Phuong captures SGA presidency

By Haining Yu
Staff Writer

Cheers erupted Tuesday as the results of the undergraduate presidential and vice presidential runoff elections were announced in the Student Center Commons. No presidential or vice presidential candidate gained a majority vote necessitating a runoff between the two top vote-getters for each position. Polls opened Monday morning for the runoff and closed at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, during which a total of 2,960 students voted in support of their candidates.

Presidential Candidate Amy Phuong won the race with a 2-to-1 margin, gaining 1,902 votes. Her rival, Ashley Case, garnered a total of 981 votes. “I’m so excited. I just want to thank everybody who supported me and helped me in any way in getting votes,” Amy Phuong, President-elect

Police report few disturbances after game

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

As thousands of fans filed out of Alexander Memorial Coliseum Monday night, no one knew how they would react to the Tech loss to UConn in San Antonio. Aside from a few minor fires and skirmishes, the campus remained calm.

According to Police Chief Teressa Crocker, there were no problems, like broken trash cans and picnic tables. He also said that a group of students was caught trying to break into an attic.

Senior Associate Dean of Students for Student Life Karen Boyd said the evening was comparable to a major football game in terms of incidents reported. Beginning last week, Tech police and administrators began bracing themselves for post-game celebrations Saturday and Monday.

As soon as it became clear that Tech would compete in the Final Four, Crocker called a meeting of representatives from the Department of Facilities, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Department of Housing, the Athletic Association, media groups, student government, the Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) and the Greek community to begin planning safety procedures.

Cheerleader said the department contacted sister institutions like... See Game, page 6

Clough tours campus in annual safety walk

By Stephen Raehl
Senior Staff Writer

Institute President Wayne Clough joined other administrators and student body representatives last Thursday night, April 1, to examine safety issues on campus.

The Safety Walk consisted of the entourage of people traversing campus at night, following paths and shortcuts that students typically take at all times of the day.

The purpose was to examine lighting and safety issues posed by buildings and campus greenery, as well as take note of areas insufficiently covered by emergency phones.

Another such walk took place last year, with visible results. “We observed twenty or thirty things we could maybe improve,” said Clough of the previous year’s walk. “Within a couple weeks, we’d done all of those.”

Clough said he wants students to all feel safe. “It’s very important to do this,” he said to the assembled group.

RHA seeks funding for newspapers

By Arcady Kantor
Contributing Writer

The trial of the USA Today College Readership program that Tech has participated in over the past weeks will conclude at the end of dead week. The program, promoted by the Residen
ter Hall Association (RHA), placed complimentary copies of the USA Today and New York Times newspapers at central locations around campus that students could pick up during the week.

The free four-week trial period is designed to demonstrate the benefits such a program provides to the community of the campus. “The big motivation behind it is to increase readership on campus,” said Andrew Howard, president of RHA. According to Howard, newspaper readership among the students on campus was extremely low prior to the launch of the trial. “We did some group surveys, and... out of a group of twenty people only two people read the paper (once a week or more),” he said.

Since the introduction of the program, however, readership on campus has gone up significantly. “I get one every morning when I go to breakfast,” said freshman CS major Ben Ferrer. “I like having an actual newspaper to read as opposed to looking at it online.”

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Institute President Wayne Clough toured campus April 1 with Tech administrators and students looking for safety hazards.

Course surveys available Monday

Course Critique surveys will be available from Monday, April 12 to Friday, April 30. The surveys will be available online 24 hours a day except on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from midnight to 3:00 a.m. when the system will be down for maintenance.

SGA’s Course Critique committee has added new features, including additional grade records for professors and additional search criteria. Surveys are available at www.coursesurvey.gatech.edu/student_login.cfm

Memorial ceremony takes place April 15

The annual When the Whistle Blows ceremony will take place Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. on the Tech Tower lawn. When the Whistle Blows is a ceremony honoring the lives of individuals who were part of the Tech community and have passed on during the last year.

Faculty and staff members honored are Kevin Brennan, Barry Crouse, Terrell Farmer, Robert Fulkerson, Ramon Garcia, Douglas Haley, Terry Huff, George McDougal, Jerry Wilson and Hubert Youngblood. Students Justin Fisher, Kevin Kahn, Robert MacKay and Joshua Page will also be remembered.
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Representatives pass budget after two weeks of debate

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday night’s SGA meeting was marked with some urgency. As Executive Vice President Michael Handelman put it: “We must pass the budget.”

“We’ve done a great job so far,” he added, saying the House only needed to continue working efficiently on the business before it.

Undergraduate Student Body President Nate Watson warned that, should the budget not be passed this week, the House would have to meet again during Dead Week.

By the end of the meeting, though, the passage of the budget was announced to the representatives’ applause.

Normally, the budget’s passage would not have neared the end of the year so closely.

“I know mistakes were made with the budget,” said Undergraduate Student Body President Nate Watson in his address to the House. “They had serious consequences. We’re dealing with the budget later than we usually do because of this.”

He continued, “We did not have an experienced JFC returning...we got off to a slow and rocky start.” He called the difficulty of the year’s budget “the biggest JFC has ever faced during my time at Tech...They worked very hard to meet that challenge.”

The evening’s main issue was the amendment of the budget to cut $26,000 from the College of Architecture. The amendment passed.

Nate Watson in his address to the House. “They had serious consequences.”

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

In a marathon meeting that stretched to nearly three hours, the Graduate Senate passed the student activity fee budget at its Tuesday meeting. The passage cleared the way for a conference committee over the weekend that will determine the budget’s final form.

Senators debated two particularly contentious amendments, covering funding for the Music Department and levels of student stipends. Electrical and Computer Engineering senator Eric Clopper authored both amendments.

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making friday lectures more interesting

Senior Staff Writer

By Stephen Marek/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Amy Schmisseur.

Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lawder, however, said the time put into this position easily merits a $2,000 stipend. “This person does spend an extraordinarily large amount of time.”

“If we want these, we will be increasing SGA stipends by 26.5 percent...while others are being cut by as much as 50 percent or more,” Schmisseur said of the SGA stipends added to the budget. “I find it hard to justify only funding positions that you know about and not looking at other positions more closely,” she added, noting that many house members did not know the details of many of the positions whose stipends they cut. Some representatives were concerned with how such action would look for the SGA. However, Industrial and Systems Engineering Representative Matt Ridley said, “I’m not particularly concerned about others’ opinions on whether we cut stipends here and there.”

Representatives again pointed out the SGA positions to be funded take up lots of time. “If you’re doing the job well, you don’t have time to get another job on the side,” Freshman Representative Sara Amiri said, “and I think that’s what it is.”

So, the amendment to reduce the stipends failed.

Schmisseur also brought two amendments before the house; the first was to cut stipends for the USC Treasurer position. Most of the points about this amendment had already been made in earlier discussion, however, and the amendment also failed. The final amendment, however, met with more success. Schmisseur said she spoke with all student publications editors about their current situation with the budget and found that reducing cuts to Era to only 10 percent was more in line with what should be done in the budget. Organizational representatives from Era presented the duties of each position to the House. “We have constantly improved the positions and rarely ask SGA to fund anything, they said.”

“After hearing the representatives’ description, Lawder said he agreed with the amendment to reduce cut in the stipends to Era too. Other representatives agreed, as the amendment was passed. The House also passed three other resolutions with relatively little debate. Further, a resolution expressing con- clusions to “the friends and family of Justin Fisher, a valued member of the Georgia Tech community,” was moved from new business to old business and unanimously passed.

Also moved to old business and passed were some amendments to the bylaws of the Undergraduate Student Government Association. At the meeting’s end, nominations for people to serve on the three-member conference committee for the budget were taken, and the house voted after each nominee’s short speeches.

In a vote that overrode the committee’s selection, the chair, House members selected Ridley, Lawder and Architecture Representative David Andersen.

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Amy Schmisseur

INTA representative

Who is the sexiest SGA candidate? I wonder if next year it will be frongs for SGA president, how can SGA increase their own budget while cutting student pubs? That is soooo hypocritical. Hey stinger driver, do you get paid extra to be an A**? Yet another bitch uses the boyfriend card. I hope they all enjoy a lonely middle age before they settle on the lowest common denominator.

bin voodash

I’ll vote for...nnnnn Satan! no, as president you just have to get things done. you don’t have to be nice to people. I love you, Woobie! Then

Go Yellow J-J-J-G-Unit! Dear Sliver Girl, I thoroughly enjoyed your feedback on the sliver this semester. Thanks for all the sliver miss Sliver girl, I wish you much luck after these two weeks of sliver bliss come to a close Oh no Lucas, you can’t drill that 3-pointer up our a$$.

AHHHHHHHHHHH! WE’RE GOING TO THE FINAL BITCH! TAKE THAT DICKIE V! People said it was impossible, the Jackies make it possible!

How bout it...can we say AMAZING, PROFOUND, EXTRAORDINARY, AWESOME...words can’t describe it...WOW! Our Jackies ball team is too amazing...the coaching and the playing are so wonderful! Congrats to an awesome basketball team, the best in every sense of the word! I LOVE GT BASKETBALL!!! Yellow...Jackies...ALL THE WAY!!!

** THE ANNOUNCERS you said it they were rooting for the wrong team again!
Election from page 1

Newly elected Executive Vice President Lamar Stewart thanks current VP Michael Haudelman after learning he has won the runoff election.

“When asked about his outlook on the election before results were in, Lamar said, “I didn’t really expect anything, the whole time it was really close between me and [Hung], I think both of us did a really good job.”

As for his outlook for next year, Stewart said, “Me and Amy got along all this year in SGA. She’s really easy going and I’m really easy going, so I think that this will work out really well.”

