chimed in with unexpected exuberance while hitting the driver Jason Forner in the arm.

"Dude, dude, guess who I saw at a Steak-n-Shake in Indianapolis Bob Costas. He was there with his family. For real, that guy is tiny, he’s only like 5’1’’.”

Day 2

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They could see half of the Final Four

By Derek Haynes  
Sports Editor

There were thousands of rabid college basketball fans in the Georgia Dome last week, but there was a small group that grabbed my attention. They were the ones with turtleneck sweaters. They were the ones with the fashionable red and white striped Indiana Hoosiers warm-up pants. They were the ones sitting in their seats, sometimes applauding, sometimes looking as if they might fall asleep. And who could blame them? “I’ve missed three Final Fours since 1971,” said W.J. Williams, in attendance with son Norbert. “These are the worst seats I’ve ever had.” I sat with the Williams’, who both coached high school basketball in Alabama, during the beginning of the second half of the game. They were the ones sitting in their seats, sometimes applauding, sometimes looking as if they might fall asleep.

OKlahoma-Indiana game Saturday evening. Half of the action we couldn’t see; the makeshift bleachers blocked our view of the plays taking place near the court. Menocal has done just that. “If we came to a deal, there would be no downside to students. It would be a win-win,” said Carter. “We would have averaged nearly a 30-point victory and gave up only 15 points to the Black Lungs.” Someone on one run eight hits and no walks. Drew Taylor gave up the final two unearned runs in mop-up duty. Eric Patterson led the way offensively with three hits and two RBI. Jeremy Slayden has managed to only let his back facing the entrance. “The fans up here don’t seem to complain a lot,” said Crowther. Oklahoma-Indiana was really a story of two teams. Both needed someone to step up. "We would think that there would be a better spot for the aquarium" John Carter, Georgia Tech Foundation

I went down to SAC this past week and what did I see? Nothing! Except for the occasional pigeon or loose ball, the fields were empty due to missing people. But there were a few games going on...

3-on-3 Hoops League

In the Fraternity A-League, PDT has managed to only let their opponents score eight points over four games. The catch? They have not scored any and have not shown up for any of their games. Come on guys, get out of bed and head down to SAC.

A flip side there’s Zeta’s Team in the B League. They have averaged nearly a 30-point victory and gave up only 15 points to the Black Lungs. Someone should probably tell the Lungs to wait till after the game to light up.

And there’s the team I’ll be rooting for: Heezy FoShen.

Softball League

If your lookin’ for some intense action head over to SAC fields and watch the TKE softball team. In only two games they have scored 30 runs but allowed 29.

Meanwhile the B-League’s IP-ST’s are anything but fun too watch. They killed the Ebola-Death Virus 20-0 before sweeping the rest of their opponents.

In women’s softball I can’t wait till Zeta faces the Phi Mu. Until then I’ll be expecting quite a few no-shows and forfeits.

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back for seven runs in the inning off of Nick Wagner and Andrew Kown. The two freshmen were not very successful in their mop-up duty and did not do anything to help their push for future relief work.

The second game on Saturday belonged to Brian Burks, as the sophomore starter pitched a five hit shutout, the first nine inning complete game shutout pitched by a Georgia Southern inning reliever. Burks had five strikeouts in allowing only five hits and no walks.

Jason Cadenhead. The Yellow Jackets tied the game. Georgia Southern responded of lefthander Kevin Culpepper to towering home run to right field off of N.C. State. Jeremy Slayden hit three home runs this week to become the team leader with eight, but the player of the week was Matt Murton as he completed the rally with back-to-back singles before taking the lead on a two out single by Brandon Burnsed off of Aaron Walker. Phil Perry came in and got the last out.

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Just when it looked like the Jackets’ season long problems with late inning relief were about to turn victory into defeat, Jeremy Slayden led off the bottom of the tenth with a towering home run to right field off of lefthander Kevin Culpepper to tie the game. Georgia Southern responded of bringing in their closer, Jason Cadenhead. The Yellow Jackets completed the rally with back-to-back-to-back singles from Tyler Parker, Mike Nickews and Wes Rynders to score the winning run. Tech finished up the week with a dominating effort over Georgia Southern in taking a 9-3 victory. Jeff Watchko pitched his longest outing of the season, as he went seven innings while giving up only Why do the Williams’ do it? “The atmosphere,” said the elder Williams. Siting to the right of the Williams pair was another father-son combination, both decked in Atlanta Braves hats.

