Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind at Dad’s Garage. The play, really a series of 30 plays staged over the course of 60 minutes, is put on by Chicago’s Neo-Futurists. Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday and 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are $15.

’Tis the season of good rock shows

Tomorrow night, April 2, rock bands Papa Roach, Trust Company and No Warning will be making a stop at the Roxy Theatre. The three bands kicked off their tour this week and are traveling together in support of their respective albums. The show is general admission, standing room only and tickets are $20. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the bands start playing at 8 p.m.
**Mac, Kutcher deliver comic performance in Guess Who**

A movie involving the contemporary complexities of interracial dating and the awkwardness of meeting the parents makes for interesting viewing, especially when Bernie Mac and Ashton Kutcher play the father-in-law and groom respectively.

PerCY Jones (Mac) is the ever vigilant, over-protective father and when his daughter Theresa (Zoe Saldana) announces her engagement to her parents’ 25th anniversary party, Jones has the intention to bring home her live-in boyfriend to her parents.

The thing Theresa conveniently forgets to tell him is that her boyfriend, Simon Green (Kutcher) is white and that he never has to worry about being scolded again as her sister Keisha who shows her support by declaring she’s holding a game controller in her hands.

Directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan, whose previous works include Barbershop 2 and How Stella Got Her Groove Back, the movie stars Judith Scott as the understanding, empathetic mother-in-law and Kellee Stewart as Theresa’s sister Keisha who shows her support by declaring that she never has to worry about being scolded again as her sister was the one who brought home the white boy.

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How Green manages to stay with the love of his life and her father amidst bad sofa-beds, snoring, racial jokes, male bashing girl-powwows and even some car racing forms the rest of the plot.

**Momo from page 13**

Everybody was having a good time, and it showed.

I even had a chance to sit down with Jessica Merriman, president of Anime-O-Tekku and director of MomoCon.

Merriman is a self-proclaimed anime and gaming nerd, breaking every gender stereotype by freely admitting that she’s happiest when she’s holding a game controller in her hands.

"Gaming is near and dear to my heart," said Merriman, a third-year Management major.

MomoCon was first conceived in late June of last year, when Anime-O-Tekku hosted a smaller gaming convention hosted on campus every January—and formed its own convention. Starting with a budget of zero, the club’s staff toiled over the next 10 months, reserving rooms and contacting as many artists, dealers and sponsors as they could find.

"I’ve been begging and pleading for events and companies since June…I e-mailed so many webcomics, it made my eyes spin," Merriman said.

They got the exposure through our website, [and] we got exposure because we had lots of guests!"

The convention was always intended to be free. The staff broke even through buy-in tournaments, dealers and artists’ fees and outside sponsorship.

Making the convention work also required an exorbitant amount of advertising. Merriman and her staff spent months hanging posters and flyers at arcades and comic shops around Atlanta, as well as posting online forums. Newtype, a popular anime magazine, mentioned MomoCon in its February issue, and many heard about it simply by word of mouth.

"The Newtype and the word-of-mouth advertising probably contributed to the fact that we had a very young audience at the convention," Merriman said.

In fact, there was a low turnout of Tech students. The vast majority of the attendees included high school students, older anime fans, students of other local colleges and young children accompanied by their parents.

Overall, Merriman estimates that the staff logged in thousands of hours of work.

"I put in 40-hour weeks over Christmas," she said.

"I'm going to wear my kimono because I have a real kimono." Merriman said.

"More Tech people should come!" Merriman said.

"I have a big smile on my face for a reason. [We] were a buttload better than a lot of other cons…The gaming is so much better and less stinky. Lots less stinky. Although the dealer’s room was kind of stinky," Merriman said.

Plans are already in the works for MomoCon 2006. The tentative date is being bumped up from this year to coincide with the first weekend of spring break and to avoid the Easter holiday. In addition, the staff hopes to reserve the ballroom for the dealers, offer an anime and gaming music concert and make food readily available. (Much to my chagrin, all of the restaurants in the Student Center were closed.)

"I would love for…the Food Court to be open when there’s 700 people here," Merriman said.

"I'm sure they'd make a lot of money. Tech Rec was open, and [they] were worried they wouldn't make any money, but...on DDR alone [they] probably made more than [they] make in a week."

The tentative theme for next year is Tsukimi, or moon viewing, to coincide with the vernal equinox on March 20, 2006.

"There's a lot of mythology about a rabbit on the moon making rice dumplings and something like that, and hopefully we'll be able to have an outside moon viewing," Merriman said.

"I'm going to wear my kimono because I have a real kimono."

Merriman also hopes to encourage more involvement from the student body.

"More Tech people should come!" she said. "I want it to be a Georgia Tech event. I don't want it to be an anime club event."

**Technique, making friday lectures more interesting**
Spring break is over; get back to work

Well, it's that time of year again. You know, the part of the year where you've just gotten back from spring break and your mind is still in New Orleans. Okay, my mind is still in New Orleans at least. At any rate, I thought I'd help jog your memory that you're back at Tech, just in case you didn't go to class this week either.

The first sign that you're back at Tech is that you probably need to file a car insurance claim. If you're like me, the sure sign that you got back from vacation is that you need to file a claim with your friendly insurance agent.