Even after the larger margin of support he held over his opponents, 1,587 votes, versus Case’s 711 votes, from the first round of elections, Phuong did not let up on her campaign.

“Well I felt good, but I didn’t want to get confident, like we’d won already and let off our guard, in that sense I wanted to still put work in and push people hard. “More emails, and scaring people, like telling them, ‘you know, we might not win tomorrow.’” Phuong said when asked what extra campaigning she did during the runoff.

But now that the campaign is over, Phuong plants to “relax, and celebrate. And then we’re going to be ready to go and kick it up next year.”

The roughly 30 percent voter turnout largely exceeded expectations for the runoff elections. “I’m so surprised that there was such a big turnout in the runoff,” said Krista Hollingsworth, SGA Member at Large.

The Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs called in 12 staff members for Saturday’s game and 19 for Monday’s game. Boyd said the planning for the Coliseum viewing and the post-game block party was driven primarily by students.

She said Jeff Smith, president of the SCPC, Alice Snedeker, Panhelmenic president, Megan Lutz, RHA vice president, Dan Porter of Ambassadors and Jen Smith of the Tech Band were all heavily involved in the planning. Boyd said 2,000 raffle tickets ran out 45 minutes before the game began. She estimated that at least 3,500 attended the viewing, but the actual number could have been higher.

“The one thing that I’m sad for is that the team couldn’t see what they [the team] did for campus,” said Boyd. “The student population was so jazzed, and it brought them together in ways I’ve never seen students be together.”

SGA Election Results

Freshman Reps
Patrick Cook (president)
Ashley Efleby
Brionna Ford
Richard Wright

Sophomore Reps
Tiffany Schoenhoff (president)
Saira Amir
Micah Lucas
Joseph McLeod

Junior Reps
Andrew Howard (president)
Paul Byrne
Kevin Sinha
Sherard Chiu

Senior Reps
Eleanor Baccay (president)
Stephanie Bent
Thomas Johnson
Zhe Fan

BME Rep
Augustine Luna

AE Reps
Heidi Anderson
Daniel Hejman

Biology Rep
Aaron Bolduc

ChemE Rep
Robert Eads

CE Rep
Roberto Blackman

Arch Reps
James Holder
Marion Alicea

CS Reps
Adam Edwards
Daniel Pech
Roland Alberciak

EAS Rep
Shadi Sabaoui

EE Reps
Katherine Kearns
Matt Ridley

ECE Reps
Chris Moore
Sidhant Jonas
Sarah Hancock
June Zhang

INTA Rep
Rafael Carrales

MOT Reps
Cristina Baccay
Matt Swanburg
Danny Kenyon

ME Reps
Alexander Michaud
Joseph Sanchez
Cleveland Fann

MSE Rep
Matthew Taylor

PubP Rep
Alex Suarez

Vacant positions: Polymer & Fiber Engineering, Econ, HTS, STAC, Physics, Chem, Math, Psych

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Duke and Maryland to find out what kind of response program to implement. She said she was also on the police force at N.C. State in 1983 when it won the championship and thus had some experience in dealing with the situation.

The police plan shut down certain streets so that pedestrians and vehicles would not have to interact, and to keep people who were not part of the Tech community out.

On Saturday, the fire department responded to several small dumpster fires. After the game, police also met with several Greek organizations to advise them again against the use of firecrackers. There was one arrest, but the offender was not a student.

During Monday’s game, Housing had 37 staff members on duty when normally there would be eight, Morrison said.

By Jon Kaye / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

At 7...room 137 flag building...free pizza
The Christian Student Organization successfully lobbied for a reconsideration of the Senate version of the bill, which failed last week. The Senate version differed from the House version, the budget now goes to conference committee. A final budget comes up for a vote next Tuesday.

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

Coalition faces Shi'ite insurgency in Iraq

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Wednesday the Iraq coalition faces "a test of will" in which the future of the people of Iraq is at stake. Coalition forces worked Wednesday against insurgents in various Iraqi cities one day after it fought off the deadliest ground attack seen in the region since President Bush declared an end to major combat last May 1.

The fighting was especially intense in Fallujah, the site of last week's gruesome scene of the mob-driven desecration of the bodies of four American contractors killed in the city. Among the damage caused in the attacks was the bombing of a mosque in the city after a rocket fired from the building struck a marine vehicle, wounding five marines. Reports on the bombing's casualties vary; some witnesses said as many as 40 were killed, and the bombing came just as worshippers gathered in the mosque. Master Sgt. Robert Beyer confirmed the killing of one "enemy combatant," and said there were "no worshippers" or civilian casualties.

Fugitive terrorist suspects take credit for attacks

Fugitive suspected terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi Tuesday claimed responsibility for attacks that have targeted U.S. and other coalition forces over the year in which Baghdad has been occupied. Middle East intelligence experts authenticated the tape that al-Zarqawi's claim. The attacks al-Zarqawi referenced in the tape include the August 19 bombing of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, as well as numerous other attacks on coalition forces.

Study claims frequent sex may reduce cancer risk

A recent study of 30,000 men found that, contrary to some research, frequent sexual activity may reduce the risk of prostate cancer. Previously, researchers had thought more frequent sexual activity in men increased the risk; however, this recent study showed men with the highest rate of ejaculations per month were linked with decreased cancer risks. However, due to the relatively small number of men who reported heavy sexual activity in the study, more research is needed.
B-ball creates community

The successes accrued by this season’s Yellow Jacket basketball team are nearly overshadowed by the intense community spirit that has formed to rally around the players, coaches and the school as a whole. The number of people that have joined together in cheering on the Ramblin’ Jackets includes the young, the old, alumni, students and even members of the Bulldog Nation.

The collaborative efforts of the Residents’ Hall Association, Student Government Association, Student Center Programs Council, Department of Housing, Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Department of Facilities and the GT Police Department made being on campus during the Jacket’s nail-biting trek through the bracket exciting, by giving everyone the chance to feel a part of the action with game viewing locations, free food and post-game celebrations. The students responded in turn by acting responsibly when the team won and when they lost.

The volumes of students who were made into fans this season because of the heart-and-soul players and a humble coach showed their appreciation by sending the team off with warm wishes and greeting the team with genuine cheer. Never before in recent memory has this campus gathered together in such a demonstrable way to state its support for something.

The effect of the Jacket’s run through the NCAA Championship series will not be just another banner hanging proudly in the Coliseum, it will be the added pride each member of the Tech community—students, faculty, alumni, unassociated fans—will hold in their hearts, the pride of the upstanding men that represented this Institute and its ideals.

The team should know that the relatively low attendance (compared with previous celebrations) at Tuesday’s welcome home celebration was not the result of disappointment; it was likely due to scheduling conflicts. If the team could have seen the spirit of the students on the streets and in the Coliseum during Monday night’s viewing of the championship game, the strength of student and alumni support would be reaffirmed. Professors even got in on the act of supporting the team, just in different ways—postponing tests and due dates— to give students the chance to flaut their love of the Yellow Jackets.

The experience of the past few months has spawned a family atmosphere among the Georgia Tech community that mirrors the oft-noted one among the team. This family of basketball believers is honored to be led by such an outstanding group, and we look forward to another awe-inspiring run next year.

Consensus Opinion

Set education to lofty goals, not money

Is your life planned out? Do you know exactly where you will be two to three years from this exact moment? If you are like most Tech students, myself included, you probably looked at that informative listing of the average starting salary and income for each major when considering your future.

It is me that these lists are prevalent and routinely showcased as a valuable, reliable set of data. This is just one facet of a much larger problem I see not only on this campus, but also assumedly with our entire generation. Our lives seem to be planned with salary as the measure of success.

As we all learn in our statistics classes, averages are easily distorted by extremes. All it takes is one student placed in a high-paying position at his or her parent’s company to skew the data. It is easy to hear professors state that these numbers are readily available, if not forced to every student considering entering Tech. Just about every step of the way these sheets and numbers are inserted into informational packets. This placement of value upon starting salaries is just plain wrong.

Is there any value to knowing the average starting salary for a major? How does the administration want us to use these numbers? May be there is a sense of pride someone should feel based on the prospect of the large sums of money they’ll make if they major in management.

We Public Policy majors often study designs of different organizations. Universities are routinely classified as coping organizations, meaning the inputs and outputs are hard to measure. What poor managers do in these organizations is latch onto tangible numbers to try to prove their success.

The problem is, these aren’t often related to success. Tech seems to embrace the false measures, like the number of graduating students and starting salaries, as indicators of the Institute’s success. This has seeped into students’ philosophies. As a Computer Science major, comments on salaries in classes were rampant. Changing into the School of Public Policy I naively thought that attitudes would change. Anybody entering into the public sector is delusional if they do it for the money. However, the glat of hopeful-lawyers proved me wrong.

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One of my professors recounted a devil’s advocate role he often plays with students. It goes something like this:

Professor: “Why did you come to high school?”

Student: “So I could get into a good college.”

Professor: “Why did you come to my class today?”

Student: “Because I want to get a good grade.”

Professor: “Why do you want to get a good grade?”

Student: “So I can get a good job when I get out of college.”

Professor: “Why do you want a good job?”

Student: “So I can make a lot of money.”

Let us suppose that we make it to the top. So what? We make a lot of money. Maybe we buy a lot of cars, marry and have some kids. Is that our purpose, just to reproduce? Why not make changes in the world? We are all smart people here, and it should be a crime for our education and ingenuity to make a profit simply for the sake of making a profit.

There is nothing wrong with making a profit. My recommendation comes in the form that Tech needs to do more than just have a superfri Gin Institute motto of “Progress and Service.”

