Stingerette changes open for debate

By Arcady Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Stingerette service no longer going off campus has drawn the attention of the Student Government Association (SGA), which is now gathering student feedback about the service.

“I met with [Robert Furniss, director of Parking and Transportation] last week...and it’s a very complicated issue,” said David Anderson, undergraduate student body president. “From the parking department’s perspective there aren’t the resources available [to keep the service going off-campus].”

According to Furniss, while students were taken to destinations like Home Park or the Marta station as a courtesy in the past, serving off-campus students was not at any point official Stingerette policy. “[The] radius was never a stipulation for Stingerette service,” he said. “It’s not [that] we changed anything. What we did was stop extending the courtesy that we had done the last several years. And that’s not to say that...that can not change.”

SGA is working with the department of Parking and Transportation to consider alternatives for running the service. According to Furniss and Anderson, an official expansion of the Stingerette service to some off-campus destinations is possible, but it would require additional funding for new resources.

“A lot of students use the Stingerette service,” Smith said. “[It is] a great idea to have an on-campus service. It allows patrons to pick where they want to be, when they want to be there.”

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Hispanic Business ranks COE second

Hispanic Business magazine ranked the College of Engineering second in the category “Top Engineering Schools for Hispanics” in its September issue.

In the article, the magazine cites student organizations as the key to increasing involvement. “Organizations such as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and La Unidad Latina increase the participation of Hispanic students in the technical professions,” the article said. The magazine ranked the College of Engineering at the University of Texas El Paso first in the category.

CRC announces extended hours

The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) announced that it is extending its hours for the current semester. The CRC will be opening at 5:30 a.m. and closing at 12 a.m. on weekdays. The weekend hours have not changed.

The CRC is located at 5 NorthBT Park Drive and can be contacted by phone at (404) 894-2864. A complete list of building hours can be found on www.techworks.gatech.edu/./geninfo.php.

Techworks accepts donations

Faculty and staff will be able to contribute to the Georgia Tech Charitable Campaign online at techworks.gatech.edu starting Oct. 19. This change is part of a process to simplify donating and increase funding for the campaign. This annual program’s open enrollment time runs until Nov. 23.

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Smith research interests focus on age differences in memory. “I teach every semester and I do research. The first question I asked about this job was if I could still teach and do research,” he said. [Provost Jean-Lou Chameau] assured me that I could even though it appears to be a very busy position,” Smith said.

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Smith has served as co-chair with Richard Meyer on the committee developing the ULC. “[The ULC] brings all of the support services together. The same with advising, but most of that will be referring freshmen and sophomores from the center,” Smith said. “This is a very important building and we want to make sure we do it good.”

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The award is presented to a faculty member who exhibits excellence in the field of continuing education.

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By Ranganath Venkataraman
Contributing Writer

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Incident: Report of a stolen wallet...

Motor vehicle theft
8/30/2005 17:00 hrs.
Location: 175 Fourth St./Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity House
Incident: Report of a stolen blue 2001 Nissan

Information
9/8/2005 15:00 hrs.
Location: 740 Cherry St./Library
Incident: Report of a dispute between two Facilities employees.

Crime Reports

9/10/2005 09:38 hrs.
Location: 749 Fowler Street/Peters Parking Deck
Incident: Report of a stolen center console.

Location: North Ave./Techwood Dr.
Incident: Offender arrested for Simple Battery, Police Officer and Disorderly Conduct.

Corrections

The photo caption in last week’s men’s tennis preview on page 25 incorrectly identified former Tech player Jason Pieters as David North.

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Representatives appoint JFC

By James Stephenson

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David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, was next to report. Andersen first spoke about the new vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, Anderson Smith, and his role in overseeing the undergraduate curriculum.

Andersen then reported on the changes to the Career Fair. Andersen said that in the past, many students had trouble getting excused from class to attend the fair.

Andersen reported that a letter had been sent to President Clough expressing the students’ displeasure with the way the Barbell Club had been closed. He said President Clough responded by saying a new policy should be in place to handle future incidents. Andersen said the policy will not help the Barbell Club but will give other organizations in the same situation due process.

Andersen also said he wants the new Atlantic Station development to have ties with the Tech Community. He said one possible way to do so is the creation of a bus route between Atlantic Station and campus. However, he said both sides currently do not have the funds to achieve this.