In my case, I picked up my truck from the hotel valet, only to find that I need a new windshield. It's the tradition of most hotels to play dumb with regards to such matters, so I guess I'm on my own here. Of course most car insurance companies want to know what happened, and "I don't know" is not a valid excuse, so I guess I'm going with my favorite, "A wayward asteroid hit the truck."

As far as my insurance company is concerned, my truck has seen more asteroids than any major observatory on the planet. I just pretend that it's not a valid excuse, so I guess I'm on my own here. Of course most car insurance companies would fire you use to keep your booze money. In my case, I picked up the $250 deductible is my contribution to science.

The next sign that you're back at Tech is that your senior design sponsor company has left you 32 voicemails asking where you are. Now, you can't go with the obvious response that you were on spring break, because we're responsible seniors, and we have expectations we're supposed to meet before we join the real world.

So when we respond to them, we will be telling them that we were seduced by a cult, but fortunately the deprogramming has gone very well, and we've gotten rid of all our shrines to Kelly Clarkson. Actually, maybe we should just tell them that we were supposed to meet before we join the real world.

Still not convinced yet that you're back at Tech? Well, here's a hint for you. I bet you found your keys this morning. Even if they were at the bottom of the hamper with a random stranger's naughties on top of them, the important thing is that you found them.

Most people can't make a claim like this while they're on spring break. Fortunately for most spring breakers, hotels these days give you a key card which fits conveniently in your wallet, the same wallet that you use to keep your booze money. I can assure you that I never amble over to Bourbon Street without

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THEME CROSSWORD: GRIDLOCK

By Robert Zimmerman

ACROSS
1. Half the population
6. Mimicked
10. Sudden rainfall
15. Just a little, in the kitchen
19. Rep
20. Rickey ingredient
21. Underworld VIPs
22. Division term
23. Lane 1
27. Pioneer radio comedy, 1931-45
28. Gave temporarily
29. Manuel’s friend
30. Child’s question
31. ___ diem
32. Their hills curve downward
33. 1985 best supporting actor
34. Man Friday, e.g.
35. Hunks of goo
36. Lane 2
37. Make adjustments
38. Turkish title
39. She of summer
40. Geographer’s abbr.
41. Basilica feature
42. “Home, Sweet Home” author
43. “On the Waterfront” director
44. “A fine kettle of fish!”
45. In the midst of
46. Multitude
47. Synagogue figure
48. Fitted with oxfords
49. Egyptian language suffix
50. Expert
51. Great American Ball Park players
52. Cuban communism
53. Scrap heap
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55. Faction
56. Angle of departure
57. Anglers’ gear
58. Expert
59. Without
60. Caribbean dance
61. Role model
62. Kitchen gadget
63. AFL partner
64. Move’s real deal
65. Indianapolis Motor Speedway
66. Pencil puzzle
67. Two-character Broadway musical, 1966
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69. Bald eagle’s cousin
70. Bulletin board postings
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73. Amo, ___ amat
74. Comment from the cote
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101. Grounds for a suit
102. Fledgling
103. Sierra Club subj.
104. Editor’s mark
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107. ___ Miss
108. Words of understanding
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112. Geographer’s abbe.
113. Magnesium measure
114. “A fine kettle of fish!”
115. Sheet metal

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1. Menace to muggers
2. Turkish tile
3. The last drop
4. Covet
5. ___ fright
6. Strikes often occur here
7. ___ fright
8. CPR provider
9. Speechify
10. Tool for refinishers
11. “Home, Sweet Home” author
12. Basilica feature
13. Rebuked: with “off”
14. Language suffix
15. Brush aside
16. Author ___ Nin
17. ___ fright
18. Vagrants
19. Pigment for painters
20. Multitude
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ransom deadline, the more it appears
no one but Hart seems to have the
right answers.

Still, the antics of Hart and Fuller
are reminiscent of classic buddy films
but with an estrogen edge.

The grand finale race to save the
captive beauty queen includes pi-
rates, drag queens, casinos and Hart
donning a tacky, bright yellow
showgirl costume with feathers.

With such outrageous stunts, this
is a movie that could only be set in
Vegas. *Miss Congeniality 2* finishes
with a bit of a campy feel as Gracie
realizes she must be true to herself,
but with an estrogen edge.

Their sur-
pising yet
genuine chem-
istry makes for
a refreshing en-
tertainer.

However,
the lead actors
do not seem to
be given much
creative freedom
to explore their comic side through
their characters.

The movie also doesn’t do justice
to the comedy’s theme of interracial
dating and cultural differences. In-
stead of discussing anything slightly
risqué or insightful about differences
between races in approach or culture,
the plot sticks to sitcom-like, strictly
feel-good scenarios.

The material in the movie is not
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fortable and that makes it seem a
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It had its share
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If you expect a
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But for some entertaining, yet
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almost ghetto Mac and the nerdy
white boy Kutcher, this should be
your pick, hands down without any
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my wallet, because good looks and
nudity only get you free drinks dur-
ing Mardi Gras. In late March, you
have to settle for a photo op with
some Japanese tourists.

Okay, I’m
still trying to
convince you
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design, keys or
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actually remem-
ber those things
even when you’re
on spring break,
so here’s the real
sign that you’re back from spring break:
you’re reading a
Technique.