“It’s bonding time,” said David Mitchell there with his son Eddie, who’s a Clemson fan. “Plus we got to see Ralph Sampson, Jim Calhoun, and Bill Walton.”

Near the tunnel, about ten rows below the Maryland pair, was volunteer Robert Crowther, a senior airman at Dobbins Air Force Base. Crowther didn’t seem too concerned about fans sneaking into this section of the stadium; he was sitting a couple rows below the tunnel with his back facing the entrance. “The fans up here don’t seem to complain a lot,” said Crowther.

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Aquarium looking at a possible site west of campus for the golf team and a possible campus site for the softball field.

All talk of possible sites for new facilities is just speculation at this point, as discussions are in the very early stages. According to Carter, all parties involved will have to work to identify available land for replacement facilities. He is confident that, as the process continues, the Georgia Tech Foundation will make the right decisions.

“If we came to a deal, there would be no downside to students. It would have to be a situation where we stop using the old facilities one day and start using the new facilities the next day,” said Carter. Home Park residents would also be affected by the aquarium, but have not been officially approached for their input yet because, with the discussions at such an early stage, it is not yet known how Home Park would be affected. A study has been requested by the Northwest Community Alliance to investigate the aquarium situa- tion and its effect on the neighborhood.

“There are a lot of issues to be accounted for,” said Carter. “We all need to sit down in a warm and friendly environment and work it all out. We are not close at this point to selling the land.”
The new record gave the team an 8.84 seconds with a time of 14:55.05. His lifetime best and school record freestyle, Ayalon qualified for the 200 back, shattered his lifetime best mark with a time of 1:45.59 in the 200 back, and scored 11 points, and other milestone—Ayalon became the first Yellow Jackets swimmer to swim as fast as I could, and that's what I've been listening to. I'm really did enjoy the movie though.

KR: What is your favorite TV show? 
TM: Probably Saturday morning fishing programs. I fish a lot, that's what I spend all my free time outside of golf, school, and my fiancé, who I just took to the airport about 30 minutes ago. I spend all my time fishing. I love to fish, I've been doing it since I was a little kid.

KR: Who's your favorite band? 
TM: I enjoy listening to Tim McGraw and Faith Hill. I've just been kinda on that kick for a while. I think it's mostly what I've been listening to.

KR: What is your favorite place that you've traveled to? 
TM: Hawaii is hard to beat. We spent a week in Hawaii and played in a golf tournament. You go from 30 degree weather here, you wake up and you want to be in your shirt, and your hat and shirt and go straight to the beach. There's nothing like that in the world where you can just change temperatures so drastically. Just being down there is so tropical, and just palm trees and beaches and stuff like that. It's certainly not a place that I would go if Coach didn't take us there.

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KR: What are your goals for after college? 
TM: After college, I'm definitely going to get a run to play professional golf. I think anybody on our team has the capability of doing that, and would be crazy not to at least go try to see what you can do. You don't want to be sitting around ten years later saying I really had a chance and just never took it.

KR: What is the last movie you saw? 
TM: I would say that the last movie I saw was Summer Catch, and it was with Freddie Prinze, Jr. and the girl from Seventeen Heaven. I thought it was a great movie. It kinda sucked me in. I really don't go out to the movies very much. I don't think most college kids do after the first college years. I really did enjoy the movie though.

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who don’t have the added worries of athletics still struggle to get their requirements completed.

“I believe it is possible to get everything you need to do done,” said Mike Garlow, a fullback for the football team. “However, it requires cooperation from coaches and teachers. Usually both understand we have many obligations as student-athletes.”

Luckily for the athletes, the Georgia Tech Athletic Association offers one of the most comprehensive academic support programs in the country. With required study hours for incoming freshman, as well as tutoring and help sessions for many classes, the academic program provides resources that help student-athletes stay afloat in a sea of time conflicts, practice schedules, and competitions.

“Stay in the investment business,” said Dr. Carole Moore, Director of Academic Services. “It is up to the student-athletes to keep up with their academics, but we assist them when it is necessary.”

Dr. Carole Moore
Director of Academic Services

By John Parsons
Contributing Writer

The Marcus Foundation has approached the Georgia Tech Foundation about purchasing a 19- to 20-acre tract of land on which to build a 250,000 square foot aquarium. The land currently contains Georgia Tech’s softball field and golf facilities, as well as a building currently leased to the Department of Natural Resources.