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Furniss said he is hesitant to ask for more fee increases, and the goal of enforcing campus boundaries is to avoid needing to request one.

“Every dollar is out of your pocket, obviously, and I’m not the only one requesting it,” he said. “We’re going to provide you with an excellent service within these boundaries. We’re not going to raise any more fees; we don’t need to. We’re in the service and that’s what it is.”

Another drawback for increasing fees to deal with the service is the relatively low usage statistics for the Stingerette.

“It’s anywhere from 150 to as many as 500 (riders) a night, depending on weather conditions. So, yeah, if you look at campus population per given day, what do we have, 17,000 students, roughly? And we have 150 riding the system on a given night? Yeah, the percentage is really, really low,” Furniss said.

The total number of orders for the service dropped from 21,678 rides over the course of the semester in Fall 2004 to 15,714 riders in the spring.

Still, some students wonder how useful a service that does not go off campus is. “Since it does just go across campus, you might as well just walk anyway, I don’t ever really feel in danger on campus,” said David Shirley, a fourth-year Computer Science major.

One option currently under consideration by SGA is to charge students who wish to use the Stingerette for off-campus travel an additional fee. “We would like to look at the possibility of having students who rode the Stingerette swipe their BuzzCard for off-campus driving,” Furniss said.

“Maybe there are reasons it could not work, but we think it’s definitely something worth looking at.”

The need to reduce wait times for on-campus users was cited as a major reason for boundary enforcement. The service’s wait times went down since it stopped serving off-campus users. In February 2005, more than 350 calls involved wait times of more than 20 minutes. In the first few weeks of the semester, however, only approximately 36 calls took that long to be dealt with.

According to Furniss, the goal is to ensure no student has to wait that long for the service. “Since the change, 80 percent of our people are being serviced in five to six minutes. That’s acceptable. That’s safety. That’s not leaving people on the street stranded waiting for an indefinite period of time,” he said.

Furniss also pointed to several affordable alternatives to the Stingerette, such as the Evening and Weekend permit, which allows students to park on campus between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

According to Andersen, SGA will solicit student input in a variety of formats.

“We have not formed a decision on this, but what I can say is we are actively searching for the right answer, and we’re actively searching to find out what students want,” he said.

Students can give Andersen feedback directly by emailing president@sgatech.edu.

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Service from page 1

a shorter response time, or would they rather have a service that goes off campus with boundaries to Home Park and have a longer response time? Because when I met with [Parking and Transportation] they basically said we can do either,” Andersen said.

Students who live close to campus and used the Stingerette were not able to plan for the change. “A lot of people consider Home Park to be part of campus. Atlantic Station is a different story. Vining is a different story. But a lot of people consider... Home Park and Centennial Place to be part of the campus. So far into the semester they hadn’t factored into their budget that they would need to pay for transportation or pay for a taxi or get a cab,” Andersen said.

Parking and Transportation has been criticized for failing to get information about the change announced early enough to give students an opportunity to prepare.

“I still think this situation could have been handled better and I still think there should have been more of a heads up for students. We should have received a mega email in the summer about this, and in the beginning of the summer,” Andersen said.

Transportation was also criticized for not soliciting student feedback, an error Furniss said he acknowledged.

Funds to operate the Stingerette and other transportation services, such as the Stcnter, the Trolley, and the Tech shuttle, come from the mandatory Student Transportation Fee, which currently stands at $57 dollars per semester.

According to Furniss, expanding the service to off-campus destinations would require an increase in the fee of $2.60 per student per semester.

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A memorial service in honor of Dr. Kudravi will be hosted by the School of Biology’s Honors Program at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6. Dr. Kudravi was a beloved faculty member at Tech for over 20 years, and his legacy continues to inspire students and faculty alike.

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Hot Tickets!

THE 5 BROWNS
Friday, Oct. 7
8 p.m.
“The Browns” 5 fingers are remarkably well coordinated, while their love of playing piano is infectious.”

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Reinvigorating classical music, this quintet of brothers and sisters perform in various ensemble combinations with five grand pianos on stage. Ranging from late teens to mid-20s, each at point in his education.

CHRIS BOTTI
Wednesday, Oct. 26
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Gifted trumpeter, composer, and charismatic performer Chris Botti is a virtual genre-of-one. His performances, once heard, are never forgotten.