Now, I realize that this publica-
tion is an excellent fish wrapper,
birdcage liner or oil pan for you
shadetree mechanics, but if you’re
actually reading the *Technique*,
then you are obviously desperate for
entertainment.

This kind of desperation only
comes from going to class on a Fri-
day. I know, because while you’re
reading this, I’m probably also
trying not to
nod off. In fact,
I’ll even read
this column
and think, “Gee,
the Two Bits
Man really
sucks...”

and then I’ll get
mad at myself
for putting self-dep-
recating humor
in such an oth-
erwise uplifting
column.

Of course,
your return to school could have
been nothing more than some cosmic
joke. Some horrible prank to remind
you that there is life outside of Tech,
and that you had to return. If that’s
the case, this is the Two Bits man
wishing you a happy April Fool’s.

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28 2/3 straight innings and is now eighth all-time in the NCAA with 1,244 career strikeouts.

Salinger was named the National Player of the Week for her incredible work against FSU, which included a no-hitter and a save on Saturday and a one-hitter on Sunday. This is the first time a Tech player has been honored with the award.

"I am most proud of her composure. Early in the season she got some bad calls and allowed those things to affect her concentration but within last two or three weeks she has put all those things behind her and has stayed really composed. I don't think there is more anyone can do than what she is doing now," Earleywine said.

The remaining season for Tech includes regular season conference games, game against non-conference opponents including in-state rival Georgia and the ACC Tournament. "It is starting to get more serious as stakes are getting higher. I just hope that when the game gets big, our better players will rise to top and make big plays," Earleywine said.

According to Earleywine, although the World Series is still far away but certainly something about which to look forward. "It's a hope for sure. We have been to regional for the last few years, so it's the next step. We don't talk much about it, but it's our goal. We focus on our technique, our efforts, our fundamentals and teamwork and then the results will be favorable if you do those things right," he said.

Crew squads sprint into spring season

By Patrick Odneal
Assistant Sports Editor

Last week during spring break while most students were relaxing, the Tech crew team was practicing twice a day in preparation for their spring season. Their work paid off as the team competed in the Lanier Sprints at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Ga.

"It's a ton more exciting than fall races [against the clock] when you're going head to head [in spring competition]."

John Kapetyn
Sophomore crew

In the men's four-man race, Tech entered four teams and took the top three places. "Tech went one, two and three with our heavyweights getting first, lightweights getting second and our second heavyweight boat getting third," said sophomore crewmate John Kapetyn.

"The women's boats did pretty well, too, in the fours. The lightweights got second actually racing against heavyweights just to get a little more competition," Kapetyn said.

Men's heavyweight eight-man boat also took first in the competition that featured teams from around the country. "The big competition there this year was Colby, a varsity program from Maine. We beat them in all three races we entered," Kapetyn said.

On March 12 the team traveled to Aiken, S.C. for the SERCS regatta, but the competition was cancelled partway through because of high winds. "The weather was just horrendous. The wind was gusting up 30 to 35 miles per hour, so it was nearly impossible to actually complete a 2000-meter race," Kapetyn said.

In the spring season the regattas have 2000-meter races, whereas in the fall season the races 5000 meters and compete against the clock rather than going head-to-head.

"In the fall you race 5000 meters so it's a little slower race, and you race against the clock instead of against other boats. Spring races on the other hand are 2000 meters and there are six lanes," Kapetyn said. "It's a ton more exciting than fall races when you're going head to head."

Tomorrow the team competes in Oakridge, Tenn. in the John Hunter Regatta, an event that the Tech team actually hosts. The race was hosted last year at Lake Lanier but was moved in part to accommodate for a wider field of competition. "Having it further north you can make the regatta more accessible to teams around the country," Kapetyn said.

"I think team goals overall for the heavyweight squad is to do real well at the Dad Vails," Kapetyn said.

The team will return to Oakridge April 15 and 16 for the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association (SIRA) regatta, which is the last scheduled race before the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia. "The Dad Vails is kind of like our nationals," said Kapetyn, who noted a personal goal of helping his lightweight four-man team win that meet.

The heavyweight squad has also seen noticeable improvements over last year. "This year relative to last year our heavyweights are a lot more competitive," Kapetyn said.

"I think team goals overall for the heavyweight is to do real well at the SIRAs. I think they also want to try to make the grand finals at Vails," Kapetyn said.

Tech crew started in 1985 and has been burgeoning ever since. The club team had more than 100 rowers participate this fall, and they encourage all newcomers to join the club. More information can be found at gtcrow.com.
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Tech finished off the sweep with a come-from-behind victory in the third game of the series. The Jackets scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take an 8-5 lead before Western doubled in a run to bring the score to 10-9. Tyler Greene hit a two-RBI double to end the game and give the Jackets the victory.

"To be down on Sunday [against N.C. State] against one of the best closer in the country [and win] was just a big accomplishment by our team."

Danny Hall
Baseball head coach

"I think the biggest thing for me beyond getting that 505th win was that we won the series, and we are in first place in the league."

Danny Hall
Baseball head coach

"To be down on Sunday [against N.C. State] against one of the best closer in the country [and win] was just a big accomplishment by our team," Hall said. "We played very well in the second game and then came back Sunday and effectively scored two more runs to put the Jackets down 10-8 going into the bottom of the ninth. No one, not even me, before Western doubled in a run to bring the score to 10-9. Tyler Greene hit a two-RBI double to end the game and give the Jackets the victory."