We do have an ethics requirement, but for engineering majors it’s an annoyance and almost a joke. There is no way to teach ethics in a 100 plus enrollment setting. It’s done this way because there isn’t enough funding to recruit and maintain enough of these professors. There should be a higher priority for smaller class sizes through obtaining more professors. In many ways, teaching ethics is more important than teaching most courses, especially say one on the Politics of Lord of the Rings.

Adding more ethics courses will not change our human nature of desiring a lot of money. But there is no reason that affecting great change in the world will leave you poor. In this new age of increased corporate accountability and heightened patriotism, we just need to reevaluate how we learn and what we plan to do with our education. In the end, buying an extra car or a larger house is not going to change the world. Changing the world, however, is something all Tech graduates should aspire to.
Swaan song recommends campus involvement

Well, it looks like it is finally time to escape from Tech. I’ve been here for five years now, and looking back, it doesn’t even seem like it has lasted a minute. I’ve seen friends come and go, and I’ve seen firsthand the beginnings of the semester system at Tech, and the campus seems like a different place with all of the buildings that are going up and coming down everyday.

After all of this, you might think that I’d be tired of the goings-on of college life, but I’d do it over again day after day given the opportunity. I have learned so many things and changed so much since coming to Tech, people who knew me beforehand would probably barely recognize me anymore. I think all of this has been for the better, though some may argue otherwise. My tastes in music, study habits and what I like to do have all changed since coming to Tech. In most cases they have changed in a di- rection where I am more open minded about things.

So you might think that after all this time at Georgia Tech I might have a little of advice for those just getting started or won- dering what their next step should be. I suppose I might have a little. My number one piece of ad- vice for people just getting start- ed at Tech is to join Technique photgraphy staff (the pictures are really the only things you look at, aren’t they? Well I guess if you’re reading this editorial that isn’t true, so maybe I’ll get the editors opinion to print this in really large print for the rest of you). That plug aside, I will try to give you some real advice.

The most important piece of advice I would give to people at Tech is to get involved and meet as many people as you can, and then meet some more. The best experiences you have going to school probably won’t have any- thing to do with class or playing video games in your dorm room so meeting as many people as you can and getting involved with as many different things as you can is very important.

I know I’ve said this in most of my editorials (which, no doubt, you have become a great fan of and cannot wait to read), but it is definitely very important to get involved in a leaders cap- acity while at Tech. Not only does it give you good experienc-


e necessary in real life (as well as for padding your resume), it helps you create a more well rounded you. I know it has really helped me to become a more well round- ed person. It was very hard for me to get involved in this capaci- ty, being the shy person that I am, but I am very happy for having done so.

The second thing I would tell everyone they have to do is to get involved with sporting events at Tech. Georgia Tech has one of the finest athletics programs in the country and with that comes a great experience for the fans.

Most of the sports are fun to watch, everything from popular sports like basketball and foot- ball, to less watched sports like women’s volleyball and baseball.

In addition to being a great ex- perience for the fans, it really does give a boost to the players. For those people who think they do not enjoy watching sports, all I can say is go to a few games, and it will grow on you. If you would have told me when I got to Tech I would go to nearly every basketball game and vol- leyball game in a year’s time, I would have said that you were crazy. Neither of these sports interested me remotely, but some- how I was convinced to go to a few of these games, and I be- came a huge fan, joining the Swarm and going to nearly ev- ery game.

I then became the photogra- phy editor of the Technique, and while there still exists a few in me, I have to restrain it to re- main professional. Cheering on your team, especially when they are as good as most of our sports teams are, is a very rewarding experience, and you won’t find this kind of experience in pro-
fessional sports, so take advan- tage of it while you can go to the games for free (well…you are required to pay a fee) because you won’t ever get such an oppor- tunity again.

So I guess the most impor- tant thing you should get out of this is to enjoy your time at Tech by attempting to get involved outside of your classes and your bedroom.

This may not be the easiest thing for a lot of Techies, but it will make your time at the Insti- tute a much more rewarding ex- perience, even if it does kill your grade point average.

Voting turns out

The Institute traditionally re- gisters one of the highest voting percentages in the nation for SGCA elections, with this year’s reg- istered voters reaching a record high. No record of voters were recorded for the general election, meaning that around one-third of the student body casted their vote.

Yellow pollen... ...it’s just school spirit! More like it’s just a nuisance to cars all across campus and allergic stu- dents. The annual cycle Tech residents can expect every several weeks ago with smelly trees and has now arrived at the pollen portion of the process. If your eyes are red and puffy, we vote for a trip to the Health Center.

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BUZZ Around the Campus

Where did you watch the Game?

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IE Junior

“Coliseum, second row!”

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AE Freshman

“San Antonio.”

Andrea Rodriguez
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“At the Coliseum”

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EE Sophomore

“At home.”

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Housing application process effective, reform not that simple

Last week’s editorial on the housing sign-up process by Karl Guertin is off the mark. While many points he makes throughout the article are valid opinions, Guertin should have done some research into the process before bashing it. Each year in the fall, before housing sign-ups begin, a committee of students and housing officials meet to set up the housing sign-up process for the next year. This includes everything from how to sign up for housing to the priority each student is given. The Student Government Association, Residence Hall Association, Greeks and the average resident all have a voice on this committee. Guertin’s suggested process of allowing students to sign up for housing in pairs and blocks is infeasible. By doing this, housing would be giving priority to students who sign up in blocks and pairs, thereby hurting the average resident. In other words, all one would have to do to increase their chances of getting housing is find one or three friends, when in fact a large percentage of those students who sign up for housing do so without a roommate or block preference.

While the $600 prepayment may seem steep, it is this fee that ultimately keeps housing prices from going even more through the roof. The $600 prepayment helps ensure that people who sign up for housing actually stay with housing for the following year. If too many people sign up on a whim, housing will not full the next year, which would mean higher rates the following year. Guertin’s online system would be nice, but the current budget situation for Housing and the Institute as a whole does not allow for such a system. Most years, a senior design group proposes a similar system which is rejected for lack of quality. It was the committee’s decision to have students continue to physical-ly go and sign up for new rooms to allow students to see all possible options when their selection number is called. Any other feasible system would not allow this.

It is these facts listed above that Guertin should have researched prior to writing his editorial. While everyone is allowed their own opinion and many of Guertin’s concerns are valid, he should have researched his proposed solutions before complaining about Housing’s and the committee’s efforts to solve the problems. If you have any suggestions on the housing process and would liked them discuss at next year’s Priorities Committee meeting, please send me an email.

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Replace students with robots, see support soar

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Fire victims rebuild with community’s help

By Joshua Canoe
Senior Staff Writer

Veer Mahajan, a second-year Biomedical Engineering graduate student, was returning to his room in Home Park for lunch on March 23 when he noticed something burning in the building next door.

“I was the one who called 911, and [firefighters] came after ten minutes and started dousing the fire,” he said, though they arrived too late to prevent the fire from spreading to his building.

Word quickly spread to the building’s other residents.

“I was working in my lab when [someone] called me and... he just said, ‘The house is on fire,’” said Aravind Nayak, a fifth-year Computer Engineering Ph.D. student who lived in the same building as Mahajan.

At first, Nayak didn’t believe the caller. But then, “I went out of the lab [and saw] huge cloud of smoke, and then I thought, ‘Okay, this is not good.’”

Yet they and the other residents remained calm even as they watched Atlanta’s firefighters racing to douse the flames. Nayak, for instance, was able to return to work in his lab while Mahajan went out in search of food. There was nothing else they could do, they said, until the firefighters declared the buildings safe for entry.

Nevertheless, that day still exists vividly in the minds of Nayak, Mahajan and the other students who lost their homes. They have spent the weeks since then recovering from the tragedy to the best of their abilities.

The first step was to salvage what they could from the wreckage. Once inside, the residents of these buildings discovered that, despite the flames leaping from the rooftops and the towering pillar of smoke, the damage to most of the students’ rooms was moderate.

Nayak and Mahajan said that their losses were minimal.

“The only problem for me was my car,” Nayak said. “A lot of plastic parts got melted.”

“I salvaged 50, 60 percent of my clothes,” Mahajan said, adding, “some of my personal belongings [and books are] fine.”

Others were not as lucky.

“I lost most of my clothes, bedding, electronics (a printer, a camcorder, etc.) and most of my books were wet and full of soot,” said Shantanu Kangude, a fifth-year Computer Engineering Ph.D. student and Mahajan’s roommate. However, Kangude did manage to recover all of his personal documents and his laptop charger.

Nevertheless, despite the success of the salvage operation, some of the residents did have to fight with depression for the first few days in light of their sudden loss.

“The initial shock, it took some time to get over,” Mahajan said.

The jokes originated with Arrowood, though he was messing around with the Tech homepage long before April Fool’s Day.

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Sunny Khera
GT basketball fan

In high school I went to all the games, because my two best friends were on the high school basketball team. I’m always about school spirit, so as soon as I came, I was like ‘gotta root for the basketball team.’

A believer from the beginning, Khera was one of the few who had faith in Yellow Jacket basketball, even after they lost last year’s star player Chris Bosh to the NBA.

“Everyone was like, ‘Oh, now we’re not going to be that good,’ and I was just like ‘whatever, they are going to be great!’ Even before the season started I was just so excited, and I just started rooting for them hard-core,” she said.

A third year management major, Khera has gotten a chance to personally get to know more than a few of team members.

“I know B.J. and Ish,” she said, “they are like my friends. They are people I can give a hug to, or call if I need to talk to them. Mario West and Jarrett Jack are in my [human resources] class, and B.J. and Luke are in my finance class.”

