**Bomb prank scares east side**

**By Judy Shaw**  
**New Editor**

A rude awakening greeted Tech fraternity members whose houses are located near the intersection of Fifth Street and Techwood Drive early Sunday morning when a small device exploded in the area. The incident injured one member of the Georgia Tech Police Department and set in motion a chain of events that blocked off streets in the area for almost four hours.

“The explosion was kind of low level, even technically it was an explosion, and this type of device is illegal,” said Jack Vickery, Georgia Tech Chief of Police. According to Vickery, a GTPD officer spotted a suspicious college-aged white male in the area shortly before the explosion. The officer originally thought the man might be looking for an automobile to break into, but a number of such burglaries have occurred on campus in recent weeks.

“The officer got out of his patrol car to investigate and the guy took off running. He left a bag sitting on the ground,” said Vickery.

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**Increasing Awareness A Night Without a Home**

**Photograph by: C. D. Miller**

Students prepared sandwiches and organized clothes to be distributed to homeless individuals in the area. They slept at the Campamile Wednesday night as part of MOVE’s Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. More coverage of the events can be found on page 5.

**Wreck ready to roll with stadium construction**

**By Sriniv Narasimhan**  
**Contributing Writer**

The Ramblin’ Reck Club recently finalized plans to permanently store the Wreck in a new location on campus. The action was prompted by the Georgia Tech Athletic Association which informed the club in June that it could not continue to store the vehicle in its current location near Bobby Dodd Stadium during renovations to the stadium. The two-year construction project would make it difficult for members of the organization to access the garage where the Wreck is housed.

A contract between Georgia Tech and Carter-Turner, the construction company overseeing the project, was signed in January. The plans for the project came due to concerns that there is currently no way to secure the entire stadium. Renovations are expected to begin immediately after the November 24 football game against the University of Georgia.

“I’ve been to other schools, and I’ve never seen anything as open as Georgia Tech. It isn’t very intelligent…there’s something that is paramount in our minds. When we build our stadium, we can feel certain that...”

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**Former GE CEO to speak**

**By Narendhra Seshadri**  
**Contributing Writer**

James Gerald “Bucky” Johnson, Chair of the Music Department at Georgia Tech, recently announced that he will take an early retirement at the end of this semester. Johnson’s lifelong ambition of touring around Europe and Southeast Asia and spending more time with his family and his friends will soon become a reality.

Nine years ago, Johnson took up the position of Chair of the Music Department. The department, a part of the College Of Architecture, works closely with the college and other campus organizations including SGA, the Alumni Association and the Athletics Association.

Johnson believes that “the department’s job is to get the rest of campus involved” and make them aware of what is going on around campus. His most important duties as the head of the music department at Georgia Tech are to support the faculty, hire people who are suitable for certain positions and facilitates them with what they need to succeed.

Johnson, a native Atlantan, was a successful high school band director for ten years at two different high schools in the Atlanta metro area. In addition, he directed the Dekalb College Jazz Band for over eight years. The Dekalb Jazz Band performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival, the North Sea Jazz Festival, and the Toronto Jazz Festival. Beside his responsibilities at Georgia Tech, he also served as the director of the 500-member Atlantan Olympic Band (1992-1996).

Johnson has also managed to find time to serve as Festival Director for the Southern Star Music Festival sponsored by Six...
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Registrar

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The larger problem, however, could be with students who find themselves one or two credit hours short of humanities or social science credits.

This problem could possibly affect a much greater number of students. “There are then students who are one or possibly two credit hours short, which is to say less than a regular three hour course, and I am asking the Registrar to identify those students to see what the scope of the problem is,” said McMath.

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“Students who were here a year under quarters and are short one hour would either need to find a one hour course, such as the introduction INTA course, or appeal to the curriculum committee,” said McMath.

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College briefs

California cracks down on credit card solicitors

By Jaymelle Saint Jean
Daily Aztec

(U-WIRE) San Jose State University—Since last year, computer engineering junior Raymond Smith has acquired two promotional T-shirts, a bouncy ball, and a faux-Swiss Army watch—all in exchange for completing credit card applications.

Smith represents just one of the 80 percent of students who apply for credit cards on San Diego State University’s campus because they want the gift.

Come Jan. 1, however, recently approved legislation designed to empower and educate college students on the risks of debt will significantly change the way credit cards are marketed to students at colleges and universities throughout the state.

Governor Gray Davis signed the bill Sept. 13. The bill’s author, Assemblyman Paul Koretz, said he applauds Davis for the leadership and vision he showed by signing this bill.

“(Credit card solicitors) set up their tables outside the campus booknote, targeting students who may be financially strapped after spending hundreds of dollars on books and supplies,” Koretz said.

Stopping to apply for credit cards hampers students when they are trying to get from place to place, said Smith.

Even with the new legislation, however, credit card companies will still have access to students because schools are allowed to have contracts with them.

The new legislation forces credit card vendors to register with college and university administrations and limits the number of tabling sites but does not completely ban their presence.

UVA fears drop in international student attendance

By Josh Goodman
Carolina Daily

(U-WIRE) University of Virginia—President George W. Bush announced his support last week for more stringent visa requirements for foreign students seeking to enter the United States. The decision has some in the University of Virginia community worried that fewer international students will enroll next year.

Though tougher visa rules have not yet been enacted, evidence already exists that fewer international students may enter the University next year.

“We have noticed a drop-off in the number of foreign students requesting applications,” said William Quandt, vice provost for international affairs.

University officials acknowledge the increased need for security following the Sept. 11 attacks, but they hope new laws will not discourage international students from coming to the University.

“Nobody knows what the ramifications of this new directive will be,” International Studies Student Adviser Richard Tanson said. “It would be absolutely disastrous if the number of international students was curtailed.”

One measure under consideration by Congress and Bush’s administration is a national tracking system for foreign students. Students would have their fingerprints or palm prints checked at all airports and national borders.

A goal of the Bush administration is to ensure that foreigners who come to the U.S. on student visas actually attend school.

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Flag Over Georgia. Johnson is an honor member of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. He is also a member of Phi Beta Mu, CBDA, MENC, IAJE, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Mu Alpha. Currently, Johnson is the Vice President of the ACC Band Directors’ Association.

Johnson was recommended by the band directors at Druid Hills High School to apply for the opening at Georgia Tech in 1983.

It wasn’t long before he was invited by the Georgia Tech Music Department to take up the offer, which he certainly took advantage of. With over eighteen years of experience as the Director of Bands, Johnson has managed to bring significant changes to the department.

Other than being in charge and directing the concert band, the marching band and the pep band, Johnson initiated a women’s pep band and got it approved within his first year of service.

Johnson states that he does not regret leaving his position because “the music department is in such a great place now and can continue to prosper without me.”

When confronted about his reasons for leaving, Johnson simply stated that “looking at the monetary benefits of retirement and the fact that I can spend more time with my family, I see no reason why now wouldn’t be a good time to retire.”

Johnson admits, however, that he will definitely miss “the day-to-day life” with his colleagues. His plans after retiring include taking a tour around Europe, visiting Japan and Hong Kong and perhaps even New Zealand.

“I’ve lived in Atlanta all my life, so I would love to travel to other places and meet people with different cultures” said Johnson.

He also noted that he misses spending time with his friends and family. He revealed that “you simply don’t have the free time you want” on the weekends “even though it is very exciting.”

“I like being paid for what I enjoy doing but since my life has revolved around music for a long time, I think now is a good time to take a break,” said Johnson.

Many students have expressed their fondness for Johnson.

“He’s done so much for the music program since he’s been at Tech—that we’re definitely losing one of the family. I am definitely happy for him, but at the same time I am sad to see him go,” said color guard captain Wendy Stone.

“Whether it is band or guard related or not, I feel comfortable talking to him about any problems or just to chat.”

Johnson started teaching music at the age of twenty-one. After over thirty years of experience, he says that there are many retirement benefits that he wants to take advantage of. For instance, he is now allowed to receive sixty percent of his pay for the rest of his life, several medical incentives and other smaller benefits. This is one of his reasons for leaving his position.

In his spare time, Johnson likes to participate in a wide variety of activities. One of his favorite activities is getting together with his parents for a Sunday lunch.

Bucky’s favorite instrument is the drum and he enjoys listening to Pachabel’s “Canon.” Emperorda Overture, Hounds of Spring.—Reed, Sailors and Whales.—MacBeth are some of the concert band pieces he enjoys to conduct. His favorite composer of all times is Alfred Reed.

Johnson’s favorite Tech band tradition is “the Horse” as it gives the members of the band a “chance to let our hair down, but I am worried that someone is going to hurt or going to trip and fall and break themselves or their instrument.”

The tradition he feels is most important for everyone to remember is “our service to the Institute and keeping spirits up.” From teacher to director, Bucky has had the opportunity to interact with many different students in his years teaching at Tech. He has taught the Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Symphonic Band here at Georgia Tech.