"I think that Auburn is a very good team," Head Coach Danny Hall said. "Last weekend, they went to [No. 4] LSU and won two out of three. It's disappointing to lose a game like that when you feel you had won or had a very good chance of winning, but we Aubern credit for taking advantage of the ball bouncing their way. They have a great stadium and will have a lot of fans, but we are going over there to play them and see if we can even the score."

Miami took the opening game of the series last weekend, but the Jackets rebounded to take the final two and improve to 11-1 in the conference. The Hurricanes opened up by scoring nine runs in the first inning on only one hit and saw Jason Neighborgall rebound from his Friday loss to Miami by striking out the side in one inning of work against the Catamounts. Neighborgall also gave up one-out single to WCU's Tim Hallam who later advanced to first after taking advantage of two wild pitches. Neighborgall gave way to Ryan Turner at the start of the second inning.

"He was disappointed, and no body felt worse than he did," Hall said. Neighborgall had a strong start against the Blue Devils earlier this season. "We are friends off the field, but once the game starts it's GT versus Duke, not Jason versus his friends. I just want to go out there and do the best for my team."

Neighborgall had a strong start to the season. In his first six starts of the season, Neighborgall had a 5-0 record while striking out 44 batters in 34 innings of work. His ERA was a very respectable 2.65, and he allowed opposing batters to hit only .220 against him. He gave up seven runs on no hits in less than an inning of work against the University of Miami on Friday. Neighborgall struck out one batter to record his only out of the game. He walked in and hit one while throwing three wild pitches. Coach Hall gave Neighborgall the start against the Catamounts, and it paid off.

"I loved Atlanta, the coaches here and the facilities," Neighborgall said. "Tech always has a great pro approach when it comes to getting players in for workouts. We prepared ourselves to go out there and do the best for our team."

"I think the biggest thing for me beyond getting that 505th win was that we won the series, and we are in first place in the league."
**Tennis** from page 27

The NCAA tournament, starting with the round of 16, is hosted by UGA, and the Jackets look forward to a possible return trip to Athens. “We’re ranked sixth right now. I think it would be awesome if we could live up to that or even do better,” Miller said.

But the Jackets maintain their strong work ethic despite their previous success. “I think it’s important to stick with what you’re doing and keep working to get better, because if you stop working to get better, then you’re going to fall behind everyone else that is working hard.”

“We need to keep pushing forward and not look back at what we have done. We need to keep establishing how good we really are, to keep working to improve our individual games and to keep improving as a team.”

In addition to the NCAA tournament, there are also national tournaments for individuals and doubles. “If the season were to end today, Miller would qualify as an individual and the pairing of Miller and Silverio would qualify for nationals.”

Miller and Silverio continue to build their chemistry together as the team looks forward to the upcoming matches. “It’s something you have to work out a little bit because you have to understand what they feel and what their tendencies are,” Miller said.

“I think Alison and I are starting to get the hang of that—complementing each other. I think what’s important in chemistry—complementing each other with your best shots. They played this game at Maryland today at 11 a.m. Tomorrow they play a noon match against Virginia.

Next weekend the team returns home to play Florida State on Saturday and Miami on Sunday. Then to the round of 16, is hosted by LSU, but the team couldn’t find their shot in the first half. Schenscher and Jack shot a combined 7-for-9 from the field during the first five minutes of the second half, but the rest of the team contributed a measly 4-14.

Tech’s stifling defense held the Cardinals to only seven points during the first ten minutes of the second half, but the Jackets were only able to move to within nine points at 52-43.

After Louisville coach Rick Pitino called a timeout, the Cardinals went on a 18-4 run to put the Jackets away, and with two minutes left in the contest Hewitt put the future on the floor and pulled his senior’s out of the game for the final time.

“I’m not trying to tick anybody off, but if somebody tells me [Louisville] is a four-seed, you’re nuts,” Hewitt said. “You’re absolutely nuts. They’re as good as anyone we’ve played this year. This is the best screening and passing team we’ve played all year. They space the floor very well. They played an exquisite basketball game. They passed the ball well. They spread us out. When we took away the three, they went to the two. They got the foul line. They played a very good basketball game.”

With the end to the season at the hands of the Cardinals, so came an end of an era for the Jackets. With the team losing five seniors and quite possibly Jarrett Jack to the NBA, the team will be taking on a new look in the coming years. Bynum transferred in to join Hewitt’s first full recruiting class that put Tech back on the national map and return to the glory that was around for much of the Bobby Cremins years.

“Tonight [after the Louisville loss], it’s about thanking our five seniors, who put the Georgia Tech basketball program back on the national map,” Hewitt said. “But more important for me, the example they set for the younger guys on how to handle themselves on campus, in the classroom and in the community. If you wanted to put together a public service announcement, what a student athlete is supposed to be, I got five guys that you could follow around, and you’d see exactly what you want a student athlete to be.”
Tennis moves up ranks to No. 6

By Patrick O'Neal
Assistant Sports Editor

The women’s tennis team continued their winning streak when they downed No. 2 UGA 4-3 on March 16. It was a thrilling come from behind victory.