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Friday, Oct. 8
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- The New York Times

Beijing Modern Dance Company, one of China’s most fascinating and innovative dance troupes, makes its southeaster U.S. debut at the Centre. Performing Light Rain, a dance set to music from Pink Floyd’s The Wall, the company explores the struggle of the younger Chinese generation to be free from tradition.

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Tech lost a member of its community when Dr. Steven Kudravi passed away over the weekend of Sept. 24-25. Dr. Kudravi became Se- nior Academic Professional in the School of Biology in May 2004. In little more than a year, he transformed the introductory biology laboratory classes at Tech into discovery labs with original experiments.

Dr. Kudravi also mentored both graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants, continually coaching them to improve their teaching skills. He taught classes in Introductory Microbiology and Medical Microbiology.

In memory of Dr. Kudravi, the School of Biology is est- ablishing an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in Dr. Kudravi’s name.

He is survived by his two sisters, Kathy and Kris Kudravi, as well as his mother Paulina Kudravi.

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Ted Kennedy is coming to my EAS class to tell us how a Democrat President would stop hurricanes, should he be elected in 2004.

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Schneider said the process for making donations online is very simple. The Charitable Campaign link on the employees’ homepage brings up the pledge card with information on what they donated last year.

In order to make their contribution for the next year employees use the Add Pledge link. Employees can then browse the list of charities and choose the charity and the amount to donate. Once the donation is made and saved, Schneider said it goes automatically to payroll and the employee can view an updated pledge card. “There are no lost pledge cards…no running around the campus,” Schneider said.

Smith from page 1

He said that funding for the ULC will come from the upcoming capital campaign and the Board of Regents. “What a great opportunity for alumni to give to something that will have an impact on all university students.” Smith said. “It is on the Board of Regents list. I really hope we get planning money. We hope we get planning money. We hope we get planning money. We hope we get planning money. We hope we get planning money.”

Smith said he is hopeful of the impact the ULC will have on academic life. “There are lots of innovative things to think about doing in the ULC, where every student will be,” Smith said.

The proposed honors program is another reason Smith said he is excited about the new position. “[We] will be able to recruit students who would have gone to the Ivy leagues. [The honors program] will increase academic diversity,” Smith said.

Smith said they are currently working out the details of the program. “I don’t know concrete examples. We sort of know what it looks like…but we need to work things out…to market [it] to the students,” Smith said. “We have to continue to attract the very very best, if it does not do that then [the honors program] is not successful.”

Smith said he hopes to improve faculty teaching by increasing responsibilities. “We must make the student evaluation of faculty work,” Smith said. “Students need to take responsibility; if they are not satisfied they need to fill out the evaluation. This is a way we can reward good teaching and stop the bad.”

Smith said that teaching is an important part of the tenure process. “We need [the teaching] to work and [it is] required in tenure and promotion packages,” he said.

Employees can still choose to donate by cash or check. Schneider said the result is a process that is more secure and more convenient.

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“(The pledge cards are) right there at the employee’s finger tips,” Schneider said. “Then we had employees who wanted their contributions to be anonymous…this gives them their confidentiality.”

All departments will still be able to contribute. “We’re available to do departmental presentations…on whatever level they need,” Schneider said. She said she expects to see an increase in donations this year and would like to get students involved. Students can print pledge cards from Schneider and make donations by cash or check.

“Did you like to meet with any student organization [that] wants to contribute,” Schneider said.

Four dollars a month can provide a wig for a child with cancer, while eight dollars a month can provide food for a family of four for two weeks according to Schneider. “It sounds so…[simple] and yet it helps so many people,” she said.

Breaking the Bubble

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech on the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Private sentenced to three years for abuse

American Private First Class Lynndie England was sentenced to three years in jail Tuesday for abusing prisoners of war in Iraq. England was the ninth low-level soldier that was court-martialed in the trial of detainee abuse in the Abu Ghraib prison.

She was originally charged with up to nine years, but the prosecution asked for four to six years in trial England, who said that she was acting to please her boyfriend, Private Charles Graner, was convicted on six of seven counts.

According to CNN, she said that Graner took advantage of their relationship, making her pose with Iraqis in the questionable pictures taken by American guards at Abu Ghraib. “I was used by Private Graner,” she said in court by the Associated Press. “I didn’t realize it at the time.” One of the pictures depicted her holding a naked prisoner on a leash. In another, she stood with a pyramid of naked prisoners, pointing at one man’s genitals. England apologized to American soldiers and to the families of Abu Ghraib prisoners at the trial. “I heard attacks were made on coalition forces because of the photos. I apologize to coalition forces and their families that lost their life or were injured because of the photos,” she said.