Although many people have held significant positions at Tech, Johnson believes he is extremely fortunate because he has been able to control his destiny and have a great amount of flexibility. “I feel that I have been very lucky in life to receive this position and I couldn’t not have done it all without the support of the faculty,” said Johnson.
Edwin Harrison, who was the sixth president of the Institute, guided Tech for 11 years beginning in August 1957. He managed the Institute through a turbulent time of social change at many American colleges and universities. His coordination of the peaceful integration of Tech will be among the many accomplishments for which Harrison will be remembered. At the time, Tech was the first university in the South to peacefully integrate.

Harrison also oversaw physical, in addition to social, changes at the Institute. He engineered the purchase of the land west of Hemphill Avenue and north of Ferst Drive that would later be known today as Harrison Square. Harrison is survived by his two sons; Robert and Richard; and his four grandsons; Matthew, Michael, Daniel and David.

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As the officer approached the bag, part of it exploded. He later found out the bag contained two two-liter bottles filled with a volatile liquid. The explosion was caused by one of the two bottles exploding.

Immediately the second officer on the scene contacted emergency medical services, as the explosion injured the first officer and left him with red spots on his face. The two were still unsure about what remained in the package.

They also noticed a piece of PVC piping on the ground in the area, which led them to believe the situation could be serious. The City of Atlanta authorities were then contacted.

“We got the fire department in there, and they decontaminated the officer, and the area was closed off for a while so that we could get the bomb disposal folks in there,” said Vickery.

The streets in the immediate area were closed off, and traffic was rerouted in order to give the emergency officials room to operate and keep individuals out of the area.

Being five in the morning, there were not a whole lot of people in the area, and there was nothing really evacuated. The people who were in fraternities in the immediate area were just told to stay in their houses,” said Vickery.

The bomb squad from the Atlanta Police Department arrived to investigate the incident and the remaining device, and members of the Georgia State University Police offered their assistance in directing traffic.

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Jack Vickery
Georgia Tech Police Chief

“[The bomb squad] came in and imploded the remaining bottle and determined that the PVC pipe was just something people were using to set off bottle rockets,” said Vickery.

According to Vickery, there is a standard protocol for responding to such emergency situations. The Atlanta Police Department has a procedure, similar to the one it implemented at Skiles, to deal with hazardous devices.

“There were some other things found at that scene, a ninja costume and some CO2 pellets that were probably used for pranks.”

While officials are still investigating to determine exactly what substance was in the liquid that caused the bottles to explode, Vickery noted that it was most likely a mixture of a number of chemicals that built-up the gas pressure inside and eventually caused the explosion.

“It has been a while, but we have encountered this type of thing before,” said Vickery.

Tech officials are also looking for the individual involved, as he managed to elude officers in the initial few minutes.

“The circumstances we are dealing with today, where people have a heightened concern about security and are dealing with the unknown, [the perpetrator] definitely created an unknown situation for a lot of people,” said Vickery.

“Folks need to know that things that would at one time be considered pranks can’t be done anymore,” said Vickery.

Students who wish to report information about this incident can contact the Georgia Tech Police Department at (404) 894-9966.
Students engage hunger, homelessness through week’s events
By Jody Shaw
News Editor

Throughout the week, Tech students have participated in a number of events to raise awareness of hunger and homelessness issues in the Atlanta area.

The Techies correspond with other events around the nation that have taken place this week to improve the same issues.

The Taskforce for the Homeless has aided in the planning of many of these events and has named November National Homeless Awareness Month.

Mobilizing Opportunities for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) Chair Rachel Giese coordinated this year’s second annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. On Monday evening, 200 Tech students attended a hunger banquet at the student center.

The participants were randomly divided into groups as they entered the ballroom, and then food was distributed among the groups according to the levels at which food is distributed around the world. For example, the largest group ate rice with their hands on the floor while the smallest group ate a gourmet meal seated at a table.

On Wednesday morning approximately 50 Tech students camped out at the Campanelle to raise awareness of homelessness in Atlanta. While staying awake during the night, the students served the hungry and homeless. They made sandwiches for the hungry, organized clothes for the homeless, and wrote letters to local and national politicians to inform them about the issues.

On Thursday morning Tech students listened to hear firsthand stories about being homeless at the “Faces of the Homelessness Panel.”

The week culminates with four service projects on Saturday. Giese hopes to have 150 students volunteering. They will clean up a neighborhood, sort food at the Atlanta Food Bank, and prepare food for Meals on Wheels.

“Saturday we are really hoping to take action. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is a national event; it really is in California. I wanted to make everything, including the sleeping, more action oriented, so that we can learn and then do something,” said Giese.

Overall, Giese was very pleased with participation at the events.

“Even students who were not able to come out to the hunger banquet or the campout knew that the average age of a homeless person is nine, and that in itself is an advocacy piece,” said Giese.

“People are learning that kids and single mothers and other helpless people are also homeless. Tech students have been really responsive.”

Students who want more information about these issues can visit www.homelesstaskforce.org.

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the property will be protected,” Sterling Brown, Senior Associate Athletic Director, said.

Part of the construction, however, will limit access to the area of the lot alongside Bobby Dodd Way and will prevent the fifty-member Reck Club from performing routine maintenance on the vehicle and will force the club to find a new location for it. After contemplating several options, the club decided to move the Wreck to an undisclosed location on campus, once its former home before it was transferred to the stadium.

One option suggested by a member of the Athletic Association was to integrate a glass atrium into the new entrance to Bobby Dodd Stadium, as it would serve as a means of being a prominent showcase for the Wreck, thereby bolstering its image even further as an icon of Tech. However, not only would it be overly expensive for both the Reck Club and the Athletic Association to support feeding for those plans, it would also be infeasible for members of the club to access the vehicle on a day-to-day basis.

“There was no money budgeted by the Athletic Association for that. Since we were not part of any discussion, we would not know where to start. Our mission is not to raise money to build space. The mission [of the club] is to be the support of the entire campus to promote the history of Georgia Tech all the way to the car itself.” Kirk McQueen, Director of Facilities and Operations for Campus Recreation and the faculty advisor for the Ramblin’ Reck club, said.

Brown also suggested that the Wreck be stored on the parking deck of the future SAC II, but that ongoing project would not be completed until September of 2004. However, members of the Reck Club did not hesitate to consider that location in the future.

McQueen also expressed concerns in regard to placing the Wreck in a location off-campus. “To store it safely was our main concern. It is the icon, goes to weddings on weekends, and is often on the campus,” he said. In addition, because the driver of the Wreck is a student, easy access to it was a priority from the beginning.

Options for the automobile’s future location were in discussion for several months from the time the club was notified in early June by the Athletic Association, which finalized the construction contract, to just recently. However, many members expressed strong concerns that they were neither approached before the renovation plans were signed in agreement, nor involved in any discussion.

“I wish we would have known earlier about the renovations and that we were moving, but we are still very happy that we are keeping [the Wreck] on campus. We were a little worried at first, and now after the new discloser, we became proactive and open to the stadium as a better facility,” Erik Demirgian, President of the Ramblin’ Reck Club, said.

Brown felt confident that the club received adequate time to find a better location for the vehicle. “[In June], just as we were going to start the renovations, the logistics program was an outgrowth of the construction plan. When we decided that we were doing renovations to the stadium, we started to see what things would be impacted and someone said that the Wreck would be one,” Brown said.

Brown also expressed concerns that Georgia Tech was already locked into a construction plan from the start, and that waiting to speak to those groups affected by the renovations would add millions of dollars to the original budget. According to the Athletic Association, there is a very tight schedule set for the renovations.

The formal unveiling of the new construction designs took place yesterday. All organizations associated with Bobby Dodd Stadium, including the Ramblin’ Reck Club, were invited to the gathering.

But in light of future events, however, Demirgian said, “It is not only the responsibility of the Reck club, but the responsibility of the students to know where the Athletic Association makes plans. If everyone were to become properly involved, we would affect the look of Tech and its icon.”
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**Free for all**

The addition of new risers on the floor of the Coliseum will benefit many student basketball fans if they can get their hands on the right T-shirt.

In order to be able to stand on these risers students must be sporting a shirt designed specifically for this event. These T-shirts will be given out for free at the first two home games to the first 200 students. Any student who wants this T-shirt after that will have to pay for it.

This is a good idea that will get more students involved in the basketball season. However, these free T-shirts should be given out at more games than just the first two. All students who wish to support basketball by standing on the risers should be allowed to obtain a free T-shirt.

In an attempt to make these T-shirts free to more students, the AA is working to get corporate sponsorship for the shirts. With the benefit sponsors receive from placing their logo on the shirt, more companies should be forthcoming. All the Tech basketball games will be televised, and just as Swarm gets ample TV coverage during football games, this group of eager student fans should also get plenty of airtime, publicizing Tech basketball as well as potential T-shirt sponsors.

**Let them go**

Many seniors planning to graduate next month are getting a rude awakening late in the semester. They are discovering that they are .33 to two hours short of graduating due to the semester conversion two years ago. Tech administration will decide next week whether or not to let these students go ahead with graduation or make them stay on one more semester.

First, if a student was two hours or less short of graduating he or she should have been notified soon after the semester started. No one should have had to wait until one month before graduation to find out that he or she may not get to receive a degree in December.

Second, because of the special case, any exception that can be made, should be made. This shortage of hours affects a small number of students and is only a temporary issue. With such minor discrepancies, these students should be allowed to graduate this semester.