“We lost the doubles point in a close match, and then we went to singles and everyone lost the first set. So we were all down, but we just hung in there and fought, and we ended up winning,” said sophomore ace Alison Silverio. “It was an amazing feeling especially being at their home court and beating them.”

In singles action freshman Kristi Miller beat Shadisha Robinson (2-6, 6-2, 7-6) who was ranked No. 4 in the country as an individual, and on the doubles side Miller ranks No. 15 nationally as an individual, and on the doubles side Miller and Silverio rank No. 16 in the country as a pair.

“Last year we lost a lot of close matches 4-3. We were right there with every team that was ranked ahead of us, but we couldn’t get over that hump. And this year we have fought some really tough matches and were able to pull it out. It’s really helped our confidence.”

Tech is now ranked No. 6 in the country, the highest ranking of any tennis team in school history. Miller ranks No. 15 nationally as an individual, and on the doubles side Miller and Silverio rank No. 16 in the nation.

But Miller doesn’t let the rankings go to her head. “I think about rankings only a little bit. There are a lot of good players out there, and especially when you are playing at the No. 1 position, everyone you’re playing is strong. You have to be ready for a good match no matter what.”

The women’s team has six matches left this season— four of them against strong ACC foes—and currently stands on top of the ACC with a conference record of 4-0.

“Our goal is to win an ACC championship this year, either the season record or the ACC tournament which is coming up in three weeks,” Miller said. “We’ve got some of the [better ACC teams] coming up. I think that’s doable for us if we all play as a team and play well on those days.”

The last three matches of the season are against No. 11 Miami, No. 10 Duke and No. 16 North Carolina. “They are going to be very exciting matches and some good tennis,” Miller said.

A strong finish to the season would also put the team in good standing for the NCAA tournament. The top 16 of the 64 teams in the NCAA tournament get home-court advantage for the first two rounds.

“That was one of our goals we set at the beginning of this season—to be a top 16 team so we could host,” Silverio said.

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Neighborgall regains control on mound

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

After a rough season last year, Jason Neighborgall has rebounded this season to become the ace of the staff for Tech’s baseball team.

Neighborgall was forced to tweak some of his mechanics as well as work on improving his confidence to be able to go back onto the mound and be the effective pitcher that he was recruited to be.

“I worked really hard on my mechanics,” Neighborgall said. “Once I started throwing a lot more strikes, my confidence went back up. That’s pretty much what happened. I’m really confident right now, and I’m feeling good.”

With the struggles that he faced last season, Neighborgall spent a lot of time on the bench during the second half of the season, and he had to reflect on what was going wrong.

“It was definitely pretty tough for me to go out there [last season] and not really know what was going on,” Neighborgall said. “When I couldn’t get it done out there, I knew I wasn’t going to play that much. It was tough for me to sit on the bench and not play, but right now, I’m looking forward to my next start and competing.”

This season Neighborgall has been instructed to go straight for:}

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Junior pitcher

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Baseball vaults to No. 1 in country

By Michael Clarke
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The No. 1 baseball team (21-3, 11-1 ACC) went 4-3 in action over Spring break. The Jackets extended their win streak over ACC foes to 25 after sweeping N.C. State, and their streak snapped by No. 12 University of Miami. Tech rebounded to take the remaining two games of the series in Coral Gables.

The Jackets have improved in the polls after a strong first half of the season. Tech is currently ranked No. 1 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Poll as well as the Collegiate Baseball Poll. The Jackets are ranked No. 3 by Baseball America and No. 4 by the Coaches’ Poll.

The opening series of the break with N.C. State was the eighth consecutive sweep of an ACC opponent. The Jackets won the opening game of the series 9-5. Tech had a 3-2 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning before the bats woke up and the team scored two runs in that inning and four more in the eighth.

The Jackets won the second game behind the strong arm of Lee Hyde, who worked a career high seven scoreless innings and gave up only four hits and two walks while striking out six.

Hyde was given a four-run lead in the first three innings of work, but the Jackets missed a few key opportunities to blow open the game early.

Jeremy Sladen had an RBI single to drive in the first run of the inning, but Jeff Kindel ended the first inning by grounding into a double play with the bases loaded.

The Jackets put one more on the board in the second, and Kindel made up for hitting into the double play with a two-run homer in the bottom of the third inning.

"Getting blown out on Friday night like we did and then bouncing back to win the series [against Miami] shows a lot of character from our guys." - Danny Hall
Baseball head coach

Softball sweeps perennial power FSU

By Lokesh Padhye
Contributing Writer

Tech softball is rolling and Jessica Sallinger is the star of the show. The No. 21 Jackets swept No. 24 Florida State last weekend to progress to 25-7 overall and 5-1 in the ACC.

The Jackets won the first two games against FSU, 2-0 and 3-1, last Saturday before blanking the Seminoles 5-0 on Sunday at Glenn Field.

Tech swept the Seminoles for the first time since the 2000 season and in the process snapped a nine-game losing streak against FSU.

The Seminoles have been the dominant team of the ACC and although the games against FSU count the same as any other contest in the standings, the team was especially excited about topping Florida State.

"The girls played really well. We had to get this monkey off our back against FSU and I am pleased with the way we played," Head Coach Ehren Earleywine said.

Tech started the 2005 season with a school record 13 straight wins before slipping to a series of defeats in the Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga., when Tech lost four consecutive games in the last week of February including losses to Michigan and Southern Illinois.