Ask Jeeves changes image, drops Jeeves

InterActiveCorp, the company which bought Ask Jeeves Inc. in July, plans to change the www.ask.com website’s image to get rid of Jeeves, the British butler it features.

CNN reported that chairman of InterActiveCorp, Barry Diller, said that InterActiveCorp would be getting rid of Jeeves and changing the website’s official name to Ask or Ask.com at an investor conference during the past week.

Diller said that the overweight and balding butler does not represent the image that the company wants to represent the search engine. “Not that I don’t like that fat butler,” he said.

Research done by the company, Diller said, showed that users tended to associate Jeeves with inconsistency, which was characteristic of the search engine before its technology was upgraded to match that of Google and Yahoo.
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Tech lacks true football spirit

College game day—I get excited months ahead just thinking about it. Fall means football season, and I love when noon comes every Saturday.

My favorite part of college football is the tradition: the excitement that is poured into every game from students, student athletes who are balancing the demands of class and practice, and the fans in the stands.

Nearly every game is a tough one. I was (and to some extent still am) a diehard Auburn fan from birth. But my point is not a banner for Auburn. Auburn has 130 years of history and 130 years of tradition. I am aware that I am making more excuses. Tech students simply fan-base for Tech football to solely ACC games. I hate to mention Virginia Tech (the game is still painful to think about), but Blacksburg was crazy. Fans poured out on game day as if football was a way of life. And not to mention Miami, FSU, Virginia—game days there are an institution.

So why is Tech so different from these universities? Why can we not even draw a crowd for a pep rally or an away game send off aside from the band, cheerleaders and Ramblin’ Reck Club? Where are the students? Poor marketing and communication could possibly be attributed to the Athletic Association and the institution. Who knew the Georgia Tech student tickets were being sold back to Blacksburg weeks prior to the game or that a lottery existed for the Athens game last year? But support has to be generated from all aspects of Tech life. Tech is a unique university, and I would not trade my experience here or the dynamic student body. We are by no means a bandwagon school, and we pull our support from current students and alumni. We are a smaller institution by numbers and an academically challenging university geared toward getting a degree.

But this season I am making an apparent generalization. I road-tripped to Clemson (the pinnacle of last year’s season, and such an incredible victory), and I went to every home game with loyal Tech fans that love college game day just as much as I do—I know Tech has great fans.

But as a team steep in tradition, in our season opener on the road, and I would not trade the vivacity of that win.

I love Tech tradition and Tech football—we boast an extensive history of remarkable athletes, awe-inspiring coaches, national championships, bowl games, vicious rivalries and a, and why are we unable to fill our stadium come Saturday?

As a fan rooted in the SEC, I originally attributed the lack of support and intensity from fans to the ACC conference itself.

However, I can no longer attribute the lack of school spirit and
Priority registration system requires fairness

Over the summer, I authored a Focus article highlighting the priority registration system here at Tech. And now I’m going to make a stark admission: that article was motivated by an incident that revealed just how unjust and unfair that system is to the student body.

I have an undying love for science fiction, and I was all set to enroll in Dr. Lisa Yaszek’s Science Fiction course this past spring. I had four years worth of academic credits under my belt—enough, I thought, to get into any class I desired. No matter how early you register, you are guaranteed some time to register for the class. So I held my breath and logged into OCMC as early as I possibly could, but still couldn’t register. I was furious, and I knew who the culprits were: priority registration students.

For those of you who don’t know, class registration is based on a course credit system: the more credits you accumulate, the earlier you get to register. But a selected group of students gets to register first, regardless of the number of credits earned. The problem is that it puts the rest of us upperclassmen at a disadvantage, because our credits don’t count for much if our favorite classes continue to fill up before we can get to them. Furthermore, it means that many elective courses will fill up with students looking for an easy A instead of students genuinely interested in the material. So I thought it was time to shed some light on the issue and try to get the registrar’s office to question their legitimacy.

Should disabled students get it? Yes, but only where necessary. There are some disabilities that do not impact when or where you attend class, so not every disabled student needs priority registration. But if you’re blind, or you’re in a wheelchair, or you absolutely have to have a nice apartment once every six hours to take your medication, then yes, you definitely need priority registration.