Knowing the players gives Khera an even greater reason to be a fan. “Now I am rooting for friends and people that I know. So it’s more special than being just a fan, it’s this love and support for people that I know, and I can wave and they will wave back.”

With her constant presence at all home games, it was inevitable that the team began to notice her ardent support.
Fools

In addition, a fake error message would pop up that said, “Warning! We have detected the Drucilla Monitor Virus, click here for more details.”

According to the fake description, the virus could be passed if, for example, the user touched his monitor and then touched another monitor without washing his hands. “It was meant to be totally over the top,” Arrowood said.

Unfortunately, the reaction was not what he had hoped. OIT’s computing support group were “none too pleased...They wanted my head,” he recalled. Other people phoned the department, saying they wanted him fired.

The fun did not stop there: “One of the news people wanted to come out and interview me,” he said. “I thought everything was fine, and then they pitched it really negatively, like I caused panic and did it to be malicious and to cause mass pandemonium.”

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History of April Fool’s jokes

1996 – heT agreed?

Adam Arrowood, a Research Scientist at OIT, turned to Photoshop and reversed everything on the Tech homepage. “What we really loved was that people called in to Customer Support saying, ‘There’s something wrong with your server, it’s serving everything backwards!’”

1997 – Now you see it, now you don’t

The next year, the team did disappearing images, making the Tech homepage load and unload. “That was kind of funny and people kind of enjoyed that, but not as much as the backwards one,” Arrowood said.

1998 – Don’t matter if you’re black or white

The homepage was changed to appear in black and white instead of color. “We...announced that we’d put a color filter on the network...in order to keep bandwidth, which from a technical standpoint is a totally ridiculous statement,” Arrowood commented.

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2000 – To Hell With Georgia!

After the response from the previous year, 2000’s joke was much more toned down, and took the form of a press release linked from the Tech homepage. In addition, because April Fool’s was on a Saturday that year, the team went for a more "subtle" prank, writing a fake news story that said that Tech was relocating to Athens.

2001 – Georgia Tech... Coyotes?

In 2001, AOL bought Time Warner, which inspired a fake press release saying that AOL was buying Tech as well. The press release introduced possible changes to the Institute, such as the prospect of the beloved Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets becoming the "AOL Time Warner Georgia-Tech.com Wolf E. Coyotes."

2002 – Ponce’s Gold

Inspired by all the construction around campus, Arrowood introduced the search of Tech’s “Archaeology Department” for the gold of Ponce de Leon, which centered on digging up his namesake street. Unfortunately, the joke did not go over well. “It was crickets. Nothing positive, nothing negative. I don’t know if anyone even saw it.”

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2003 –you had best check with Emeka Oakfor

We'll be back UConn, with a vengence

Emeka Oakfor can SUCK IT... we had an awesome season and next year will be better!

So did we lose to UCONN or the refs?

Thanks Refs, you UCK!!!

We like each other. We like seeing each other. So why don't we ever actually see each other?

Conservation of energy versus entropy? Who will win?

If you add energy to a system, does it become more organized, or does it become more chaotic?

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began the "press-release era," as he called it, where the April Fool’s joke came in the form of a bogus press release on the Tech homepage.

"It really became a 'how well can I write something funny?' as opposed to fooling somebody. I don't know [if] anyone really believed our stories,” he said.

Despite a lackluster response, Arrowood, who went to Tech as an undergrad, said, “I’ve always looked at the press release thing as a really good chance to dig at UGA.”

In addition, last year there was no joke because of the start of the Iraqi war. Arrowood felt there was too much anxiety and suspense to use the web for anything other than real information. This year, however, the joke was revived—thoughts were a little different. Because the Final Four brought increased traffic to the Tech homepage, ICPC was "expecting a lot more scrutiny from external people," and that page was not altered.

Instead, word got around somehow that the UGA site had been altered—and students quickly passed the link on to friends through IM and word of mouth. Arrowood was not behind the UGA joke, and would only say, "The only answer I have is George F. Burdell...I took a vow of secrecy.”

Another positive attribute of the joke is that it does not know whether anyone approved it or not. "I don't even know who knows who did it," he said. “A lot of people assumed it was me, and I have to tell everyone it’s not me.”

Although they have plans for crazier stunts than the Drucilla Monitor Virus, the fate of the April Fool’s joke is in the air. Arrowood has since entered into retirement from his prank-pulling career.

"Still, he said mischievously, "Look for one next year. There might be one, there might not. It all depends on the climate, what's going on in the world..."

While this year’s joke will not be archived, all though was not note Fool’s jokes can be found at www.gatech.edu/april-fools.

In 1999, the Tech homepage was blurred, and a pop-up warning appeared that said that the user had contracted "The Drucilla Monitor Virus" and OIT to receive many alarmed phone calls.

sliver box
Ryan Johnson posts flyers for his campaign. Candidates had to document all expenses—banners, posters, candy—in a campaign finance report.

**Finance** from page 11

cards, as long as they can put their info on one side,” she said.

Many of the candidates used their connections to find friends who were willing to host their campaign website so that they only had to pay for domain forwarding; friends also helped with volunteering for other aspects of their campaign.

However, because of the way the candidates were required to count expenses, some of the costs that were listed on their finance report were not actually incurred by the candidates themselves.

“You have to include all donated items as well in your expense report, as if you spent it,” said candidate Ryan Johnson. “Take all of the copying and printing services and paper. I got all that for free from work...so I didn’t really spend $235; it was actually much less.”

In the end, the money was trivial in comparison to the amount of time and energy the candidates spent on their campaign. “The amount of time spent campaigning is more of a drain,” Johnson said. “Every night there are many groups to talk to, many people/groups to email and appointments to set up.”

For some of the candidates, though, the time they spent campaigning translated into a heavy opportunity cost. Bernstein, who is currently co-oping, took a week and a half off from work to campaign during the day. In terms of the money he could have earned from his job, he said, “the campaign actually cost me close to $2000.”

However, he pointed out, “I can do CS anytime...but how often can I run for SGA president?”

**Fire** from page 11

day, and I was really worried about it,” he said. “All the time I was hoping that important documents like my passport, visa and degrees...did not perish.”

The next priority following the recovery of their possessions was finding room and board for the remainder of the semester. Nayak, Mahajan and Kangude all expressed their gratitude toward the Department of Housing for providing them and the other residents temporary quarters in the Graduate Living Center.

The residents then shopped for or borrowed new clothing and other sundries, in some cases using monetary donations from organizations such as the Red Cross and the Georgia Tech Research Institute, where Nayak works. Nayak also took his car into the shop for repairs.

Meanwhile, Associate Dean of Students Stephanie Ray was spearheading a drive to collect replacement supplies for the residents. A mass email to the student body was sent out a few days after the fire asking for donations.

“The response has been great,” she said. Thanks to the contributions of several departments and organizations, the Office of the Dean of Students has collected enough kitchenware, linens, clothing and other personal effects to satisfy most of the needs of the residents.

Since then, life has slowly been returning to normal for victims of the Home Park fire. Nayak, Mahajan and Kangude all reported that the fire was not detrimental to their education or other ambitions in the long run, but they will need to make up for lost time.

“I’ll be graduating at the end of summer...so it was kind of an awkward time,” Nayak said. “There are a couple of things that fell back by a week...so I need to catch up.”

Kangude, who finds himself in a similar situation, said that graduation will make the recovery easier.

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The fact that I am soon beginning a new life in another city and getting a degree makes me happy,” he said. “If I was staying at school for more time, I am sure I would have felt otherwise.”

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Yet all of them said that they have walked away a little bit wiser.

“When we went back to get the things from the wreckage, the smell and devastation did remind me of our own mortality,” Kangude said. “It depressed me for some time, that things which are here now may not be [here] later.”

On a more practical note, “I’m sorry I did not have renter’s insurance,” Mahajan said.

But their lives are back on track now due in large part to Georgia Tech’s assistance.

“This is what the Tech spirit is all about,” Ray said. “In times like these, I am reminded of how giving our community really is.”

The residents echoed these sentiments, praising both the entire Georgia Tech and Atlanta communities for easing their transition pains.

“I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from friends and strangers,” Kangude said. “I would like to request people to donate to the Red Cross at least once a year. They really help people when disaster strikes.”

Mahajan added, “I just want to say thank you to Georgia Tech and the Dean of Students and my advisor and the faculty and the departments, the Housing Office, the Georgia Tech Research Institute, the Red Cross, the city of Atlanta...”

“The whole community has been really supportive,” Nayak said. “[It] makes it much more easier to deal with.”

The Office of the Dean of Students reports that they still need a few more gift certificates and two additional computers. Anybody wishing to donate can bring their gifts to Suite 210 in the Student Service Building.
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"i can’t even tell you, it was the best feeling in the world [getting into the sweet 16], knowing that i had started rooting for them from the beginning, and that they had gotten so far, and i believed that we could," she said.

with tech being the underdog during much of the tournament, sunny and her fellow fans have had to learn to deal with the numerous naysayers.

"when the commentators talk all that crap, i’m just like, shut up, and let the game do the talking," she said.

from the heartiness of her voice, one could tell that this weekend ... had been an ordeal for khera, but she kept her positive attitude.

"even though [the championship game] was a heartbreaker, we were so proud that we had gotten that far, when all odds were against us," she said.

and she has full faith in next year: "i think we’re going to go all the way," she said.

totally understand khera’s commitment to the team, one has to take a trip to her room in sixth street, where every inch of her 12-by-12-foot wall is covered with articles and memorabilia from this season.