"We were very much geared up when we got beaten [by Michigan]," Earleywine said.

The girls just got shut off during the rest of the tournament. What they forgot was that championships are not won in February. We should learn to put losses behind us and move on," Earleywine said.

Since then Tech is 20-3 with series wins over North Carolina and Florida State and a first-place finish at the UCF Softball Invitational in Orlando, Fla.

"We met most of our goals that we set at preseason. There are some things I would like to see the team improve on but there are other things that have been exciting and surprising this season," Earleywine said.

One such exciting but not surprising thing is the pitching of Jessica Sallinger. Sallinger finished with her 11th complete-game shutout of the season last weekend and has not allowed an earned run in 45-2/3 innings pitched. The Kennesaw, Ga. native has not allowed a run in
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By DUCK THOMPSON

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We call it the off season. To others at Grant Field, it’s pay day. In late summer, a crew rolls out and begins planting cannabis. From there it begins: cultivation, irrigation and marketing. Off the record, it’s how we found out about them.

The head groundskeeper of Bobby Dodd Stadium at historic Grant Field, Dustin Bowles, offered some very surprising information. “This is our third year in full-scale operation,” he said, adding “our special brand has just started to take off this year.”

Though the legality issue is the first to come to most peoples’ minds, according to Bowles, “We’ve got it covered. It’s a loophole. Since we sell half of our stash to scientific research..." Bowles continued, “Plus, the technique learned in growing such a tempermental plant is a big help when it comes to cultivating the game-day grass Chan likes.”

Customers Jeff Howell and Ian Conant have had a positive experience working with Bowles. They said that their typical exchange involves Howell tossing Bowles a wad of cash.

“I wouldn’t say I’m addicted,” Howell said. “I could stop whenever I wanted to. I just really like Bowles and want to help support him in his agricultural endeavors.”

It’s referred to as “Tech Grass,” a breed of cannabis known for its potency. A trip to see Dr. Igor Oruc, a professor in biology widely known for his research on hallucinogens, reveals the hidden scientific wonders behind the plants.

“What you see here is one of the most exciting developments in cannabis. It’s hard to believe they grow it just down the street,” he said with amazement. “I applaud Bowles and his team for bucking the system and following their green thumbs. The breakthrough Oruc described was the groundskeepers’ ability to graft their Tech Grass with the traditional breed of grass used on the field for games to make an exceptionally tough and strong hybrid grass that holds up better than any other breed under the rough pounding of football players.

Oruc plans to publish his findings, with Bowles as a co-author, in an upcoming edition of *Science*, once he can convince his peer reviewers that his study was conducted within the confines of American laws.

All proceeds from the sale of the Grant Field Grass goes directly back into the groundskeeping operational budget.

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House available in the Home Park area- must be able to endure loud college parties and rowdy drunken teens.

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Straight white male seeking normal male roommate. Interviewing process required. Personal hygiene is discriminating factor.
1000th Male Made To Feel Uncomfortable By Vaginas

By NED FLOUNDER

The Vagina Monologues (TVM) Georgia Tech celebrated an important milestone recently, having terrified, grossed out, or generally made wholly uncomfortable its 1000th male at a recent performance. This is the third year in a row TVM has been performed at Tech as part of Women's Awareness Month (WAM).

Said a spokeswoman for the play, while stroking her hairless pussy cat between bites of a fish sandwich, “We’re all really excited about this great marker in our play’s history.”

“We live for the thrill of watching dragged-against-their-will-and-wildly-unprepared boyfriends squirm nervously.”

Spokeswoman
The Vagina Monologues

“Maybe those V Is For Vulgar people really were on to something there,” Künstlicher added.

When reached for comment Max Colon, a spokesman for V Is For Vulgar, said, “No, we’re basically a bunch of misanthropic dicks who get a kick out of ruining everyone else’s fun.”

Colon then invited this reporter to join him and his friends at next year’s Gay Pride Parade saying, “Yeah, we’re gonna go and call ‘em all pedophiles, and say that God hates them. It’ll be a blast.” Colon closed the meeting by charging off to berate a nearby mother for breastfeeding her newborn child in public.

HOUSING RENEWS WAR ON SQUIRRELS, ENLISTS STUDENT HELP

Housing officials have renewed their appeals for help in stopping the campus’s squirrel problem.

By SUSIE ACORN

Associate Director of Housing Dan Morrison last week sent out a call for Tech students to volunteer in the fight against terror on campus. “We have let them ruin our homes and threaten our way of life for too long,” Morrison said. “Squirrels are the single greatest threat to the sanctity of housing on campus. As such, there is no other choice left to me but to declare war.”

The War on Squirrels started slowly, limited at first to skirmishes between squirrel commandos and parking officials, battles that one Tech student called “a test of which evil is stronger.” However, at Morrison’s urgings, the Squirt alert was raised yesterday to Level Tangerine. He accompanied the heightened warning level with a new call to arms. “We have determined that the squirrels are part of an axis of evil, along with field mice and wombats,” he said. “We must seek them out and destroy them before they have eaten all of our walls and climbed all of our trees.”

Some students have already answered the call, bringing to the table the mightiest weapon among Tech’s arsenal, CS majors. The squirrels countered in a rash of daring attacks, chewing through electric wires in an effort to deny students internet access. However, they did not foresee the defense measures already in place around campus.