Should student athletes get it? That’s a little more complicated. The intellectual elitist in me wants to insist that students are in their sport by choice, and no student should receive academic merit for that choice. But I also understand that many students are here on scholarships, and they wouldn’t be in school at all if not for their athletic prowess. These athletes need to stay in their sport to ensure that they have ample time in their day for practice and games. Should FASET leaders and Registrar’s office assistants get it? I understand that the Registrar’s office exists to reward students who assist us, so I guess I’m willing to live with it. These students only make up a tiny fraction of the priority registration group anyway, but I would like to see the Registrar’s office consider other incentives.

Should tour guides get it? No. Students become tour guides by choice, and their participation does nothing to assist either their academic standing or the Registrar’s office. This is where the priority registration system fails: it rewards students on the basis of their choice of activities. Yes, I understand that the guides need to be available during the predefined tour hours, but many organizations have their members to inflexible schedules. Technique editors, housing staff, organization presidents and the like are all required to report to their activities at assigned times, so perhaps they should get priority registration to avoid any scheduling conflicts.

If we allow inflexibility to serve as an excuse for tour guides, then in the interest of fairness, all organizations with this same standard should be rewarded. Otherwise, if a student finds that any class conflicts with an activity, then he must choose to either drop the activity or the class, regardless of the activity in question.

Should Presidents Scholars receive it? Absolutely not! This is the worst possible group to receive such a privilege! No student should be put at an academic disadvantage just so another student can rest on his high school laurels. I understand that the PS programs is supposed to draw in the top students who might be torn between Tech and, say, Harvard or MIT. But I highly doubt that any candidate’s decision rests on which school provides a better class registration deal.

So I call on the Registrar and her staff to reconsider the priority registration system.

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Josh Cuneo
Online Editor

Buzz

Around the Campus: Inernational Plan: Thoughts, anyone?

Amy Griswold
Second-year CE

“Don’t know enough about it to say.”

Chee Soon Lee
Fourth-year CS

“Like study abroad?”

Callie Reis
First-year ME

“It’s a great way to experience other cultures and apply that to...industry.”

Rahul Rajan
Fourth-year ECE

“I wish I was a freshman, so I could do it.”

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OUR VIEWS

HOT or NOT

Survey says

It’s great to see SGA going out of its way to get student feedback on the issue of off-campus Stingerette service. The timely response to a hot-button issue reflects SCA’s commitment to students. Hopefully, SGA and Parking and Transportation can work out a solution that lets students keep using the service for safe transport outside of campus boundaries and still doesn’t cost an arm and a leg.

Football fumbles

Everyone expected the Virginia Tech game to be a tough challenge for the Jackets, but not to the tune of a 51-7 blowout. True, Reggie Ball said limited practice as a result of his hospital stint last weekend, but the team just did not perform like a top 25 team. A score this lopsided is a huge surprise, even against such a formidable competitor. Let’s hope the N.C. State game goes better.

Midterm blues

Tests are tough, and they are even tougher to get through within the span of one week. It’s not like a normal week at Tech in terms of time off for us students, but when professors have to give exams for midterm grades, the stress level goes up a notch. It’s enough to make you want to tear your hair out.

Making it count

The Tech Charitable Campaign has cut its operational budget in half by moving operations online to TechWorks. Not only will this be easier for faculty and staff to donate, but now their donations will go much further. If only we could start a “feed the hungry students” campaign on TechWorks.

VIEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consolidation proves illogical

Arcady Kantor draws a horrible conclusion in his recent editorial. The idea of consolidating “similar” student organizations in order to make it easier for freshmen to select an extracurricular activity is absurd, and by simply applying this concept to other “problems” this will hopefully become evident.

By Kantor’s logic, we could reduce the number of opinions on the Op-Ed pages, since each column essentially performs the same task.

By extending this logic even further, a student body would save the money spent on student publications every year if we simply combined Technique and the Technique inova single publication. The task both organizations perform—reporting on the events that take place at Tech, granted at slightly different timeframes—is essentially the same.

We could continue to reduce redundancy by focusing our gaze, not just on publications, but on Tech at large. There would be one fraternity and one sorority on campus. They all do go about the same thing, right? There’d be one elliptical trainer in the CRC. And there wouldn’t only be one Stinger puttering around campus (even though sometimes it feels like that anyway).