"it all started out with the post-er," said khera, and "the wall" started growing from there.

along the items tacked on to the wall are two tickets from the first exhibition games, the season schedule, a t-shirt made for senior night bearing marvin lewis’ number, and a stuffed monkey dunking a basketball. "the monkey is Ish, dunking," said khera.

she even has a plane ticket that belonged to marvin west when he came back from the north carolina game. "one day in class he took it out and i just grabbed it and told him that it would go on my wall," she said.

and then there are articles, tons and tons of articles. "i would see her sitting there for hours cutting them all out," said khera’s twin sister and roommate, manpreet khera. "she digs for these articles."

her sister added, "my parents who live in augusta save every single article from our local newspaper for her, and she has all the technique articles and pictures up."

according to manpreet, people who come to visit are "so fascinated with the wall that they also started contributing with ajc articles or whatever they could find to help her collection."

"everyone who comes and sees it is amazed; they all just stand with their mouths wide open," she said.

khera’s wall contains every single poster ever given or ever made, a plethora of pictures, all kinds of basketball and banners from the bookstore and various other "near GT basketball things," says manpreet. "i mean, it is just a masterpiece."

asked if she had a favorite player, khera responded, "if i had to choose a favorite player, i couldn’t. i just love them all. i love the team, the way the team is."
Winner receives a free student combo at Li’l Dinos

Last week’s winner:
James Sanders

Last week’s Tech Up Close:
Sign on west end of Student Services Building

email: focus@technique.gatech.edu
**Piedmont hosts annual Dogwood Festival**

**By C. Jason Malhoy**  
Senior Staff Writer

The 68th annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival took place this past weekend, clogging the streets of Midtown with revelers, artists and frisbee-catching dogs. The festival also boasted the presence of over 50 musical acts, and while they were not necessarily of Music Midtown caliber, people seemed to have a good time nonetheless. For those who slept through the festivities, try to go next year, as it is an Atlanta event not to be missed.

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**Q.E.D. Original Comic Strip**

**Panel 1:**
Dad: So Dad, can you help me learn calculus or what?

**Panel 2:**
Son: I don't know, my feelings have always been hurt...

**Panel 3:**
Dad: Well, in that case... uh, well you see Larry, the thing is I never really knew calculus per se...

**Panel 4:**
Son: But how was a second grader going to know?

by Brian Lewis (gtg043f@mail.gatech.edu)
Tech bands battle it out at Couch

By Hillary Lipko
Staff Writer

Last Friday night, Under the Couch played host to a Battle of the Bands competition in which six Tech bands competed for a cash prize as well as the opportunity to play a 30-minute set at yesterday’s Sting Break concert.

The bands, whose sounds ranged from acoustic, violin-backed folk rock to crazy niche rap-rock about ninjas, played to a packed house and a panel of judges which included members of the Student Center Programs Council and 99X morning show intern Fat Kid.

Each band played a short two to three song set and was judged on a variety of categories, including stage presence, audience reaction and musical proficiency.

Goodnight Moon, Schming and Ninja Stealth were the three bands chosen to advance to the second round, in which they were judged on the performance of a final song in order to decide the winner.

The three-piece Goodnight Moon offered an intimate brand of contemporary rock fronted by a female vocalist that seems best suited for smaller venues such as Under the Couch, a coffeehouse or a bar.

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Both Goodnight Moon and Ninja Stealth must have been too far to either extreme, however, as the Battle of the Bands title went to Schming—a rock quartet whose appearance was described by one audience member to be Beatles-esque.

Schming’s performance displayed a unique stage personality and an appealing sound that should round out yesterday’s Sting Break concert event nicely. All of the bands that performed last Friday are worth checking out at future gigs on and near campus.

Ninja Stealth frontman Swaff promotes ninja pride during the band’s performance at Under the Couch last Friday. The band placed second in the Battle of the Bands competition. Student band Schming placed first.
Horizon's Drawer Boy showcases pleasures of simple life

By Fenton Gardner
Contributing Writer

Written by Michael Healey, the Horizon Theatre Company's production of The Drawer Boy is a masterpiece. It is a warm tale that shows the beauty of friendship and the destructiveness of dishonesty.

In Drawer Boy, the world of lifelong friends Angus (Chris Kayser) and Morgan (Larry Larson) is changed forever after the arrival of a young urban actor named Miles (Justin Welborn), who is seeking to lodge with the friends on their small farm in Canada in order to write a play about farming.

Much to the surprise of Miles, instead of being able to simply make notes and record what he sees, Morgan, a no-nonsense kind of guy, demands that he help around the farm.

An extra set of hands is definitely welcome because Angus, although a delightful and friendly man, has a memory loss problem since receiving a near-fatal head injury during the time he and Morgan spent as soldiers in World War II.

After returning from the war, Morgan took on the role of surrogate big brother and provider for Angus. During Miles' tenure as a makeshift farmer, he begins to wonder about Angus' condition and questions both Morgan and Angus, but to no avail because Morgan is not very forthcoming with information about his past.

As fate would have it, one evening Miles hears Morgan tell Angus their story, which became a custom every night for the two because the story currently playing at Horizon Theater.

Young urban actor Miles (Justin Welborn, front) gives his impression of cows being milked as farmer Morgan (Larry Larson, rear) laughs at his city-boy point of view. The (Larry Larson, rear) laughs at his city-boy point of view. ... currently playing at Horizon Theater.

By Kathryn Kolb / Horizon Theater

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GT Basketball: Thanks for a wonderful season
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i’d like to thank one of my ramblers, our new friends, super-cool alumni, the entire men’s basketball team, and coaching staff, and the cities of st louis and san antonio for making the last two weekends congrats to the men’s basketball team on an amazing record-breaking season!
I HATE THE RAMBLIN ‘RECK CLUB!!
Reason; I paid $180 for my ticket for the Final Four, and got myself to the Westin on time
I earned a 4th row ticket, only about 6 of y’all earned a 3rd row ticket
So, those inconsiderate s.o.b.’s decided to shove 30 people where 10 should be and then get mad at me for complaining that i can’t see @swipes
Our basketball players are so much hotter than UConn’s players...I love them all!
I’m hungry
Where’s my cell phone! Oh, I’m talking on it.
Only one more week for me, and then the new sliver girl takes over 24 days until graduation!

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It’s confession time. Despite all my high talk of being Mr. Big Man—especially in the pants, zing (alright, that’s the last one for a while)—I am, in reality, a big, huge, monumental, epic in both width and breadth, sissy.

Seriously, I’m scared of everything: flying, driving, large dogs and small dogs. I mean everything. I’m still scared of the dark for God’s sake—the dark?

If I go into a dark room and the light switch is on the other side, well then, whatever’s in that room can wait ‘til morning because, mark my words, there is (not might be, is) a psychopathic madman hidden somewhere between me and that light switch who, I’m reasonably certain, is of the mind to facilitate a private, intimate meeting between my face and his machete, but I’m too smart for him. I don’t need no stinking toilet. I’ll pee out the window, dammit.

But my most recent fear, my phobia du jour if you will, is zombies—filthy, brain-eating zombies. I like to think that I’m more or less on the record as being officially against zombies in all their forms, be they the traditional shamblers, to the technically-still-alive Haitian voodoo breed, to those bastards from the new Dawn of the Dead flick that can run like track stars.

Honestly, I’m not at all comfortable with the idea of someone who is quite dead being not only able to outrun me but totally kick my butt in a race.

Traditionally, zombies have always played the redheaded stepchild to your more visibly lethal darlings of horror. That’s their strength, you see. People see a horde of zombies marching up to their front door and they’re like, “Oh man, zombies. I should do something—” awkward pause—“after ‘Conan.’” You know what? The zombies don’t even care about the Conan O’Brien Show. They find him tedious ever since Andy left. You’re barely through the monologue and BAM zombies everywhere. It was a rerun too, you jackass.

People always underestimate zombies; always think they’re not that big a deal. They’re like the water damage of the undead. Only instead of eating away at your patio, they eat away at your frontal lobes and, if they’re latecomers, your eyeballs.

It’s not like zombies are really all that hard to deal with. Except for the occasional runner, the best most of them can manage is a stiff-legged shamble. You could dispatch with upwards of ten or twelve of them with just a fireplace poker.

Also, if you do happen to have some firearms, it’s ok to let them get close enough so that you have a clean shot. It probably took ‘em about half an hour to cross the ten yards over to you; they’re not gonna speed up a whole lot on those last three or four feet.

Hell, if all else fails, just get behind a pull-open door. They’re not so good with knobs, those zombies. Tough to call upon the functionality of one’s higher brain when a family of field mice has taken up residence in it.

Now, in the movies, the zombies are always weirdly good at breaking through doors and walls and such. However, unless they’re beating those doors a whole buttload harder when the camera’s not rolling, I’d be willing to bet those doors were made out of balsa wood and scotch tape.

I mean, seriously, they’re just slapping at them. You can’t tear through anything stronger than cardboard by sissy-fighting it. It’s just not gonna happen.

So yeah, zombies. They suck, but if you’re not an absolute retard, you should probably be able to make it out on the other side ok. I don’t really have an ending for this, so I’ve decided to go for the Carrie Bradshaw, unsympathetic closing.

So, here goes. Should you ever have sex with a zombie? Not on your life!
Angus and Morgan after seeing the story, Miles feels betrayed, Angus is extremely excited and overwhelmed to see himself and his lifelong friend portrayed on stage. It starts a chain reaction of events that lead to Angus’ reollection of past events.