**Sexual comments at games must stop**

I am a recent Georgia Tech alumna and member of the Greek community. I’ve attended several football games this season and visited campus on several other occasions. I thought that it might be because I was getting older that I noticed how vulgar and degrading some Tech students could be.

Sitting in section 123 along with other alumni, we have to constantly listen to students in the flashcard section not only taunt the opposing team with crude remarks but also yell sexually degrading comments to the cheerleaders.

Then at Homecoming my fears of getting “too old” were proved false. A fraternity had chosen to use Buzz, one of my favorite Tech symbols, to display the most disgusting hand gesture I have ever witnessed. I wish I had been ignorant of its meaning, but I had had one too many fraternity members make and describe the gesture at football games. The only reason why I don’t describe it is because it would make this letter unfit to print.

I asked a fraternity member who I thought was a friend of mine why they made this gesture and whether or not they knew it could be classified as sexual harassment. I was told, “It’s all in good fun.” Unfortunately, I did not have a formal definition of sexual harassment on hand or I would have told him that Webster’s Dictionary defines it as “the making of unwanted and offensive sexual advances or of sexually offensive remarks or acts.”

Making lewd hand gestures and screaming that you want a table dance from the cheerleaders may be your idea of “good fun.” But your good fun is ruining my good time. I should not have to stand and listen to sexually harassing comments for hours just to attend a football game. You may think you’re funny, but you’re not. Would you want some drunk sexual comments at games?

**No time for pranks**

Last Sunday a 2-liter plastic bottle with chemical contents exploded in the face of a Tech police officer. It appears as though these chemicals were mixed as some sort of a joke. While a stunt like this might have been considered funny as recently as six months ago, it is no laughing matter in the uncertain atmosphere that comprises the world that we live in today. All people, not necessarily just students, need to be more wary of their behavior and make better decisions as to what constitutes a funny joke.

**Bye Bye Bucky**

Bucky Johnson, Tech’s band director for the past nine years, announced that he will be retiring at the end of this semester. We would like to thank him for his contributions to Tech’s music program and wish him a happy retirement.
**New student seating in coliseum a major improvement**

How will Jason Williams feel? He'll prepare to shoot a free-throw, then he'll imagine himself to the left of the hoop. He'll see a group of students dressed in old gold t-shirts. Happily because the administration has just taken a large step in creating a look that the All-American Memorial Coliseum lacks. From August till October, the Coliseum was a flurry of activity as construction was taking place to seat out the plushy seats on the floor behind the two basketball goals and to install new student seating.

The seats, which were occupied by season ticket holders, rarely got a break when their users visited during the games. Yesterday I got a chance to talk with one of the seats about the situation at Emory Little Hospital where he was undergoing therapy.

Seat: Thank you, sir. I'm the Row 1, Seat 14, nice to finally meet you.

I was able to graduate and find a job when I was in college.

Seat: Yes. From what row 2, seat 12 told me the other day, we are being moved to the old pressbox area. So actually, I’m going to have to leave.

Seat: Any idea how you ended up in this situation?

Seat: You call this a situation? This, Derek, isn’t a situation. This is a story of one seat among many that has received constant and unrelenting abuse. This is a story of a promising beginning, a fall from the top, and a promising future. This story:

Derek: ...is VH1 Behind the Music?

Seat: Good one. You college kids with your wit. Anytime, when I first got on the floor many years ago, I knew I was lucky. I was a young, fashionable seat with a full seat of cloth and a physiques that looked like it was molded out of steel. I had the best view in the house; I got to see Stephen Marbury move only a few feet away. I was one of the greatest college teams ever assembled when Grant Hill, Christian Laettner, Sam Cassell, and Devell came to town. I was young...I was naive.

Derek: What sparked the change?

Seat: The thrill of being court-side fades. I mean think about it. I can’t see anything in the first place because the guy in my seat might as well be cast in stone as much as he moves.

Derek: So you are retiring, are you just going to go on auction and wait for some Yellow Jacket fanatic to buy you on eBay?

Seat: Derek, how I wish that was the case. Derek, it’s a matter of going to go where I could sit back in the den or the sports bar and be a nice conversation piece. Think about it. I’m a unique find. I stand out. Here, well, nobody thinks about me.

Derek: So, you are going back in?

Seat: Yes. From what row 2, seat 12 told me the other day, we are being moved to the old pressbox area. So actually, I’m going to have to leave.

Derek: Row Seat 1, 14, I fear there might be some humiliation in going to the pressbox area, after all, you are being replaced by basically a bunch of steps.

Seat: On the sitting and walking, totem ladder, the step is just above the ramp at the bottom. Me, well, I don’t like to brag, but you couldn’t step on me because I’m above that little warning on the last step you can put your feet on. Let’s give credit to steps though, they were instrumental in the building of Rome, Greece and many other noble cities. But it’s time to stop looking in the rear view mirror and see what the world is going to do.

Seat: It should be a great atmosphere.

Seat: ‘American Unites.’ The populace is just a small attack. I will have to look at the next few years in a world full of terror. How will Jason Williams feel?

Derek: I thought something was going to go down in this situation?

Seat: I’ll be honest… I hate the exercise they put me through here. They open me up and close me about a hundred times a day. They took a piece of me, they gave it to me and they got it back. It’s a great honor.

Derek: Thought I was different about you… they’ve done wonders for your figure.

**A look at the next few years in a world full of terror**

I just heard three explosions. Is my imagination running wild? Hopefully it is just a small attack. I will have to call and let my family know I am not hurt. The MPs are now racing down the street toward my building. I remember when the world changed 9/11/01. I happened when I was in college.

I told my James this morning that the Boise TV station had made a special feature for Boise. Television showed the attacks. I am glad I helped the McCrae out since then, for the McCraes are still in the hospital, and I am sure that the bulb was turned on.

I tried to explain to her how people wanted revenge. They had seen ‘America Under Attack’ then ‘American Unites.’ The populace is just a small attack. I will have to look at the next few years in a world full of terror. How will Jason Williams feel?

I was able to graduate and find a job when I was in college.

Seat: I’ll be honest… I hate the exercise they put me through here. They open me up and close me about a hundred times a day. They took a piece of me, they gave it to me and they got it back. It’s a great honor.

Derek: Thought I was different about you… they’ve done wonders for your figure.

**with the installation of risers, students... will be even more active because they are on the floor.**

Derek Haynes
Spens Editor

**There’s a flash, and I remember how America would stand united against the terrorists that brought down the World Trade Centers.**

Daniel Uhlig
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**flags flew, and Americans were happy because the administration was so strong.**

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“When we’re suffering from Tech burnout, just how far do we have to go to find a tranquil haven?”

By Jen Hinkel

Techs and the City: Break from studying and find a hot spot

Last weekend, I went home. I sat in my bedroom and did nothing. I drove to my high school, passing cornfields, green hills, and vibrantly colored fall foliage. Life slowed for a day, but back in Atlanta, I find that I have even more things to do and few means of escape. Tuesday night I stole away at midnight for a cup of coffee. As I sat in a dark café trying to regain alertness for the night of studying ahead, I wondered if I really like fast-paced Atlanta after all. When we’re suffering from Tech burnout, just how far away do we have to go to find a tranquil haven?

Despite Atlanta’s hurried pace, the city has some hidden jewels, and so I will list with relish my favorite places to procrastinate the night of studying and to go to find a tranquil haven?

The nerdtastic concept, because not only are places I mention embody the nerd-chic list. The “perfecting nerd-chic” list: The best hangouts aren’t far, and becoming a part of scenery for a lot of good fun. The nerd-chic beauty of a good hangout is that once you become accustomed, no one will care if you bring your calc book with you. Then, master the hangout excuse. If Tech were nestled among rollin’ green hills in a place with no traffic and ample parking, our non-academic stress would vanish. The suburbs generate as many thrills as the city has some hidden jewels, and so I will list with relish my favorite places to procrastinate the night of studying and to go to find a tranquil haven.

Take a deep breath, and brace yourself for next week’s tests. You’ll survive, even if you spend all Friday night at Fellini’s. Free Coke refills keep you (studying) all night, right? Forget time management for stress reduction. I would rather drink caffeine with my friends and pull a study marathon. After all, we’re college students.
Buzz Around the Campus

Question of the week

“What do you think about midterm grade reports?”

Ali Kamil
CS Junior
“It's a good idea; it helps us to know where we stand.”

Noah Schellenberg
IE Senior
“I don’t care. It really doesn’t apply to me.”

Molly Wilshire
UEC Sophomore
“It’s good for students to know how they’re doing ahead of time.”

Kim Bucciero
IntA Freshman
“They’re pretty useless. You pretty much know if you’re failing anyway.”

Sherida Heath
MGT Sophomore
“They’re OK. It helps us to know what we need to do in class.”

Bill Lockwood
MGT Senior
“It’s not the best idea because it doesn’t give you a grade.”

Kelly Durski
MGT Senior
“It’s nice for freshmen.”

Ben Benoy
UEC Freshman
“I wish they were more detailed. There’s a lot of range between an A and a C.”