We could reduce the amount of redundancy here at Tech, but would it really solve the problem of freshman burnout? I find it hard to believe that just because we have clubs that “sound” the same on campus does our freshmen not stay involved in extracurricular activities.

There may be several reasons that some students just seem to drop out of activities. For example, perhaps they’re reading too many student publications.

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Evolution debate cooks up ideological soup

This week I hyperventilated once again while reading the evening news, for the “intelligent design” debate has resurfaced in a boiling soup of ideological heat, political lighting strikes and acidic verbal sparring. I hyperventilate because every time I read about the evolution debate, I’m reminded of the impossibly awful Tim Burton remake of The Planet of the Apes. That movie was so bad I returned the movie to Blockbuster without even seeing the end. So bad, in fact, when my mother found out I was dating someone who at the time had walked out of the theater during this movie, she said, “Oh, he sounds like a quality guy.”

For those who haven’t seen it, there are teenage monkeys playing basketball in an urban-like primate environment. There’s also the sexy, voluptuous blond woman who’s appeared in every other B-movie since 1935 and stays perpetually 20 years old.

I turned off the movie when a Jesus-like ape descends in a spacecraft and the monkeys bow down to worship him in an act that was either extremely sacrilegious or proof Tim Burton couldn’t afford a competent animal trainer. So I avoid that movie whenever possible, much as I avoid the Varsity.

But the remake does remind me of the many ways humans are intimately connected with monkeys from tool-making skills to similarities in hemoglobin structure. The movie also reminds me that evolution has brought us many good things, indeed.

Take, for instance, postmodernist literature and moral relativism. They always brighten my day. Or perhaps tests, never hurts to have those handy. Perhaps through understanding evolution, we can make the world an even better place. We could breed really cute poodles with pink fur or create entirely new species in a science lab. (Hypoplastic dogs and cars would rock my Claritin world.)

Which brings me to my point: we’ve come a really long way in this past century in teaching evolution: In 1925 the Scopes trials in Tennessee agreed it was legal to teach evolution. In 2001, Cobb County placed stickers on biology textbooks stating that evolution is only a “theory.”

Currently in 2005, parents are suing a Philadelphia school district for incorporating “intelligent design” in ninth grade biology classes. “We’ve gone from full-out trials to stickers with some minor court cases...now that’s a step in the right linear and preconceived direction!”

Alexandra Pajak Columnist

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“...and Mel Gibson when you need them! So I bring me some E. coli and never address. But just as our experience playing baseball is enormously rarer if we know the rules of the game, the better we understand the universe’s rules—the laws of physics—the more deeply we can appreciate our lives within it.”

I’d like to meet Mr. Greene sometime. Maybe he and I could share some herbal tea or decaf Frappuccino and other stunning culinary creations and make up our own dialogue to a muted Planet of the Apes.

Do those particular monkeys have the right thumbs to properly pass a basketball? Were any of these particular monkeys attractive back in the Stone Age?

And where are Jimmy Caviezel and Mel Gibson when you need them?

So bring me some E. coli and I’ll show you how those suckers get immune to antibiotics. Give me a textbook with a misleading sticker and I’ll gently peel it off with a little warm water and a white washcloth (I learned that trick from my mom.).

Take me to the Atlanta Zoo, and I’ll gladly visit the gorillas and pay my respects to Willy B, for he and I share some second cousins thrice removed.

From the dark and the deep to the fish to the land to my navel lint, I love America. Let’s steer it in the right direction! And the direction I mean is to the left. And as quickly as possible.
By Trevor Stadlbauer Contributing Writer

What do fried bananas, tango music and the music of an Argentinean band called Los Rodriguez have in common? They are all representative of Latin culture and could be found at the Hispanic Heritage Month opening celebration this past Tuesday at Yellow Jacker Park.

The event featured Latin music, dancing, food and information for anyone interested in Hispanic organizations.

It was hosted by the Spanish Speaking Organization (SSO), the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Lambda Theta Alpha, the only Latina sorority in the country. Alex Escudero, an Industrial Engineering major, took a break from studying to comment on Latin music and the significance of the celebration.

"I hope that this event is to unify the Latin community and to promote our culture to everyone. Latin music like Los Rodriguez is getting to the mainstream," Escudero said.