All viewers will consider the fidelity and truthfulness the charac ters express to their loved ones. The Drawer Boy is a must-see work of art for those who regularly attend the theater and for persons who just love a good story. The actors are brilliant in their representation of ’70s Canadians on a farm in a small town. The joy of love, the ecstasy of grief and pureness of pain will affect anyone who sees this beautiful, warm and humorous tale.

Submit a sliver at nique.net/silver...say (almost) anything you want!
**Baseball** from page 28

A near inside the ballpark homer against Georgia Southern a few weeks ago. He has only committed two errors this season giving him an impressive .958 fielding percentage. Patterson has helped turn 17 double plays.

On the speed of Patterson, Coach Hall said, “We have several guys that I give the green light to, and let them run whenever they feel like they can run. Patterson is a great base stealer.”

**Shortstop: B**

Tylor Greene is one of only three Tech players to start every game this season, and is hitting a respectable .298 at the plate. Greene has been hit by seven pitches on the season, and has hit 11 doubles out of his thirty-six hits.

**Third Base: C**

Third base is one of the areas that Tech must improve on in order to make a post season run. Wes Hodges has started the majority of the games at third base. Hodges is hitting .355 on the season with a team-high 12 doubles. A major plus for Hodges is that he puts the ball in play. His defense has been shaky at times, however.

**Outfield: B**

Tech’s outfield has overcome the loss of Jeremy Slayden nine games ago. He has only committed two errors on the season, and opponents have only hit .215 off of him. Opponents have only hit .238 against him. Owings has a 3-2 record on the year for Tech.

**Starting Pitching: A**

The starters have been phenom-

atical for the first part of the season. Freshman Lee Hyde has done a re-

markable job as the midweek starter for Tech. Hyde has a 2-1 record in 10 appearances on the season with a 4.32 ERA. Brian Burks, Andrew Kown and Micah Owings have made up the weekend rotation to this point in the season. They have a combined 9.5-4 record in 24 starts.

“Our starters have done a great job,” Hall said. Kown has a 4-1 record and has pitched the only complete game of the year for Tech. He has struck out 47 of the opposition batters on the season, and opponents only have hit .244 against him. Owings has a 3-2 record with an ERA of 3.99 with opponents hitting .215 off of him. Owings has struck out 50 this season. One of Owings wins came against UGA when he came out of the bullpen pitching very good, but we still need to keep working to get better,” Hall said. Owings will be a needed addition to the bullpen. Freshman John Goodman has pitched well at times, but will need to continue to improve. Ryan Self has done the best job out of the bullpen. Self has pitched in 15 games, and has only given up three earned runs in 10 innings pitched.

**Offense: A**

The Jackets offensive attack went idle for a two-week stretch of the season, but has been revitalized as of late. The Jackets went out to California in the early part of the season, but the team struggled against the West Coast teams.

The Jackets found their stride in mid-March against Purdue. As a team, they are hitting .322 with 35 home runs. The team has scored 270 runs on the year, and the only glitch at the plate has been the frequency in which they ground into double plays. They have only hit into 27 double plays on the year, but they have been in crucial situa-

**Defense: A+**

The defense has been the area of the greatest improvement for the team this year. The past few years the fielding has been a Achilles heel, but this year the defense has kept them in the games. The Jackets have a .970 fielding percentage and have committed only 35 errors on the season. “That has been one of our bright spots. That has been one reason that we’ve improved,” Hall said on his team’s defense.

**Close Games: C**

Tech is 2-1 in extra innings games, and they are only 7-7 in games de-

cided by three runs or less. Tech has played a tough schedule. They have played eight games against teams ranked in the top 25, and have a record of 3-5 against them. The team’s record could have been 5-3 had they not given up a few late inning leads, but with maturity the wins will come.

“We’ve lost a few tough ones, and I think that down the stretch we will win those games,” Hall said.

**Overall: B**

Tech has had a roller coaster sea-

son, but the team is starting to come together. If the bullpen can catch up with the rest of the team, the Jackets will have a great chance in June to have another magical run to Omaha.

The swagger is coming back to Tech and that can be dangerous for their opposition to see. Tech will take its newfound confidence on the road to No. 14 North Carolina this weekend.

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who understand what it takes to be successful in the classroom and on the playing field.”

Hewitt’s allegiance to Braine and Clough is understandable. Despite a 16-15 campaign in 2002-2003, a season that was largely viewed as an underachieving one, Braine gave Hewitt a vote of confidence by of-

fering him a rollover contract that bumped his salary up to $750,000 annually.

Hewitt had been adamant that he would remain coaching at Tech as long as Braine and Clough are in the picture. Tech’s head coach had been forced to deny interest in the St. John’s vacancy ad nauseam over the past few weeks because his New York ties made the move seem feasible. He was raised in the Long Is-

land area and has a deep connection to the Northeast, but Hewitt’s home clearly in Atlanta for the time being.

The news comes as sweet music for Tech. Hewitt will return the bulk of his lineup in 2004-2005, as well as adding four sensational fresh-

man recruits. A possible fifth, Ran-

cy Morris, has narrowed his choices down to Tech, Kentucky, and the NBA.

“We’re going to have Paul for a while, and that means an awful lot to the stability of the program,” Braine said.

Hewitt, the 2001 ACC coach of the Year, is 142-81 in seven seasons as a head coach. He was 66-27 at Siena College in New York from 1995-2000.

After apprenticing under coach-

ing great George Raveling at the University of Southern California many years ago, Hewitt be-

came a valuable lesson concerning the col-

lege coaching industry. “If you do your job well,” Hewitt said, “people will notice and compensate you fair-

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Owings pursues national championship instead of pros

By Kyle Thomason
Contributing Writer

“I believe he’ll be going [pro],” Kyle Thomason

“...I don’t think he’ll ever see Georgia Tech. I think he’ll take that opportunity and go. Anywhere from round one through four, it’s tough to turn down,” commented Gainesville High School Coach Wayne Vickery after his star pitcher and infielder, Micah Owings, was taken by the Colorado Rockies as the No. 50 overall pick of the 2002 Major League Baseball draft.

It was certainly a difficult decision for Owings.

“It’s every kid’s dream to go play professional baseball and not have to worry about school for a while,” said Owings, who at first was leaning toward signing with the Rockies.

Owings decided not to rush things, and to take plenty of time to consider his options. As the summer wore on, negotiations with the Rockies started to slow, and Owings’ turned to two pillars of his life, his family and his faith, to lead him to the right decision.

That decision turned out to be Owings turning down a high six-digit signing bonus from the Rockies and heading to Tech. Owings’ father, Jim, is a Tech alumnus, and a former wide receiver and track all-star for the Jackets. Owings came to campus with high expectations, and he was not disappointed.

As a freshman, he was the ACC Rookie of the Year and earned second team All-America honors as a two-way player. He led the Jackets with nine wins and 15 home runs, and showed his incredible versatility by starting 16 games in the outfield, six as a designated hitter, and one as a first baseman. Owings’ play his freshman year was so spectacular that he was selected, along with three other Tech players, Mike Nickeas, Eric Patterson and Tyler Greene to play for Team USA over what Owings says, “was one of the best and worst summers of [his] life.” It ended in a silver medal at the Pan-American Games in the Dominican Republic.

“Playing with and against the best players in the world and with USA across the front of your jersey was just a remarkable experience,” Owings said. “It was my first time out of the country, and it was a good learning experience being on the road all summer.”

On the flip side, “for the first time in my life, I wasn’t playing every day,” said Owings.

“I just want to get the ball, it doesn’t matter whether it’s to start or close the game.”

Micah Owings
Pitcher/Infielder

This was a difficult adjustment to make, and “I did not perform as well as I would have liked,” Owings said.

Although he was not playing all the time, Owings certainly understood the situation, “I wouldn’t want to have to decide how to fill out that lineup with the twenty best college players in the country to choose from,” Owings said. Owings stresses, “the good certainly outweighed the bad.”

After a challenging summer on the field, Owings is enjoying a stellar sophomore season. He currently leads the Yellow Jackets with 10 home runs and 35 RBIs and has been a leader on the mound, posting several impressive performances and holding opponents to a .215 batting average.

Although the Jackets’ 17-13 record has not been quite what was expected, Owings asserts, “We’re a lot better than our record shows.”

The goal for the team still remains being crowned national champion in Omaha this June.

“We all believe that we have the talent to win [the championship],” Owings said. “We had dominant pitching at the first of the year, and we’ve had dominant hitting lately, we can just feel that we’re so close to putting it together,” Owings said.

Owings moved to the bullpen and made his first relief appearance of the year against Georgia on March 24 and tossed three and two-thirds shutout innings to close the game. After the performance, Danny Hall said, “Micah has been our Friday night starter, but we’ve had some thoughts of keeping him in the bullpen after the way he pitched up at Georgia last week, and we have to decide what we are going to do with him.”

Many all-Americans would have a tough time accepting a move from the number-one starter role to the bullpen, but Owings only cares about winning. “It tailored to coach and told him that I wanted to do whatever he thought would be best for the team,” said Owings.

“I want to get to the ball, it doesn’t matter whether it’s to start or close the game,” continued Owings. This is yet another response not often associated with players of Owings’ stature and All-American status.

Owings concentrates hard on his studies. “Time management is very hard, but I feel like I’ve adjusted well,” Owings said.

His commitment to balancing school with the dozens of hours he often has to turn to baseball during the week is reflected in his placement on the ACC Academic Honors Roll last year.

“I’d like to be an entrepreneur like my dad, although I don’t think I’ll be following him into computers,” said Owings.

He has not narrowed his interest down to a certain industry, but is interested in the possibilities that exist in restaurants and landscaping industries. Owings also says that he would love the chance to open a gym with his brother Josh, current-ly a trainer at Georgia’s Ramsey Center.