“We have wireless internet available via LAWN in all of the most popular areas of campus, such as the library bathrooms, the Barbell Club—er, Volleyball locker rooms, and Brittain Dining Hall,” said the director of the Office of Information and Technology.

“I’m glad that I can do something to help my Institute, to help protect it from these seemingly harmless, small creatures,” said Harry Ben, a third-year ROTC student.

Morrison recommends that all students to follow Ben’s example, before the campus is turned to a pile of half-eaten dorm walls before our very eyes.
On April 1, a male student reported a car accident in Peters Parking deck. Three Tech parking vehicles wrecked attempting to give a ticket to the same unregistered car. Each parking employee claimed to have identified the car first. No injuries were reported.

On April 1, a Brittain manager was arrested for assault and battery during a health code inspection. The health department inspector had given the dining hall a failing score. Employees reported that after a loud argument the manager threw the inspector into a nearby ice cream machine. The manager was also cited for resisting arrest.

On April 1, an illegally parked Stinger bus was reported on the corner of Fowler and Spring Street. The Stinger was booted immediately by parking officials, as the driver could not be located. He was talking on his cell phone.

On April 1, a male student was transported to the hospital. Students reported that he had fallen down in convulsions after being handed his Physics II test. The student is expected to make a full recovery, until he receives the graded test.

You wish they were from the files of the GTPD...

Camping out for women's b-ball games - 28%

Food fight

Camping out for the Caribbean Party - 28%

Test causes convulsions

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9. Fishing Lure
10. Fly Swatter
11. Coat Hanger
12. Baseball bat
13. Hardware organizer
14. Pooper Scooper
15. Croquet mallet
16. Scratching post
17. Nothing
18. Athletic Supporter
19. Staff Writer
20. Ladle
21. Swizzle Stick
22. Fertilizer
23. Cattle prod
24. Steak tenderizer
25. Shish-ka-bob stick
No Novel Necessary: Spring Graduation To Last Only 58 Fun-Filled Hours

By NANCY RED

Organizers of spring graduation ceremonies at the Georgia Dome expect this year’s program to last approximately 58 hours, up from 37 hours last year.

“This is such a magical, memorable moment in the lives of Tech students,” said Alumni Association member Ann Marie Botts. “It’s only fitting that it last as long as possible. My message to all the graduates and their families is to enjoy this special time as long as you can, which we’ll try to help you with.”

The increase stems from the combination of graduates and undergraduates into a single, drawn-out ceremony. The process of calling out each name will last approximately 30 hours. Some people’s names are really long and most will probably be muttered and unrecognizable. Several, or most, will probably also be skipped to make sure everything is completed within the 30-hour time frame.

There will also be an eight-hour commemorative film prepared by a variety of student organizations highlighting their time at Tech, followed by a 14-hour film encouraging graduates to donate the first tenth of their annual wages to the Institute.

“Tech has given all of you so much,” outgoing President Wayne Clough said. “Now it’s time to pay up. Seriously. Pay up, or there will be consequences and repercussions. Don’t think I won’t sign your diploma.”

In better news, friends and family must hand over all money they carry into the ceremony to the graduates in appreciation for their hard work. Don’t worry students, you’re going to get screwed anyways; Tech will immediately take this money as their own since they implemented the policy, but at least it will make you feel better for a little bit. And it will give you one more “shafting” experience to look back on fondly.

The highlight of the event promises to be the special guest speaker Ken Jennings, Jeopardy player extraordinare. His entire address will be delivered in the form of a question. His tone will undoubtedly be somewhat condescending, like he somehow already knows the answer to his rhetoric.

For the comfort of observers and participants, sleeping bags and three meals will be provided. Porto-potties will be located at the ends of each row, but access will be restricted to voucher-holders; participants will receive two “Number 1” vouchers and one “Number 2” voucher.

Alcohol is still forbidden during the ceremony, and armed guards will be posted at every entrance to prevent anyone from slipping out early.

The guards have also been informed to fire on anyone who attempts to get around the alcohol policy.

The length of graduation ceremonies has grown exponentially over time; it averaged about three minutes at the turn of the last century, and passed the 24-hour mark in 1971. The format of the ceremonies themselves has also varied over time.

In 1952, Tech marked graduation with a ritualistic breaking of circuit boards, and throughout the 1980s graduates each consumed one five-inch floppy disk.

Graduates are excited about spending time sleeping in their caps.
FIRST LUKE, NOW STUDENT GOVERNMENT: LET THE ERA OF THE FANS’ POSSE BEGIN

By RAY FANO

“Luke Schenscher has a posse, man!” said Kyle Master, his way of explaining the fever that hit campus last year—student obsession with an untamed pouf of red curly hair standing a tall seven feet off the ground.

The student body took to donning the Australian’s bright yellow shirt in a rather cultish fashion last year. But recently, students have stepped it up a notch. No, it’s not those fun “Paul Hewitt Nation” t-shirts. Actually, the real posse has come out and is ready to take their rightful possession of true fanatical insanity.

Red, poofy-haired and unshaven men have swarmed Skiles Walkway, while men on stilts with long socks and basketball shoes attempt to cram into the small desks of Howey Physics. Swarm, step aside. The real Georgia Tech basketball fans have stepped forward.