Feature and Photos by Matthias Shapiro
Losing Altitude

Selective Air Fare Cuts Tempt Few Fliers; Safety Measures Stall
By Wall Street Journal Staff Reporters

Have airline cuts taken enough to win travelers back to the skies? Not according to the latest passenger figures. So will the airlines slash prices even further? Probably not.

The sharp decline in demand for air travel after Sept. 11 has reversed a bit, but domestic flights still flew only 65% full in October, according to preliminary estimates from the Air Transport Association, the U.S. industry's trade group. That applies to flight schedules most carriers had already cut 20%.

Some carriers, including United, American and Continental Airlines, have introduced discounts of 20% to 50% on business fares in the weeks since the Sept. 11 attacks. But many of those discounts come with 10-21 day advance purchase requirements, making them of little use to road warriors who don't like to plan that far in advance. In addition, many of the discounts are non-refundable or require one- or two-night stays.

In leisure fares, consumers have been offered a hedgehog of price reductions, many of which are different from the ones offered before the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Many of the discounts are scattered and somewhat difficult to find, as carriers ratchet up yield management systems that selectively reduce fares in various markets.

Airlines say cutting business fares usually doesn't stimulate a lot of new demand, and much of the downturn is the product of the economic slowdown. "Until we see some uptick in the economy, we think we'll continue to see lower business travel," says Continental Airlines Chairman and Chief Executive Gordon Bethune.

The financial carnage for the airlines is so bad that the industry could be headed for a major restructuring, with well-capitalized carriers already sizing up faltering rivals for their gates and facilities. Delta Air Lines Chief Executive Leo F. Mullen has suggested that government regulators will now have to lose their aversion to airline mergers. Airlines will have to address long-standing and now worsening problems with labor costs and the shortcomings of the hub-and spoke system.

"We're losing millions of dollars every day," he says.

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Ads For New Cigarette Create Stir

By Gordon Fairclough

Vector Tobacco Ltd. is about to become the first cigarette maker to market a potentially less hazardous smoke nationwide.

Issues of People magazine hitting newsstands this week contain a two-page advertising spread from Vector that touts the new cigarette, called Omni, with the slogan: “Reduced carcinogens. Premium Taste.”

The ad says that Omni was created to “significantly” cut levels of chemicals that are the “major causes of lung cancer” in smokers. “Now there’s actually a reason to change brands,” it says.

Vector’s strategy already is drawing fire from antismoking activists, public-health experts and some of its larger rivals in the cigarette business, who say the ad is misleading. “Everything is designed to imply this cigarette is safer, with Vector having no proof whatsoever that this is the case,” says Matthew L. Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a Washington advocacy group. “That has the potential to cause serious harm to consumers.”

The whole notion of a less hazardous cigarette is controversial. Proponents say it would be wrong not to try to reduce the harm caused by smoking, which contributes to more than 400,000 deaths a year in the U.S. But some antitobacco activists worry that the newfangled cigarettes will discourage smokers from quitting and possibly entice nonsmokers to light up.

The tobacco in the Omni cigarette is treated with a combination of chemicals, including palladium, a metal most commonly found in catalystic converters of cars. Vector says that treatment, combined with a new, carbon-filtered filter, has resulted in a cigarette that tastes as good as competitors’ brands but has lower levels of a number of toxic and cancer-causing compounds.

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Some argue that in addition to beefing up security, the industry needs to cut fares more sharply. Desperate though the airlines may be, however, they are walking a collective tightrope. If they don’t do something to stimulate traffic, they will continue to rack up mammoth losses, but discounting fares too deeply carries the risk of permanently devaluing air travel in consumers’ minds, David Newkirk, a senior vice president at consulting firm Booz-Allen & Hamilton, points out that cruise ships have slashed fares as low as $399 for a seven-day cruise. “The industry is just scared to death now that people will now cruise. “The industry is just scared to death now that people will now cruise... and I don’t see an end in sight,” says Tom Horton, chief financial officer at American Airlines.

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But many education officials say some of what the White House wants to accomplish already exists. The State Department, whose consular officers issue visas to prospective students, maintains a “technology alert list” that includes 16 sensitive fields of study.

Students face careful scrutiny if they want to study in those fields. “If you are from Pakistan or India, it’s futile to try to come here and study nuclear engineering,” says Terry Hartle, senior vice president for the American Council on Education, a Washington-based association of colleges and universities. “The State Department routinely denies those visas.”

A Bond’s Demise Could Aid Recovery

The Treasury Department halted sales of 30-year bonds, and financial markets reacted by sending long-term interest rates tumbling—something Alan Greenspan hadn’t been able to achieve despite the Federal Reserve’s many cuts in short-term rates.

With no new supply of 30-year bonds coming from Washington, investors scrambled to buy up the remaining securities, pushing up their prices—which pushes down interest rates.

The move also effectively forces investors to buy up shorter-term investments such as 10-year Treasury notes, which help determine mortgage rates, and corporate bonds. More buying demand means lower rates on these securities as well. And lower long-term rates could provide a powerful stimulus to the economy.

Magazines Rethink Flower Power

After years of using cornstarch-based products to help ink dry faster and reduce static cling, magazine publishers have a problem: Cornstarch is one of the many formerly inoffensive products now becoming regarded with dread in the wake of recent anthrax events.

Most publishers have told their printers to stop using cornstarch. “Before we sell a magazine, we have to convince consumers it’s not going to kill them,” says Thomas O. Ryder, chief executive of Reader’s Digest Association Inc.

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By Don Arbour
Students design their own vision of campus

By Byrd Gunter
Assistant Focus Editor

Finally, Georgia Tech students were given an opportunity to bring a vision for their own master plan. Over a series of display boards, virtual video walkthroughs and floor maps, teams of architecture, interior, and landscape architecture students presented a series of projects for renewing the areas around the Tech campus that will eventually move across Interstate 75/85. Three individual projects concentrated on infrastructure, housing and public space.

According to Evans, most Georgia Tech students have become targets of suspicion and intolerance in the months since the terrorist attacks. "Of all religious faiths, Islam seems to have covered a subject in which we must be impressed by a three-piece suit," said Evans. "As a last resort, you can even use one of the Library's publication databases, such as INSPEC or the Web of Science from ISI, to search for works on a field you like. Professors' websites contain sections on the research being conducted by their faculty. Moreover, GTRI and interdisciplinary research centers like the Microelectronics Research Center (MRC) have their own websites that outline the projects they support. Look around, everything's normally organized by specialization."

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According to Evans, most students in the College of Architecture set out to repair the damage created by decades of building and abuse. The projects as assembled in the lobby are not part of an official master plan agreed on by the students participating in the assignment, but rather a collection of independent visions that could be taken or rearranged in any variety.

The project had three focal points: infrastructure, housing and public space. A separate studio was assigned to each of the three aspects of the project and they concentrated their efforts on envisioning, designing and presenting their ideas.

Professor Richard Dagenhart’s studio was responsible for infrastructure. This meant that rather than using land and buildings as the contexts for specific purposes, students would handle the creation of a permanent framework to unite the areas surrounding the down-town connector. In addition to adding to the Midtown infrastructure, the class discussed revamping existing structures. For example, students of this class proposed a redevelopment of the Third Street tunnel on East Campus.

Currently the tunnel is a corridor surrounded by an urbanized, poorly maintained corridor at the end of Bobby Dodd. Except during football games, no one is interested in going up after the first week or two after the attack. "Although a lot of things calmed down," said Sanin Rahman, President of the Bangladesh Student Association, "they have also encouraged the religious leaders have given their congregations to deal with the terrorist attacks through personal prayer, rather than giving them any specific suggestions or instructions on how to handle it. They do stress certain parts of scripture on最爱, however."

In a small Bible study group we had recently, we focused on passages that deal with loving your enemy," said Evans. On the evening of the attack, Christian prayer leaders prayed not only for the victims and their loved ones, but also for the government leaders and the decisions they would have to make. "The one thing we are stressing is a message of peace towards everyone. This includes loving the enemy, as well as showing love and understanding towards those following the Muslim faith," said Baker. "Not all people of faith are going to react to the attacks the same way, but I have seen many people become stronger in their religious beliefs," said Sanin Rahman, President of the Bangladesh Student Association. "On the same token, however, I have also seen people give up on their religion completely. I find hard for many to believe that there is still even a God if He would allow some of these horrific things to happen to so many innocent lives.

All religious faiths, Islam seems to be one of them. With the attacks linked to the Taliban government in Afghanistan, followers of the Muslim faith have become targets of raunts, discrimination and

Students cope with post-9/11 aftermath

By Madhu Adiga
Contributing Writer

Nearly two months after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, faith continues to play a major part in students’ lives. Since many are quick to label the attacks as the act of Muslims and Islam, religion is a key topic of discussion. The issue runs deeper in the Georgia Tech community.问题

According to Evans, most Georgia Tech students who practice any sort of religion are generally finding it to be a source of refuge in these times of crisis. “I’ve noticed most students calling on their faith to give them strength, but we [the Bangladesh Student Association] did have a general mourning. But we [the Bangladesh Student Association] did have a general

Get yourself hooked-up

By Benjamin Small
Columnist

Over the last semester, I’ve talked about some research projects that are taking place on campus. I’m sure you were captivated by the topics and the style in which they were written. But if what happened not to have covered a subject in which you’re interested? Well, lucky for you, this week’s topic is how to get yourself hooked-up with the research projects of your choice. (It could very well be the most gratifying hook-up of your adolescent life.)