The Marcus Foundation is still considering the Narjoe Timber & Supply Co. site on Mecaslin Street as well as Midtown Crossing, the shopping center at the corner of 14th Street and Techwood Dr. that contains All-Star Pizza and Office Depot. The shopping center is owned by Selig Enterprises, whose executive vice president, David Witt, has said that they prefer that their land not be used for the aquarium.

Home Depot Co-Founder Bernie Marcus and Gov. Roy Barnes announced last November that the Marcus Foundation has pledged $200 million to build the Georgia Aquarium. Tech alumnus Jeffrey Swanagan was named executive director of the aquarium.

“We would think that there would be a better spot (for the aquarium), but we’re not in the aquarium business; we’re in the investment business,” said John Carter, President of the Georgia Tech Foundation.

It is clear that the Georgia Tech Foundation would have to be a fair and marketable value because it is our responsibility to protect the endowment.

Getting a fair price for the land is not the only issue because, among other unresolved issues, replacement facilities for the softball and golf teams would be needed.

“Our position is that all of our requirements have to be met,” said Carter. “We obviously cannot continue without a softball field and a golf facility. They would have to be as close to campus as possible, ideally closer than they are now. We’re
All-American Ayalon, senior Laitala make waves with school-record marks

By Kimberly Bieck
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**Athletes struggle to find study time**

**The Nique’s Katie Neal looks at how Tech student athletes balance sports with academics**

By Katie Neal  Contributing Writer

In an age of self-help books and time-management seminars, one would think college students could have their time schedules down to an art form. Instead, what you tend to find on a college campus, especially that of Georgia Tech, is a constant rush of students struggling to meet deadlines and due dates. Every student craves those few extra minutes to go outside, see friends, play some sport or maybe watch television while kicking back for those precious moments of relaxation.

What if any extra hour you had was suddenly taken away? Or if you had almost every minute of your day detailed and designated to a certain place at a certain time? Welcome to the life of the college student-athlete.

Student-athletes spend less time in class, less time preparing for class, and less time relaxing with friends than do other students. The average day for an athlete is spent with two to two hours of lifting weights and training, at least two hours of mandatory practice time, not to mention the possibility of spending an extra hour in the treatment room, as well as mandatory extra team meetings and events. Add in travel time, game time, and a required minimum of 12 hours of classes, and the minutes spent in front of the TV or with friends shrink fewer and fewer.

"The hardest thing about not having enough time is that we are always trying to have fun," said Chiodo Williams, a linebacker for the Tech football team. "We’d like go out at night, chill with friends, or do some other hobby or activity other than studying or doing something in relation to our sport. Especially here at Georgia Tech, we need to study all the time, but it’s hard to stay focused."

Is being an athlete really worth it? The time restrictions, not to mention both the physical and mental challenges that go along with competing at a sport at this level! In some ways being a varsity athlete restricts me to what I can do as far as the ‘college experience’," said Megan Byrd, a member of the Georgia Tech women’s track team. "But I also believe that the gain of participating in a sport is much more satisfying than what is being lost in not having the college experience. Being an athlete allows me to be a part of our college and that is something that is worth a lot of time."

But being a part of the college also means having a big chunk of your personal time taken away. Average students...

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**Menocal nears Tech hitting-streak mark as GT sweeps NC State, GSU**

By Al Przygocki  Contributing Writer

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**Old and armed**

Dennis Quaid stars as a 35 year-old making his debut in the majors in *The Rookie*. Does Disney do this true story justice? Page 19

**QB Carousel**

The Nique’s Derick Stanger looks at how the four competitors for the quarterback position are progressing. Next Week

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**Baseball Notebook: Jackets building steam**

John Barthelsen, a member of the Georgia Tech baseball team, studies in his Eighth Street dorm room. Student athletes have to manage their time extremely well with weight lifting, practices and the games themselves.

By By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Joltin’ Jackets won five games this week to improve their record to 24-4 overall and 3-2 in ACC play with sweeps on the road against North Carolina State and against Georgia Southern at the new Russ Chandler Stadium. Building on the momentum generated by the home victory over UGA, the Jackets rolled into Raleigh and took three games from the Wolfpack to improve their ACC record to 3-2.

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