Though the Jackets have left the big dance, these true fans aren’t daunted, and still plan to make their presence known. “There’s always next year to be preparing for. I need to start growing my hair out now if I want it to be good enough by next season,” said Master.

The crazed fans’ efforts have recently paid off. In a press release about the student-organized celebration for Schenscher’s birthday, President Clough encouraged students to “indulge profusely” in Fosters beer.

Though the event was highly successful this year, its popularity still has room to grow. Sadly, the ratio of people dressed like Luke Schenscher was slightly higher than those accidentally dressed as Luke Skywalker.

PUHR has brought choc- olate layer cake to a UHR meeting, strung balloons around the SGA office, and sported “WE [heart] SGA!” shirts around campus.

Next Tuesday’s big event, though, will be a pre-meeting rally modeled on a Yellow Jacket Alley football game-day rally. The rally will be replete with swarms of cheering students, posters, Styrofoam #1 fingers and a line for the representatives to run through, slappin’ high-fives with the supportive students before breaking through a large banner decorated with the Bill of Rights and a gavel.

“Just love SGA and want them to know how much they’re valued here by grateful students. Wooooooooo!” gushed O’toole.

“I’m so excited to run through the students and get slapped on the back—there’s nothing that gets me pumped for budget breakin’ and bill passin’ than a good rally!” said Phuong.

When questioned as to the group’s motivations, O’toole said that they are not looking for any favors or the promise of their future bills getting passed; he did add that he wouldn’t turn down a date with the lovely Phuong. “I’ve always wanted to be the First Gentleman of SGA. I mean I know she has to agree to go out with me first, but hell who couldn’t love a guy that goes to these kinds of lengths to get a girl’s attention?” O’toole said.

While O’toole may not be getting any dates just yet with Phuong, his efforts haven’t gone completely unnoticed in UHR. “Let’s just say that the posse is real and man is it sweet,” O’toole said.

However, the T-shirts haven’t made everyone on campus. The Graduate Student Senate is up in arms that they weren’t included in the posse campaign. “GSS needs its own posse, dammit. We have people, well like 15 that care, but still dammit we’re a posse,” said Hank O’toolwannabe.

“Until GSS does as much good as SGA gets a hot chick, they’re not a part of my posse. When they fix this, they can call,” O’toole said.
Administration Encourages Gambling, Sponsors Poker Tournament To Fund HOPE

By MINDY POOL

With the Institute continuing to feel the ill effects of recent government budget cuts, the administration has proposed a new plan for raising funds to support an ever increasing academic operating budget. For the first time in the history of higher education, a top-10 public school will be hosting a poker tournament.

"By no means are we condoning illicit, illegal or unsafe gambling. This move is just an attempt to raise some much needed cash for that blingin' diamond stud earring I want," said Bob McMath, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. McMath continued, "Plus, the little lady at home is nagging me to bring more dough home—she says 'helping others, helping students to grow as people' is bull hockey. And frankly, I think my old girl might be right."

Bob Thompson, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, said that proceeds from the tournament will mainly be going to a scholarship fund that will supplement the floundering HOPE scholarship monies.

Thompson is positive that out-of-state students will not be disgruntled by the tournament money helping local students. "Sure, in-state students do already get a butt-load of money from the state, but we need to do more to help them offset the low cost of in-state tuition. [I think that] out-of-state students are already used to being fiscally shafted, it makes no sense to cut them a break now," he said.

The administration credits the recent television and popular poker hype for giving them the idea to organize a Texas Hold'em competition. Once the cards were stacked in favor of the tournament, the administration consulted with the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) Board of Commissioners to examine the legalities of such an event.

“We’re not concerned about a public backlash," said Executive Assistant Gary May, speaking for Institute President G. Wayne Clough. “If anything, we think encouraging students and the local poor people who are addicted to this sort of thing to spend the money they don’t have to play poker will help our educational offerings.”

Student reaction to the poker tournament, which will be held next week on the second floor of the library, was very positive. Irwin Chips, a second-year MGT student, likes the idea. "I just hope my professors play so that I can wipe their faces with my skillz. Because girls only like guys with skillz, and since I can’t use numchucks, I figure my mad stylings with the flop and my masterful river skillz will work some magic."

This event to benefit college students’ education by supporting HOPE is looking for naive students to sign up now. Prizes are to include a free education and toilet paper. For those poor freshmen whose parents don’t know that buzzfunds isn’t nearly as fun as real money to play with, a special effort has been made to accept BuzzCard as a form of payment for the poker debts.

"Heck yeah, I’m in man. My mama put $1000 on my Buzzcard. Like I’m ever going to do that much laundry in a semester," said Naive Dork.

And don’t worry, not just anyone is organizing this Texas Hold’em tournament. That right, Clough got the big men on campus—the Residence Hall Association (RHA)—to help them out with the shindig.

"We’re thrilled and honored to participate in the first gambling tournament on campus. Clough came to the right place because if anyone knows how to party, it’s RHA. We’re thrilled and honored to participate in the first gambling tournament on campus."

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McMath is a seasoned veteran of the poker table, having spent many late nights swindling his grandchildren out of their allowances.

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The administration is gambling on the popularity of poker to help them save the HOPE scholarship from depletion.

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