So, look around. Nearly every group on campus has some web presence. All of the School’s websites contains sections on the research being conducted by their faculty. Moreover, GTRI and interdisciplinary research centers like the Microelectronics Research Center (MRC) have their own websites that outline the projects they support. Look around, everything’s normally organized by specialization.

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entity. Such efforts are not uncommon anymore. Boston’s monumental construction, the ‘Big Dig’, and Seattle’s Freeway Parks, are prime examples of American cities working to take their interstates out of sight and bring every day life back into focus.

The issue of public space is important to Tech because it directly addresses the issue of how the Institute relates to the city and becomes part of the community. During the 1970s and 1980s the trend in urban college design was to protect the campus from the dangers of an encroaching city. Safety concerns are particularly evident in Atlanta where, for example, Georgia State’s academic buildings are connected by raised walkways and Tech’s campus is surrounded by a brick wall.

Recently, schools have integrated part of the city and the neighborhoods surrounding them into the college community. With this in mind, Professor Harris Dimitropoulos’ studio explored the ways in which public space, running over and parallel to the interstate, could connect Tech back to Midtown Atlanta. Students focused on the natural attraction of green space including mini-parks and tree-lined walkways. The more adventurous plans for the space above and across 75/85 included a soccer stadium, a series of basketball and tennis courts and a multilevel, multi-use building that spanned the entire highway. This concept, dubbed by student Steven Brown, “The Big Box Bridge,” is a structure housing a convenience-grocery store, a student athletic annex and a video rental store, with a parking lot on top. Brown describes the design as much more than just a building, “The Big Box becomes a street—a seamless connection between Georgia Tech and Midtown—active, diverse, interesting, and a great walk to the new Georgia Tech east campus.”

Many of the designs were radical solutions to space allocation and infrastructure problems such as using buildings to bridge open space. student dorms crossing over 75/85. The structure would serve as both a residence to students and a path to the new East Campus projects.

The boldest housing proposal from the class was Chris Henshaw’s Fourth Street Housing Bridge. The project is rooted in Henshaw’s view of what defines a ‘campus’. As he said in the project, “Expanding the campus east across the highway makes sense—it connects Georgia Tech to Midtown and it builds around—not away from—the historic core of the campus. But the Fifth Street campus is just a half-campus. No student housing equals no real campus.” The project would create a

The ‘Re-Connector’ or ‘New Ground’ project isn’t a complete scheme for bringing Midtown and Tech together. It certainly isn’t a blueprint that the administration will be forced to follow. The project is simply a series of good ideas developed and designed to their fullest potential, ideas not founded by faculty or city planners, but by the students who experience the ramifications of the planning decisions normally made by outsiders. And who better to mold the vision of the future of Georgia Tech than the members of the Institute.
Tech student makes TopCoder semifinals

By Srinivas Narasimhan
Contributing Writer

Perhaps what the computer programmer needed most, excluding, of course, more processing power, was a company with a simple and sound mission statement demonstrating its desire to reverse the traditional stereotype encapsulating the profession.

That desire for social change became a reality in 2000, when a man named Jack Hughes founded TopCoder, a Connecticut-based company that regularly runs tournaments that bring the most skilled computer programmers in the country together.

Contestants compete against one another to solve a variety of tasks in either the Java or C++ programming language.

This past Friday and Saturday, TopCoder hosted the first-ever $250,000 TopCoder Invitational Computer Programming Tournament in Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, CT. It was just one of numerous rounds of tournaments in which members of the always expanding company compete.

However, what makes this particular competition especially significant is that one of the finalists in the competition, Trayton Otto, is a student at Georgia Tech.

“TopCoder gave me an avenue to tackle problems that I could not tackle in a classroom. It’s brought my programming to a whole new level,” Trayton Otto, a second-year Computer Science major, said. “I’ve learned rapidly as a result of classes and TopCoder combined...I’d recommend it to anyone who’s interested in programming to expand their abilities.”

Otto was one of 15 finalists in the competition that not only included students from other prestigious colleges in the country, but also professional computer programmers.

Otto’s task in the final round was to come up with solutions for various problems of increasing difficulty that he chose to solve using Java.

The first asked Otto to calculate the amount of moves that could be taken to move a red checker piece from one side of a checkerboard to the other, while still moving past the black pieces. The second program enabled a user to input a single arbitrary string into the interface and receive as an output, a series of multiple strings. The final, as well as the most difficult, required the competitor to design a program that would perform the basic mathematics functions on inputs containing very large numerical values.

Although Trayton Otto was not the winner of the $100,000 grand prize, he still won $3,000 for making it to the semifinal level. John McAlister from Stanford University won the tournament.

“It was definitely a good group who came to the contest. A lot of the programming skill came from their innate ability,” said McAlister, whose computer program aimed to investigate some of the mathematical representations in residential telephone lines.

The starting point for Otto, McAlister, and every other programmer, is TopCoder’s website, www.topcoder.com, which is not only the hub to forums where programmers such as Otto discuss solutions to various problems, but also the hub where anyone interested can take a look at the company’s mission statement and the rationale for its existence.

In addition, there are links directly on the website to documents concerning equal economic status compared to other professions in the United States. Long-term goals such as these were the impetus for the founding of the company.

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So don’t be scared of professors. The reason the Institute exists is to serve students in their pursuit of education. They have a lot to gain from recruiting students—it’s how they get their research done. And Georgia Tech is one of the best-funded schools in the nation. Hundreds of millions of dollars are procured annually from government and private sources. And President Clough himself has indicated a desire to increase research among undergraduates.

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Anyway, so now you’ve been accepted to the group, right? Of course, now you want to make sure you’re a productive member and that you get good experience. In many fields, this is also a great time to get yourself published, especially if you’re interested in pursuing graduate studies. Hopefully the professor can help you arrange this.

You can hopefully build up to eventually being able to submit to one of the better-respected journals in your field. But that can take a lot of work and experience. This gives me the perfect time to shamelessly plug a new student publication here at Tech that will publish student research articles: The Journal of Student Research and Technology (jsrt@gatech.edu; cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/jsrt). Doing research is good. It will help establish professional contacts that could prove extremely valuable in the future. And, oh yeah, you get to be involved with some really amazing advancement of knowledge.

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Anyway, so now you’ve been accepted to the group, right? Of course, now you want to make sure you’re a productive member and that you get good experience. In many fields, this is also a great time to get yourself published, especially if you’re interested in pursuing graduate studies. Hopefully the professor can help you arrange this.

You can hopefully build up to eventually being able to submit to one of the better-respected journals in your field. But that can take a lot of work and experience. This gives me the perfect time to shamelessly plug a new student publication here at Tech that will publish student research articles: The Journal of Student Research and Technology (jsrt@gatech.edu; cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/jsrt). Doing research is good. It will help establish professional contacts that could prove extremely valuable in the future. And, oh yeah, you get to be involved with some really amazing advancement of knowledge.
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The answers to Kit FitzSimons’ latest challenge can be found on page 25 of this week’s issue. Here at the Technique, we apologize for many things, but your lack of skills in completing the Onward and Crossword puzzle is not on our list. Which brings to mind the last thing we apologized for. Boy, that was a few years ago. See, last year’s editor wrote this story about this thing and he said this stuff that wasn’t true, so we had to run a correction. I think we should run some more corrections because we make errors all the time. I wish things could be perfect but the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle says they can’t.
When all else fails, Shane Hines goes right back to the beginning

By Alan Back
Senior Staff Writer

Watch a big city’s music scene for more than ten minutes and you can probably catch wind of at least three bands breaking up. What they do afterward is anybody’s guess. Some of the members hook up with other groups right away; others take a break from music; still others hang it up for good and get themselves “real” jobs.

Shane Hines, on the other hand, went back to square one and started figuring out new ways to get around on the gameboard.

Growing up in Fairfax, Va., Hines took up guitar while absorbing a steady diet of jazz and blues. He got a chance to put those influences to work when he made music his full-time job and founded the three-piece Ode to Abbey in 1996. Bassist Adam Brode and drummer Craig Kaufmann made up the rest of the group, which relocated to Atlanta a year later to break into Southeast markets.

Regarding his earlier dabblings in music, he reflected, “It’s funny because part of me knew I was going to be a musician the whole time. But Ode to Abbey was the first time I needed a little bit of a break. So it was kind of nice just to go around...”

“I feel very lucky that I’m passionate about something. It’s hard for me, actually, to even go there— [what] if I weren’t a musician.”

Shane Hines, on the role of music in his life

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“After being in one for four years, now I have the energy and I feel good about the new songs, and I’m just ready to go that way again.”

The two ways have netted him slots at two of Atlanta’s better listening rooms: Smith’s Olde Bar for the electric sets with Ode to Abbey, and Eddie’s Attic for acoustic gigs such as tomorrow’s opener for Jennifer Nettles. Both kinds of shows suit him fine, but being away from Smith’s and similar venues has him ready to get back into the electric setting.