Owings has another major business decision ahead of him shortly. Draft day will be a major event at the Owings household; both Micah and his brother Jon Mark, a senior at Gainesville High School and Clemson signee, will probably see their names flash on draft day. “I don’t even have a timetable set,” Owings said regarding the draft. “Right now, I’m just enjoying college and concentrating on playing for Georgia Tech and trying to win a national championship.”

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Hewitt signs on for six more years

By Ryan Peck
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Hewitt’s No. 1 fan

By Michael Clarke
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Midseason report: Jackets headed in right direction

Cheerleaders place fourth at NCA

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They saw the lack of a legitimate big man and the losses of the last two Atlantic Coast Conference Rookies of the Year. They saw a team that struggled with consistency throughout its previous campaign. And they saw a team led by a young head coach whose career winning percentage at the Institute hovered in the .500 range. They simply saw too many unanswered questions to predict anything for the team other than a seventh place finish in the ACC. The preseason pundits only observed the individual parts; they failed to see that the whole is greater.

The transformation of this squad from a group of individually talented young men to a well-engineered team and then to a close-knit family is the story of the 2004 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets basketball season. It’s a triumphal story that captured the entire country.

Coach Paul Hewitt penned this tale’s opening when he worked to instill in his players the importance of conditioning, a commitment to defense, an understanding of the lost art teamwork, and, more importantly, the art of the extra pass on offense and “helping the helper” on defense. His team bought into this system whole-heartedly, and it made them greater than the previous one, despite the fact it had less talent.

The players, however, drove the story’s plot and the development of the family. When Theodotus Tarver went down with a knee injury during an early fall practice, Clarence Moore and the other seniors made a decision. Since the moment of Tarver’s injury, the team said “family” as it broke each huddle to signify their commitment to each other. What they accomplished together on the court demonstrates they meant it every time.

As a team, this Tech squad advanced further in the NCAA basketball tournament than any basketball squad in Institute history and set a host of other school records, and every individual contributed to the team’s triumphs.

Captain Marvin Lewis became a vital on-court leader. The previously-discounted center, junior Luke Schenscher, worked to become a legitimate star in the post. Arizona transfer Will Bynum brought an edge and swagger to a team that lacked them. Senior forward Moore returned after a year away from the game to provide emotional and physical presence.

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Besides his teammates, coaches around the nation noticed Schenscher’s improvements. “He’s just a different player [from November’s game against Connecticut], and he’s also grown seven inches, too. He’s got to be at least 8’3”. He dwarfed everybody on the court. He’s the biggest guy I’ve seen in my life,” said Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun.

Opposing fans, most notably the Cameron Krazies, taunted Schenscher with chants of “Big Bird,” because of his tall stature and curled red hair. His teammates and coach, however, called him “The Big Fundamental,” because of the fundamentally sound, old-school style of center he played throughout the season.

Off the court, Schenscher has become one of the most popular figures on campus. A group of Industrial Design students made “Luke Schenscher has a pose” T-shirts that have been featured throughout the tournament. Schenscher’s teammates have donned the shirts at press conferences, and the pep band and Buzz wore them in San Antonio.

“I do have one of those,” said team captain Marvin Lewis. “I’m pretty happy about it,” Schenscher said.

Schenscher’s family was unharmed by his success, despite the fact it had less talent.

Almost everyone with whom Schenscher has come into contact has seen him get bigger. He played with guys 6’9” and better two years ago, the 7’1” center weighed 215 pounds. “We did a lot as a team to help him get bigger. We fed him every chance we could,” Schenscher said.

“I could step up and help the team out,” Schenscher said. “I knew I had to step up if the team was going to be successful. We needed someone to fill that void of him leaving and I just took it upon myself to make sure that I could step up and help the team out,” Schenscher said.

Schenscher spent all last summer improving his skills in optional workouts, and adding weight to his thin frame. When he arrived on campus two years ago, the 7’1” center weighed only 215 pounds. “We did a lot as a team to help him get bigger. We fed him. We were making sure he would eat four, five, six meals a day to help him get bigger. He played with guys 6’11” and 7’1”. He played with guys 6’11” and 7’1”. He played with guys 6’11” and 7’1”. He played with guys 6’11” and 7’1”. He played with guys 6’11” and 7’1”.

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Last-minute shot lands Jackets in biggest dance

Lewis leads, Bynum finishes as Jackets outgun Cowboys

By Edward Tamsberg
Staff Writer

With 1.6 seconds remaining on the clock, Will Bynum made a clutch layup that launched the Jackets into their first National Championship game in school history. The team tied a school record for the most victories in a season with the win, matching the 1990 Final Four team.

Oklahoma State was the favorite going into the game, and the Cowboys had a large crowd advantage. Orange-clad fans packed the Alamo-dome.

The Cowboy’s Joey Graham, Tony Allen and John Lucas were expected to be a tough combination for Tech to handle, but as the first half progressed, the Jackets took the lead. Tech led by seven at halftime with the help of Marvin Lewis’ five shots from behind the arc.

“We pretty much depended on Marvin,” said Jarrett Jack after the game. “He put us on his back and we just followed his lead. We have always been there together, but the first half, it was all him.”

The Jackets also had great defense, holding Allen, the Big 12 leading scorer, to only five shots. Luke Schenscher also dominated the boards, with 12 rebounds in addition to his 19 points.

In the second half, OSU fought back and closed in on the Jackets’ lead. Lucas made a three-pointer and tied the game with 28 seconds left on the clock.

“The game was tied and we knew we had the last shot,” said Jack. “The shot clock was off and the momentum was definitely in our favor.”

Bynum was chosen by his teammates to take the last second shot. “[The coaches and players] had confidence in me to take the last shot. Luckily I made it,” Bynum said.

The win against the Cowboys wasn’t the only close game for Tech in the tournament. The team’s last eight wins of the season were decided by less than 10 points. Tech had also narrowly escaped the St. Louis regional with an overtime win against Kansas.

UConn ends Tech miracle, confirms preseason ranking

By Edward Tamsberg
Staff Writer

In a rematch of the pre-season NIT semifinal game, Tech aimed to repeat its upset of the University of Connecticut. The Jackets had soundly defeated the then No. 1 Huskies 77-61 at Madison Square Garden in November.

However, the tables were turned this time around, as the Huskies faced a strong Emeka Okafor, the Huskies’ star big man, who had suffered back spasms at last fall’s game. Okafor had 24 points, 15 rebounds, and was later named Most Valuable Player for the Final Four tournament, as he led his team to an 82-73 victory.

Though Tech closed the gap to nine points by the end of the contest, the score fails to illustrate the Huskies’ overall domination. At halftime, the Jackets faced a 10 point deficit, which the Huskies increased to 25 points in the second half.

Tech suffered scoring problems throughout the night, as it shot under 30 percent from the field in the first half and 38 percent for the game. Bynum led the Jackets with 17 points, B.J. Elder had 14 and Schenscher had nine.

“Tonight the ball just didn’t fall for me,” Elder said. Elder was not the only one for whom the ball would not fall.

Although Tech had found itself at the lowest deficit of the season, the players and fans never gave up and even cheered “family” toward the end of the game during the Jackets’ final rally.

While the Jackets may have lost the national championship, the team will never forget this year’s season. “We feel like we had a good run at this thing. [We’re] still disappointed not to come out with the victory,” Elder said. “We’ve done a lot for this program, trying to get it back to where it used to be and for the university as well. We’re really proud of that.”

“We kept this thing going as long as possible,” Lewis said.

“We wish we would have got a win. But to keep this team together, this family atmosphere is going to be together forever.”
Tech to remember Texas trip for more than just Alamo

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Tech pays a visit to the Admiral

While basketball was the main focus of the Final Four weekend for the team, Associate Athletic Director Mary McElroy arranged a visit with David Robinson for the Yellow Jackets. McElroy and Robinson were classmates at the Naval Academy. The team took a trip to the retired San Antonio Spurs player’s Carver Academy, a school he founded to provide underprivileged children with the best education possible. The school is based on George Washington Carver and his goals, particularly “service and faith.”

“I was overwhelmed. Those kids over there know four languages; I only know one. When we first got there I thought I really didn’t want to go because we had just gotten out of practice, but after we got there, I was really overwhelmed with what is going on over there,” Anthony McHenry said.

He’s a coach Paul Hewitt was equally impressed with Robinson. “I’ll tell you what, if his name is on there, I’m voting for him. I have never ever met a more impressive man than David Robinson,” Hewitt said.

Governor offers talk in pre-game

Before the game against Oklahoma State, the Jackets received a pre-game pep talk from Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue. The former Georgia football player put aside his athletic alliances on Monday afternoon and addressed the Georgia Tech basketball team just hours before the NCAA Tournament title game.

“The whole state is proud of you,” Perdue told the Jackets.

Perdue, a member of the Bulldogs’ football team in the mid-1960s, arrived at the team hotel in San Antonio on Monday afternoon. He attended the Yellow Jackets’ pre-game meal where he delivered a short speech to the team. Perdue, also made an appearance at the Yellow Jackets’ send-off.