Rodolfo Camacho, an attendant at the event, concurred. "This lets people hear something they don't hear quite often. People usually hear maybe pop or techno music but not Latin," he said.

Camacho plans to become more involved in Latin organizations.

"The Hispanic population here is growing and this lets people learn more about the culture," Camacho said.

This event was not just about free food and music, however.

"Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is meant to encourage all Hispanics to feel proud of [their] heritage as well as to give an opportunity for non-Hispanics to learn more about our culture." Katherine Fong, President, Spanish Speaking Organization

Passer-bys navigated a maze on the lawn and were rewarded free t-shirts for answering trivia questions about Latin culture and being brave enough to enter the competition.

"The maze is a nice education way to learn about the different flags and cultures. It really shows the diversity of Hispanics. Everyone isn't Mexican," said Sebastian Becerra, who joined SSO at the celebration.

Becerra hopes to take advantage of the social offerings of the organization.

"I heard about this basically through word of mouth, and Latino Welcome Weekend," he said.

"Hopefully I can meet more Hispanics through these organizations, or maybe just get some good food, we'll see." The SSO and SHPE have planned several events throughout October, including a movie night on Oct. 10 with the showing of a Chilean film titled Mecha about two young students in politically unstable Chile.

SHPE has planned a skydiving event for this Sat., Oct. 1. Later in the month, International Affairs professor Kurt Bowman who is a director of summer study abroad programs in Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica and Cuba, will give a lecture on Latin America.

In addition to kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month, the festival allowed students to see all that the Hispanic organizations on campus have to offer.

"It's about being more visible, for Tech students to be aware of our presence and what we're all about," said Lucas Poso, exter-

The cheese-loving inventor and dog duo, Wallace and Gromit, hit silver screens with their first full-length feature film. See Wallace and Gromit, page 15

TWIN TALES
Think having family in another state is troublesome? Twins have each other, constantly, as sources of support and annoyance. Page 11

By Chanchala Kaddi Contributing Writer

Some students are familiar with the A. French Building only as the site of the French computer lab. Others may just recognize it as the building across from Junior’s.

For those who have never been there, the French Building, the original home of the school of Textile Engineering, is located on Cherry Street.

The French Building was constructed in 1899, making it the fourth-oldest building on campus.

Only the Academic Building (Tech Tower), the Shop Building and the Knowles Dormitory were built before it.

The French Building is part of the cluster of historic buildings near East Campus (the Hill District) that have a student-friendly environment.

"It’s nice to have a mixture between modern and traditional structures on campus," said Brandi Planagan, a fifth-year Architecture major.

"It’s a refreshing contrast to the new buildings." I like to see some older buildings on campus. I think it gives our campus character and charm," said Hilary Coor, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major.

The construction of the French Building and the Textile Engineering program are recounted in Engineering the New South: Georgia Tech, 1885-1985, a history of Georgia Tech by Dr. Robert McMath, the former vice provost for Undergraduate Studies.

French donated the funds, and the French Building was completed the following year.

As Hall predicted, the school of Textile Engineering was an immediate success.

More than 125 students enrolled in the program during 1899.

The French Building housed the school of Textile Engineering until 1949, when it was moved to the newly constructed Harrison Hightower building.

The school of Polymer, Fiber and Textile Engineering was moved to its present location, the MRDC I Complex, in 1995.

The current occupants of the French Building are a diverse group.

They include the offices of the associate provost for Institutional Development and the assistant to the vice provost.

The Office of Undergraduate Studies, which handles prestigious scholarships such as the Rhodes and Marshall, and the Office of Assessment are also located there.

The Georgia Tech ADVANCE Institutional Transformation program, a National Science Foundation-sponsored project that promotes the participation of women in science and engineering, is housed in the building.

There are also several classrooms on the first floor of the building.
Sebastian Guerrero, who was born in Columbia, decided to join both the SHPE and the SSO at the event. “I plan to help out with Latin events throughout the year. I think the main motive [of this event] is to bring back Latin ambience,” he said.

“There are a lot of memories for students [from other countries]. It’s a fun experience.”

Katherine Fong, President of the SSO, discovered at the celebration that the SSO offers a Spanish-speaking partner program that she plans to take advantage of in practicing her Spanish.

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“I think it’s really cool that all these organizations are showing their faces and coming together as it promotes unity,” said Courtney Murray, a member of the African American Student Union.