“Playing shows in a big city is great, but I’m definitely ready to make a new start as a solo performer.”

The chorus of “Stumble” could almost double as a meditation on going it alone: “I’ve got to say/It feels a bit strange/When I’m just carrying my own weight/Without her gravity/I can rise with more ease/When I stumble.”

“The break between the album’s two sections mirrors the one Hines worked through when he went solo. Unplugged shows were a side project while Ode to Abbey was in business, he explained. For now, though, these gigs take top priority and give him a breather from the (barely) organized chaos of heading up a band.

“After being in one for four years, I needed a little bit of a break. So it was kind of nice just to go around by myself and play the songs acoust. That was great for a while; it still is great, but I’m definitely ready...”

When we stopped playing, I was kind of happy. I had two short EPs recorded on a single CD. Four full-band songs start the lineup, making a couple of teeth rattle with the help of Brode and Kaufman. Following these are seven acoustic tracks that take a more subdued approach.

The latter songs were recorded at a friend’s house and had a variety of origins. “A song like ‘Stumble’—I wrote that right when I started recording it. I got inspired by the situation of what we were doing. There’s some stuff that’s basically brand new, and then there are some songs that are three or four years old, that I’d never gotten to play in a band.”

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Finding a new band is a game of patience for Hines, and the last thing he wants is to throw in his lot with people who take music less seriously than he does. At press time, he had two players (guitar/keys and bass) lined up and was looking for the Holy Grail of rock and roll: a...
It was a sad day in Wal-Mart. I was standing next to a hat rack in the apparel section. The upright price marqueen read, “Major League Baseball hats $10.99.” I really wanted the new “Arizona Diamondbacks, 2001 World Series Champions” hat but unfortunately the only thing I had to my name was a $10 bill.

But I figured if I just stood there long enough, a certain yellow Wal-Mart employee would surely come to my rescue. But no such luck.

The smiley face Zorro rollback price-cutter guy was nowhere to be found and was I ever getting tired off. I’ve seen him on TV help out countless other delighted Wal-Mart customers who needed adjustments to the prices of their selected merchandise; he was just going to help these people and let me fend for myself.

What a camera-hounding yellow phonzy!

I thought I had caught a glimpse of him once, but it was just Ronald McDonald sitting on a bench talking to some kids. I never liked that Ronald. I mean, to just continuously sit on that bench and look the other way while his friend the Hamburglar is at large, running around unchecked, pilfering burgers like he’s just invented them.

But that McDonald is perfectly content to relax, crack a naïve smile and merrily trace a McDonald’s M on his paper plate. I’ve seen him on TV help out countless other delighted Wal-Mart customers who needed adjustments to their merchandise; was he just going to help me, sit on that bench and look the other way while the burglar is at large, running around unchecked, pilfering burgers like he’s just invented them?

And furthermore, what’s the big deal about Wal-Mart’s “spontaneous falling price.”

But the wait grew too long, and I started losing faith in my price-cutting hero. I even began questioning why I needed one of those hats in the first place. Yeah, the Diamondbacks won the World Series, and they got their championship napkins right after the final run came in to win the game. But never the less, a series of places around the world, namely Erotica, will never get their hands on the Arizona Diamondbacks 2001 championship merchandise, Zorro or no Zorro.

As a matter of fact, many Ethiopians will swear to the grave that the Mets were last year’s World Series champions and will soon celebrate the Yankees’ victory over the Diamondbacks. Have you ever wondered what happens to those pre-emptively crafted championship T-shirts and caps that we don’t see flooding the field after the game is over? But what really blows my mind is anyone actually believing that the Mets could win the World Series.

So I’m not alone in my lack of adequate World Series merchandise and furthermore, what’s the big deal about the Diamondbacks? I didn’t even know there was an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball team until a few weeks ago. I don’t even think they have any real fans yet.

The commentators were so hard pressed to find anything to say about this team that they ended up spew ing our absurd and random facts such as “The Diamondbacks are the fastest expansion team to win a World Series.” Oh, what’s that all about? Who cares how fast a baseball team is? I mean it’s granted that many good athletes, especially Ethiopians, tend to be quite fast.

But baseball is not… hey wait a minute. It seems as if the "Two Bits Man" has once again unlocked one of the most complex conspiracies that baffle our universe.

Of course the Diamondbacks are the fastest team because in actuality, they are all Ethiopians. They were formed with the explicit intent to win the World Series and resultantly send a mass shipment of high quality, high demand Yankees merchandise to their homeland.

Now that’s the right idea. The Ethiopians have initiative, and will go to great lengths to get the merchandise they’re after, even if it means winning the World Series. So there I was, waiting like a fool for a lazy overpaid Zorro price-cutter to roll back a price so I could purchase a...

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Modern technology is not yet equipped to identify the precise time or location of a "spontaneously falling price."
killer drummer ready to hit the road hard.

He commented, “The guitar player is a really experienced guy who’s been doing this for a while, but the bass player is, like, 22. He’s got some experience and he’s really good, but he still thinks that it’s fun to travel around in a van! It just cracks me up…but I tell him, ‘The only fun part, my friend, is the actual playing. Everything else is kind of boring.’”

To keep life from getting dull on the home front, Hines has been putting together a small studio of his own to use in roughing out ideas for future albums. He originally planned to use it for the groundwork on a follow-up to Blues over the summer, but put those plans on hold in order to get the personnel straightened out.

“I sort of stopped doing that because this drummer—it doesn’t look like he’s going to be the one, so I don’t want to continue along and have to go back through everything. I’d prefer some continuity in terms of the feel and the sound of the band…. First and foremost, the guys I’m playing with are into it, they love music and they’re cool guys. That’s pretty much what it comes down to.”

It also comes down to the fact that he knows how much weight music carries in his life. “So many of my friends aren’t sure what they want to be doing with themselves. I feel very lucky that I’m passionate about something. It’s hard for me, actually, to even go there—[what] if I weren’t a musician. I really enjoy it, which is a great thing. It’s not the easiest occupation, I guess, but what else?”

“Easy, no. Fulfilling, yes. With or without a full band behind him, he just keeps doing his thing as best he can.

Shane Hines will be performing at Eddie’s Attic tomorrow night. Call (404) 377-4976 or visit www.shanehines.com for more information.

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Skinnee J builds and the moment becomes appropriate. “Get on your feet!” Guevara shouts the opening lyric to “Irresistible Force” as the instrumentalists engage, and the song takes flight. As if Guevara did no more than push a button, the crowd becomes a bouncing, rocking, living jungle and the show has begun.

The rest is hypnosis; some...music and spectacle that will make you laugh, cry and reassess your relationship to the force. The 2 Skinnee J’s are a hip-hop rock band from Brooklyn, New York.

Their first major label release, supermercado, debuted in 1998 under Capricorn records. The J’s were signed over along with 311 to Volcano records when Capricorn began to lose its footing in the industry. Volcano subsequently received the releasing rights to the J’s upcoming, much anticipated release, Volumizer. Despite the album’s completion, the release date for Volumizer has been set back repeatedly. All songs on Volumizer have been available through Napster-like file transfer programs for months. It seems as if the J’s and Volcano are patiently waiting for a time when nothing will obstruct the record from hitting big. In an interview with Shane Hines from page 21

Hines

Special J and J Guevara last Saturday, the Technique confirmed such semblance.

Special J confirmed the actual and final release date to be February 2, 02. He claims that this date is optimal because it will provide a relief from the onslaught of “New Metal” music that will be continuously flooding the radio. And with the fresh sound of Volumizer available in a swarm of increasingly outplayed pop songs, we just might see the singles from Volumizer being played 24/7.

Currently the J’s are touring almost continuously. Such non-stop performing, results in a “Trial by Fire” according to J Guevara. Meaning, the quality of the 2 Skinnee J’s live shows are maintained by the lack of time they have to do anything else except perform. But the J’s somehow don’t seem tired, neither on stage nor in person. The band is not going to run out of energy anytime soon especially with a potentially enormous success just around the corner.
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I feel like such a hypocrite.

Who am I to criticize the Ham-

Burglar when I’m essentially just as

bad as he? Maybe Ronald McDonald

had the right idea after all in his

policy of a laissez-faire, live and let

live social paradigm. I mean, even

Bowser would send legions and le-

gions of koopas to be de-winged

and even flattened by the Mario

Brothers before he would finally step

back and take action into his own

hands. I guess he thought it would

be a learning experience for the koo-

pas, much like some time in prison

might help the Hamburglar reas-

sess some of his choices.

Well, folks, it’s been a learning ex-

perience for myself as well and

until next week, this is the Two Bits

Man planning to go eat a Happy

Meal and give Ronald McDonald a

hug.

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Religion from page 13

ways. “Some leaders…encourage all

members of the congregation to give

blood and show their willingness to

help the nation. Some of the con-

gregations are informing the public of

the truth behind Islam,” said one

Muslim student.