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cool with Ed. He's still my friend, I came in with him," McHenry said. Despite the negative reception Nelson received from Tech’s student section at the game, he wasn’t discouraged at all by the boos. I still have a lot of fans that supported me, for every certain amount that supports you, you’re gonna have some that disagree with you," Nelson said. Lewis ties record Besides leading Tech to its first national championship basketball game, senior Marvin Lewis has now tied former Tech standout Malcolm Mackey for the most games played at Tech in a career. Lewis started against Connecticut in his 130th game for the Jackets. Elder’s home-town aids his mom Not only has Elder’s success on the court brought much pride to Tech, his hometown of Madison, Georgia is so proud that the town raised money to help pay for LaVonda Elder’s expenses while she attended the Final Four. ‘It cost a lot of money for a lady to go to San Antonio for a few days,” Mayor Bruce Gilbert said in the Atlanta Journal Constitution, “and every mama should get to see her son play.” Elder was a star player and student at Morgan County High, and holds the school record for total career points. The town is also planning a ‘B.J. Elder Day.’

“I have a lot of people in Madison who are real proud of me,” Elder said. “They’ve given me a lot of support. Knowing they’re behind me makes you feel real good.” Elder was a star player and student at Morgan County High, and holds the school record for total career points. The town is also planning a ‘B.J. Elder Day.’

“This is a big deal for this state and a great testament to Georgia Tech to be in this championship.” Sonny Perdue Governor of Georgia

By Kimberly Riek

Sports Editor

It was around 7:30 p.m. when head coach Paul Hewitt heard on ESPn that Will Bynum was transferring to Oklahoma State. Earlier that day, Bynum had called Hewitt to tell him that he was transferring to Georgia Tech. "I was surprised he might have changed his mind. About 11:00 that evening, the phone rings. What are you doing? I thought you were going to Oklahoma State," I said. He said, ‘Coach, don’t listen to reports. I’m going to Georgia Tech.” Hewitt said.

Since Bynum’s arrival on campus, the Chicago native has made a huge impact on the basketball team. Bynum scored the winning shot against Oklahoma State with 1.6 seconds left at the Final Four, and received All-Tournament honors in San Antonio. Bynum also made game-saving plays against Nevada and Kansas. Bynum’s road to Tech wasn’t exactly paved in gold. Bynum grew up in a tough neighborhood in Chicago. “It was hard growing up in Chicago. Any wrong move could be the end of your life, so I think I try to take that as no pressure on the basketball court.” A star at Crane Tech High School, Bynum averaged 27 points per game and was highly recruited, eventually signing. Lute Olsen’s Wisconsin Wildcats.

Bynum was enjoying his time at Arizona when tragedy struck in the summer after his freshman year. His mother was diagnosed with the basketball team.

Bynum quickly became known as ‘Will the Thrill’ on campus for his aggressive style of play. “Will is a guy that thinks he can take anybody in the country,” Hewitt said. When Hewitt sat Bynum out for most of the team’s second round game against Boston College, he was disappointed because most of his family had come from Chicago to nearby Milwaukee to watch him play. “I didn’t come near him in Milwaukee. I knew better to stay out of his way. Then we got back to Atlanta and had that conversation," Hewitt said.

Hewitt and Bynum went out to dinner before the St. Louis Regional and Hewitt explained his reasons for cutting Bynum’s minutes. He told Bynum that he "would get his chance.” Bynum certainly did against Nevada and Kansas, where he “delivered” for the team on both occasions.

The pinnacle moment of his career at Tech came when Bynum scored the game-winning shot against OSU. He also scored 17 points against Connecticut in the championship game.

“This is the biggest shot I ever took in my life. It’s like a dream come true, making a shot like this at this high level,” Bynum said. The shot came after Bynum had missed a layup with 1:23 left on the clock. Hewitt agreed. “Will’s shot meant an awful lot...He’s as tough a kid as I’ve coached. When I grabbed him at half-court, he had tears in his eyes. That was huge for me to see him enjoy that moment,” Hewitt said.

In the final moments of the season, Bynum scored a team-high 17 points and was named to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament team, along with teammate Luke Schenscher.

“It’s a luxury to have a guy like Will Bynum that can come in your game after one of your top scorers gets hurt [B.J. Elder in the St. Louis Regional] and he’s not going to go out there and shrivel up the moment, he’s really going to play big,” Hewitt said.
Lewis, Jack provide fire power in wake of Elder injury

By John Scaduto
Staff Writer

Tech vs. Nevada (72-67)
Team responds to Elder injury

A collective gasp resounded from the Yellow Jacket faithful as B.J. Elder went down clutching his ankle early in the game. Nevada’s star, Kirk Snyder, had failed to convert an alley-oop, and as he tried to recover he lost his footing and fell right onto Elder’s leg.

Elder was taken to the locker room for x-rays where it was discovered that he had an ankle sprain. With arguably the deepest guard set in the nation, however, the rest of the Jackets never lost composure.

“Maybe they were hiding it from me, but I never saw them panic,” Coach Paul Hewitt said. “I don’t even know if they realized he wasn’t coming back. They just continued to play.”

Captain Lewis takes over

With leading scorer Elder out for the remainder of the game, Senior Marvin Lewis caught the hot-hand for the night and his teammates just kept feeding him.

“Everybody said we’ve got to pick up our games,” Lewis said. “B.J. is a guy that brings a lot of firepower in regards to scoring. He’s our leader. But everybody just said, ‘we’ve got to do without him and move on.’”

Lewis go 4-9 from beyond the arc and score 23 points—the only Jacket in double figures. The most impressive stretch occurred when Tech finally gained the lead, 63-58, behind consecutive three-pointers by Lewis.

Tech vs. Kansas (78-71)
Team overcomes KU advantages

The odds were completely stacked against Tech for its first Elite Eight appearance since 1990. It faced a Kansas team that had made the previous two Final Fours brought nearly four times as many fans, being only five hours away from its Lawrence campus. On top of its opposition, Elder remained questionable to play.

Behind Jarrett Jack, any of those distractions just seemed to fade away, as Tech opened up the game aggressively, playing as if it were the team trying to make a third consecutive Final Four.

With a selective defensive press that proved efficient and frequent penetration by the guards, Tech dominated the first half. Kansas’ front-court was non-existent, as the team implemented a quick double-team to counter KU big man Wayne Simien. He had no field goals in the first half, and Tech enjoyed a 36-31 lead at halftime.

Slow second half leads to overtime

After a high-speed first half in which both teams looked to force the tempooffensively with little stoppage of play, the second half seemed more deliberate.

A sloppy Tech offense turned Kansas into the aggressor, as it converted quickly on several missed shots and turnovers. Kansas took its first lead of the game at 43-42 on two buckets by Simien. It was now Keith Langford that was dashing to the hoop and either finishing or kicking out to freshman J.R. Giddens for three-pointers.

But Tech would not be denied. Jack began to dominate, driving to the hoop at will, and Coach Hewitt put defensive specialist Isma’il Muhammad on the freshman phenom Giddens. This led to a run that put Tech up 65-58 with 3:30 left to play. It seemed like a comfortable lead with the Jackets solidifying the defensive end and converting on the offensive.

Kansas would come back to tie the game at x and force overtime, but big plays by Jack and Bynum down the stretch was too much for the Jayhawks to handle. The Jackets scored the final eight points of the extra period to earn their first Final Four berth since 1990.
Jackets win close calls against Northern Iowa, Boston College

By Jody Shaw

Tech vs. Northern Iowa (65-60)

Tyronn Lue's team is one of the country's several underdogs looking to make a run to the Final Four.

Tech defeated Northern Iowa (65-60) in the NCAA Tournament's opener, but the game was anything but routine.

Tech led by 15 points with six minutes remaining, but Northern Iowa made a comeback to force Tech to hold on for the victory.

Tech's Jarrett Jack scored 13 points and had four assists, while Northern Iowa's Craig Smith had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Tech head coach Paul Hewitt said after the game, "I knew Craig had four fouls, so I wanted him to pull out, but [Jack's] answer made an awful lot of sense."

Jack made a key steal from BC's Jarrett Jack made big plays down the stretch when Tech needed them most against the Boston College Eagles. No play was bigger than the one in which he drew a key foul on former high school teammate and BC star Craig Smith to put himself on the line and give the Jackets the lead for good.

"I knew Craig had four fouls, so I went right at him," Jack said. "He fouled me, and I made both shots."

The second free throw gave the Jackets a 53-52 lead, and Jack would add a key steal and dunk on the following possession.

Overall, the Jackets' floor leader added eight points, six assists, two steals and tremendous leadership, as Tech defeated the Eagles at their own game in a contest Coach Paul Hewitt described as an "old fashioned Big East game."

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

Hewitt praised the BC players for their effort, despite the struggles of their star. "We didn't react well to their stepped-up defense," Hewitt said. "They said 'Look, Craig isn't here today, let's make sure we keep playing hard.'"

As teammates at Worcester Academy in Massachusetts, Smith and Jack both shined. During the 2001-2002 season, Smith averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds a game, leading the Hilltoppers to a 27-4 record, the best in school history.

Jack, meanwhile, provided 20.2 points, 10.5 assists, 7.1 rebounds and 5.1 steals under Coach Mo Cassara during his senior year. To dunk or to dribble?

That was the question for Jack, as he made a key steal from BC's Steve Hailey in the closing seconds of the BC game. "I definitely wanted him to dribble it out," Hewitt said. "Tech already held a one-point lead when Jack made the steal.

Jack, who has started to make late-game heroics a habit, had a different idea. He drove to the basket for an emphatic slam dunk. Though less than six seconds remained in the game, the decision forced Tech to defend the Eagles a final time.

"I wanted him to pull out, but [Jack's] answer made an awful lot of sense," Hewitt said. "He didn't know how close somebody was to him, so you might as well get the sure two and defend it. As it worked out, that was the right decision."

The Jackets were able to hold the Eagles scoreless in the final six seconds, but, for the second straight game, they held their collective breath as an opponent's game three-pointer soared towards the basket.