The students at Tech have gen-

erally treated the Muslim commu-

nity with respect despite the expected

backlash. “We stressed to the stu-

dent leaders [in the BSU] that al-

though the attacks were atrocious,

the terrorists were not at all repre-

sentative of the Muslim communi-

ty, and we hope that they would

communicate this to the rest of their

peers,” said Evans.

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religions in response to the Septem-

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who have hardened their miscon-

ceptions about Islam. However, there

are many others who have become

more interested in knowing about

Islam. The good thing is that these

people…try to search for the truth.

So reaching out to these people is

much easier,” said Amer Bashir, Pres-

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lucky enough to be surrounded by

friends who understand where we

are coming from, even if they are

not Muslim, so they don’t judge us

in times like these.”

Yet the problems of fanatics also

exist within the Muslim faith it-

self. Muslim students stress that the

type of religious fanaticism that may

have led the terrorists to believe that

they were killing in the name of

Islam is not what exemplifies a

true believer of Islam. “The way

Muslims perceive Islam, they re-

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So being strong in faith means hav-

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narrow-mindedness as fanaticism,

which implies focusing on just a

few aspects of the religion to the

exclusion of the other parts,” said

Bashir. Students have different ways

of handling this issue, however. One

Muslim student observed, “I be-

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fanaticism is to cause minimum fuss

and let the others speak, if they are

people who will also listen, then

express your views, otherwise it’s

best to be patient.” Bashir said, how-

ever, that since fanaticism results

from ignorance, the best solution is

to work towards education and a

better understanding of Islam.

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many efforts to educate people about

the true tenets of religion. The pub-

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tween one and the next…. it doesn’t

specify in terms of skills, as do the

various professions in medicine. Top-

Coder gives [programmers] a name,”

Rob Hughes, the COO of the com-

pany, said.

“This was a great way to show

potential employers their skills, much

more than one could in a tradition-

al interview. Programmers must be

compensated accordingly for the

work they perform.”

In addition, TopCoder frequently

allows companies to sponsor their

tournaments, both reducing the cost of

the competitions as well as pro-

viding a name to potential employ-

ers.

Over 125 people sign up on the

website daily as new members. Ex-

perienced members have been known to

average nearly five hours a week

either competing in small tourna-

ments, or collectively discussing so-

lutions to problems in TopCoder.

Coming Attractions Harry Potter

Class is in session with Madame Hooch (Zoë Wanamaker) at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and

Wizardry, and Neville Longbottom (Matthew Lewis) is taking to the skies. Look for Emily Cavender’s

review of Warner Bros. Pictures’ ‘Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone’ in next week’s Technique.
Beyond the White and Gold
Roommate will feel my wrath for not watching series

By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

At 11:04 p.m. Sunday evening, I was in a panic. I had just finished some homework at the Flag Building and was hurrying back to my room to watch the Yankees take on the Diamondbacks in game seven of the World Series.

I had run to my friend’s dorm, who is on the first floor of Sixth Street, and watched the eighth inning from outside. I saw the Yankees take the lead, I figured it was over.

I walked into my Eighth Street apartment and saw my roommate watching television. I could tell he was really into what he was seeing on the TV.

It wasn’t the World Series. It was a soccer game.

I panicked.

I didn’t know what to say. I went quickly into my room, turned on my computer, went to mlb.com and tried to call up the New York Yankees–Arizona Diamondbacks contest. Great. It cost 10 dollars to listen to the game.

I tried my radio. All I got was static.

As I sat in my room thinking about what to do next, I heard screams. At that moment, I knew I was too late.

The victory celebration was average—I finally got the nerve to ask my roommate to switch the channel—but I will forever hold a grudge against him for not watching the World Series. The seventh game. The last inning.

There are simply some things you do in the United States. You eat McDonalds; you complain about the government; you hate the Yankees. For example, on the ajc.com Wednesday afternoon, a poll question asked which team would you most like to see disappear after the contraction. 67 percent of the pollsters said the Yankees.

What will I do to punish him for making me miss what might have been the last game of the best World Series in my existence? I might make him go to a Hawks game. I might make him go to a batting cage blindfolded. I might even read my Modeling, Analysis, Design, and Control of Stochastic Systems textbook out loud to him.

I do know this, roommate, consider the preceding words a stern warning.

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Jackets back on track after stomping Heels

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Julius Peppers, North Carolina defensive end and Heisman candidate, summed up Tech’s 28-21 victory in one sentence.

“They kind of picked us apart,” said Peppers, who was held to two tackles in the Thursday night game. “They were running where they wanted to.

For the first time this season, No. 23 Tech played a complete game as Joe Burns ran for a career-high 198 yards and held the No. 21 Tar Heels, the ACC’s hottest team, to just 13 yards on the ground.

Tech’s usually strong special teams, which struggled in the homecoming victory over NC State, played a strong game led by junior punt returner Kelley Rhino’s 111 yards on four returns and Kelly Campbell’s 108 yards on four kickoff returns. Rhino nearly returned two of the punts for touchdown scores.

“I thought we played a good game defensively, defensively and on special teams,” said Rambling Wreck Head Coach George O’Leary. “I think we made some big plays in all of those areas.”

Burns, who put the game away with a tip-toeing 51-yard run along the sideline in the middle of the fourth quarter, wasn’t surprised by Tech’s strong ground game.

“The one positive for the Heels that have not beaten the Cavs on their home court in the ACC standings. Tech Florida State, who each have one win, Tech stays within striking distance of the conference title. Tech 28, Duke 13.

The win over the Heels comes at a good time for the Jackets. Tech started the season with the high hopes, including national title hopes, that were dashed early in the season.

The Jackets, who have played in more Thursday night games on ESPN than any other school, were the first team to go against Tech Heel redshirt freshman quarterback Darrius Durant for an entire contest. Usually sharing time with injured senior signal caller Ronald Curry, Durant threw for 286 yards and three scores.

The one positive for the Heels was their containment of Bilenikoff Award candidate Kelly Campbell, who came into the game leading the ACC in both receptions and yards per game. Campbell was limited to 3 catches for 27 yards.

The Ankout of Smyrna nearly returned a pair of punts for touchdowns.

Kelley Rhino was selected as ACC special teams player of the week after totaling 111 yards on four punt returns in the Jackets’ win over UNC. The junior out of Smyrna nearly returned a pair of punts for touchdowns.

To get much playing time this season, quarterback George Godsey, who was limited by an off-season surgery on a torn ACL, didn’t wear the brace for the first time in the second half and rushed into the endzone from three yards out to cap the drive. Godsey threw for an efficient 187 yards, a touchdown, and an interception.

The reason for the switch is simple: JustArrive went out of business. Akin doesn’t view the switch as completely negative; many students didn’t attend the games after they registered.

“When the Duke student tickets went on sale, the tickets were sold out in less than two hours,” said Akin. “However, only 686 of 1300 students who registered actually attended the game.”

Students, as expected, have been very supportive of the decision for the floor-level seating.

“I don’t go to any games last year, but I’m definitely going to try getting on the floor this year,” said third-year Mechanical Engineering major Khanh P. Nguyen. Elizabeth Sanders, an avid Tech basketball fan, is also in favor of the decision.

“I’ll line up early to get those tickets,” said the Math major. Lining up for tickets is exactly what the GTAA wants.

“We want there to be a desire for the tickets. We want the tickets to be hard to get,” said Akin.

Hewitt has made it a point of trying to reininstall the “Thrillerdome” atmosphere back into the Tech basketball program. The nickname came about during the late 1980s and 90s when the team played in front of large, boisterous crowds and tickets were very hard to get. Last season, Hewitt made the first steps in creating a larger crowd presence by moving the opponent’s bench toward the student section.

“I loved the idea of getting the students closer,” says Hewitt. “I’d like to see them all down here someday.”

Senior point guard Tony Akins, who has seen the loud crowds at Duke and other ACC foes throughout his career, knew the Coliseum was missing something.

“I always wanted to get students closer, it’s a great idea,” said Akins. One of the few groups of people that have been upset over the new student seats are the season ticket holders who had seats in the endzones.

“The seats they’ll have now are actually better,” said Akin.

Another group that has a conflict of interest with the new student seating is the student-run cheering organization Swarm. The members, who wear yellow shirts and are present in large numbers at Tech football games, won’t be able to wear their shirts on the floor.

“The biggest conflict is that we’re both trying to the same thing,” says Brian Alexy, President of Swarm, on the mandatory T-shirts for students on the floor. “But we do like the new seating.”

Rambling ‘Reck members who are among the first 200 students at the game will be able to wear their shirts on the floor.

Student Seating

against Pennsylvania. It has not been decided yet if the shirts will be distributed for any more home games. Akin says Tech is trying to get a sponsor to make the T-shirts freely available after the distributions at the first two home games. For the exhibition game Monday against the EA Sports All-Stars, shirts will be given to students on the floor level but can’t be used for access to the floor in regular season games.

After the opening regular season games, the floor seating will be opened up to students with the T-shirts on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The floor seating is not the only change to basketball student ticket policy. Students no longer will need to register on the JustArrive Ticketing System to reserve tickets or go to the Athletic Association to get tickets before the game. The same first-come, first-served system used for floor seats will be installed for all student tickets.

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Senior point guard Tony Akins, who has seen the loud crowds at Duke and other ACC foes throughout his career, knew the Coliseum was missing something.

“I always wanted to get students closer, it’s a great idea,” said Akins. One of the few groups of people that have been upset over the new student seats are the season ticket holders who had seats in the endzones.

“The seats they’ll have now are actually better,” said Akin.

Another group that has a conflict of interest with the new student seating is the student-run cheering organization Swarm. The members, who wear yellow shirts and are present in large numbers at Tech football games, won’t be able to wear their shirts on the floor.

“The biggest conflict is that we’re both trying to the same thing,” says Brian Alexy, President of Swarm, on the mandatory T-shirts for students on the floor. “But we do like the new seating.”

Rambling ‘Reck members who are among the first 200 students at the game will be able to wear their shirts on the floor.
No. 17 Georgia Tech (6-2, 3-2 ACC) at Virginia (3-6, 2-5 ACC)

Coaches
Wahoo Coach Al Groh created chaos for the New England Patriots after coaching great Bill Parcells retired. Last year he came back to his alma mater where he has successfully turned a bowl-caliber team into one that with four weeks remaining is out of contention.

Quarterback
For the second week in a row, Tech faces a system that is headed by two quarterbacks. This week it’s Bryson Spinner, who plays the role of the quarterback that can run but not throw, and Matt Shaub, who plays the exact opposite role. As always, the two-quarterback system will fail.

Running backs
Last year’s ACC leading rusher Antoine Womack returns this week, however he will not be near 100 percent. Even if he was near last year’s status, Jacket Joe Burns would easily be able to outshine him—as long as his nightmare Maryland game doesn’t return.

Wide Receiver
The Cavaliers have one of the best wide receivers in the nation in Billy McMullen. McMullen has already amassed 63 receptions for 791 yards and scored ten times. However, he does not have the supporting staff that Campbell has in Jonathan Smith and Kerry Watkins.

Offensive Line
The Wahoo’s line features three returning senior starters from last season, one of which, Josh Lawson, was an All-ACC selection. Meanwhile, Tech’s young line is getting stronger each week and is giving Burns larger holes to work with. Hoo’s in a close one.

Defensive Unit
Before last week’s game against Wake Forest Head Coach Al Groh dismantled his defensive coaching staff and also switched from a basic 3-4 formation to a base 4-3 scheme. Even with this new devotion to stopping the running game, the Deacons ran for 248 total yards with a backup running back amassing 151 yards.

Special Teams
Last week was the most complete game of the season against UNC. However, hidden underneath the dominating performance of Kelley Rhino and Kelly Campbell was another missed field by Luke Manget. Hopefully this week he can return to his early season status.

Forecast
It’s hard to tell which team the Jackets will play on Saturday, the one that beat Clemson in Death Valley or the one that lost at home to Wake Forest. Either way Tech should be able to build upon last week’s performance. Tech 35, Cavaliers 14.

Back in Action
Virginia’s Antoine Womack, last year’s All-ACC running back, returns this week and will play sparingly throughout the game. He has been sitting the bench due to an ankle sprain that occurred during the Hoo’s opening game against Wisconsin.

Honor Roll
A round of applause for Tech gridders Joe Burns and Kelley Rhino who received the ACC’s runningback and special teams player of the week awards, respectively.

Stepping Up
Honorable mention goes to receiver Jonathan Smith, who had his best game of the season against the Heels, catching eight passes for 86 yards and a score.
Feeling lucky? You’ll need it in college football’s overtime

By Derick Stanger
Assistant Sports Editor

To Tech fans overtime is now considered blaspheme and is the Achilles heel of a potentially great football team. However, even if there were two games which will live in infamy and had ended differently, it should not change the way all college football fans feel about overtime.

It is during overtime that sports turn into something that is similar to a rogue basketball game (this will all make sense in a second). Soccer and NFL football have do-or-die type systems with their ‘golden goal’ and ‘sudden death,’ respectively, while NCAA football has resorted to a simple game of “Pig.” If you like overtime, then you are a casual fan and those 10 or 15 added minutes of heart-pounding drama that can send fans into cardiac arrest are all that matters.

For casual fans out there, I suggest an additional alternative. Use the exact same method that is currently in use but instead of teams starting at the opposing 25-yard line, have the ball kicked off. The special teams would be tested and complete playbooks would be usable. The respective red zone offense and defenses would not be the only squads displayed. Instead, teams would have to march down the field and have to turn over piles of atmosphere similar to that of a baseball game in the 15th inning, it would also eliminate any possibility of the equivalent to a 25-inning game. Football is not meant for the lucky factor, it would not destroy a strong team as it partially should. The most complete and favorable plan is that of the 15-minute overtime.

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Nothing-but-net shot that they have practiced a total of one time. And when that shot goes down, one knows that their day is over. So what’s wrong and how should it be fixed?

First off, there is the coin toss. This is clearly an admission by the football gods that overtime is unjust. In Vegas people should now bet on who will win the overtime coin toss rather than the final score since the coin toss is practically all that matters.

Jacket safety Chris Young says “I think it’s fair because both teams get the ball. You want to be lucky and win the toss so you can play defense first and try to stop them.”

While there is a certain aspect of luck in every sport, it should never be a deciding factor in a game. There is such a way to eliminate this unnecessary part of the game. Simply use the coin toss at the beginning of the game. The loser of the toss would be able to choose ball possession in overtime if they wish. This would bring a whole new advantage to deferring the coin toss to the other team and would make coaches ponder that first decision so much more.

This would also eliminate that two-headed coin that is utilized so many times by the likes of FSU and UGA. After the coin toss, the college system continues its absurdity. Each team starts at its own 25-yard line and attempts to score a touchdown or field goal. The other team then has to match the other teams score or surpass it for the win. So if the first team only scores a field goal, the opposing team can call safe plays and know that the worst-case scenario, barring the unthinkable, they tie. This sounds similar to a game of Hollywood Squares. “I’ll take Gilbert Gottfried for the block.”

Tech quarterback George Godfrey says, “It’s a big advantage to win the toss and go on defense first so that you know if you need a touchdown or a field goal.”

This system continues for an infinite amount of overtime periods until someone is declared a winner.

To make it a little more confusing, they threw in that after the second overtime a team is required to go for a two-point conversion after a touchdown. So it is completely possible for a game to be longer than the stadium bathroom line at halftime. This was proven by last week’s Mississippi–Arkansas game which lasted for seven overtime periods.

In this world of negatives, there is still a plus. At least the college football gods that overtime is unfair and know that their day is over. So what’s next?

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The fault to this last system is that while it would dampen the effect of the lucky factor, it would not eliminate it. A fluke fumble would still destroy a strong team as it partly should. The most complete and favorable plan is that of the 15-minute overtime.

Overtime Solution
Remove the possibility of ties into the college game. Base overtime possession solely on the opening coin toss.

Create one 15 minute overtime period or two 10 minute overtimes.
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**Georgia Tech vs. Virginia**

**By Derek Haynes**  
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**Football OT needs work**

The ‘Nique’s Derick Stanger feels the main component for a college football overtime victory is luck, not skill.

**By David Rotman**  
**Staff Writer**

Heading into last weekend’s final two regular-season home games, Tech was not playing up to its potential. Apparently, someone forgot to tell Mia Pachale. The senior outside hitter and the Jackets outscored two ACC wins over North Carolina and NC State as Tech solidified their hold on third place in the conference.

In Friday night’s five-game victory over UNC (18-6, 10-3 ACC), Pachale hammered home 28 kills and hit an impressive .434. Pachale rounded out her game by adding a team high 17 digs.

By the numbers

**486**

Season return yards by junior Kelley Rhin. He set a new Tech record. With four games left, Rhin has already passed the previous record of 441 yards, held by his father, Randy Rhin.

**200**

Number of new courtside seats in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum available each game for students only. The seats will be located behind the Alexander Memorial Coliseum next season for students to get the floor seats, which will be given on a first-come, first serve basis.

**10.3**

Rushing yards per game by Joe Burns. This comes after a 198-yard performance last week against the Tar Heels. He has managed this average even while playing limited time in several games.

**481**

Yards to complete a 34-30 victory.

**171**

The point by which Virginia Tech enters the ACC tournament on November 15.

**12-10-1**

Series: Tech leads 12-10-1.

**198**

Yards covered by Tech's Derick Stanger against Pittsburgh. Stanger’s 198 yards is the most Tech has scored in an overtime game in five years under new head coach Al Groh. However, his is a team that has lost its last two regular-season home games, including their 34-30 victory over North Carolina, in the biggest victory of the season so far, against Maryland the following week.

**17-17**

The first tie at the end of regulation.

**58**

Points scored by the Cavaliers and gained a total of 441 yards, held by his father, Randy Rhin. He set a new Tech record. With four games left, Rhin has already passed the previous record of 441 yards, held by his father, Randy Rhin.

**12**

Team high 17 digs.

**.434**

Pachale’s hitting percentage against Pennsylvania.

**103.4**

The number of overtime games in the ACC this season.

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**Cavs look to upset Tech**

The Cavs haven’t lost to Tech at home since ’90, the year Tech won the title. How do the Cavs look against the Jackets? Page 30

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