“It’s important to bring everyone together as a whole,” Murray said.

“We hope this to be an ongoing trend in benefit of our entire Hispanic community,” Fong said.

“It’s important for all Hispanics to get together and for students of other races to be in these organizations and learn about their cultures,” said Judianne Medina, president of the newly founded chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha, the Latina sorority.

“Hispanics are the fastest growing minority population here at Tech.”

“Some people think that Hispanic organizations are just salsa dancing. We don’t want students to believe the stereotypes,” she said.

“The Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration is meant to encourage all Hispanics to feel proud of our heritage, as well as to give an opportunity for non-Hispanics to learn more about our culture,” Fong said.

Medina and others sold pina coladas while promoting at the event, which was one of the first strongly cooperative activities organized by the Hispanic organizations on campus.

“We don’t usually work together.”

Students on Skiles Walkway get a variety of Latin food and drink from the different Hispanic organizations such as SHPE and SSO, who had tables during the Hispanic Heritage Month kickoff this Tuesday.

This year [we’re] going on a different level and trying to focus on that,” Medina said.

Earlier this semester, SSO and La Unidad Latina, the Latino fraternity on campus, together organized Latino Welcoming Weekend.

Interested students can find more information at these websites:

SSO: http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/SSO

SHPE: http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/SHPE
Having twin on campus doubles fun, excitement

By Yang Lin
Contributing Writer

Family is much missed and valued by college students. Some people are lucky enough to have a sibling attend the same university. Perhaps even luckier are people who have a twin who goes to Tech too. Do twins really have double the fun? Twins around campus talk about the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of being a twin.

Sometimes, twins receive twice as much attention as an average student. “[People] are like, ‘Oh look, there are two of you,’ and start a conversation,” said Erin and Molly, twin freshmen.

Other times, their “twin-ness” goes unnoticed. “I don’t think the decision [of coming to Tech] was necessarily weighed upon whether or not my twin was coming here or not,” Bryan said. “I don’t think the decision [of coming to Tech] was necessarily weighed upon whether or not my twin was coming here or not,” Bryan said. “I think life is different for them because their primary relationships would become friends. I think having family around keeps one more in check as well.”

“Molly and Erin” get along really well. “We both like Tech a lot,” said Molly.

For the first few months, I continued to call or ask questions about,” said Chetan Devchand, fraternal twin brother of Chetan Devchand. “It is a feeling of home to have someone to support you and your brother who’s really not older than you,” said Carly Wescott, a Management major, who was a FASET leader for the Antic twins.

But the benefits of having a twin outweigh the inconveniences. “I think that their college experience would be vastly different if they had chosen to go to different schools because their primary relationships would become friends. I think having family around keeps one more in check as well.”

“[Tech] is one of the top schools in the country. The reputation weighs upon whether or not my college went for the first time. We’ve had to show our driver’s licenses,” said Chetesh Mehta, fraternal twin brother of Chetesh Mehta. “They are both seniors in Electrical Engineering. However, some inconveniences are associated with looking alike. “Sometimes people think of us as one person, ‘Molly and Erin’, whereas I respond to both Brandon and Bryan. It’s like having two first names,” said Brandon Antic, twin brother of Bryan Antic, also a senior in Management.

“If we weren’t twins, we probably wouldn’t be doing this article,” said Erin. “It makes it easier to always have somebody to go through things with,” said Bryan.

“Or people I don’t even know would walk by and say hi to me,” Clark, Biology freshmen. “We take the same classes together for the most part, and it helps to have someone to help take notes, or be lab partners.”

“Until we are separated and far away from each other, I won’t know what it’s like to be on my own. Right now it’s like I have an older brother who’s really not older than me,” he said.

We both like Tech a lot,” said Molly. “It was easier to always have someone there with,” said Bryan.

“She always has someone there pushing you, because you don’t want to be the slacking twin who’s not doing anything. So there’s always someone to keep you going,” Brandon said.

“If we wereer twins, we probably wouldn’t be doing this article,” said Bryan Antic, a senior Management major, grinning.

“People usually ask what it’s like being a twin. Well, I mean, what is it like not being a twin? You don’t really know. You just go with it,” Bryan said.

“I think life is different for them because their primary relationships would become friends. I think having family around keeps one more in check as well.”

“It’s a feeling of home to have a sibling on campus. It is great to have someone to support you and understand where you come from.”

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This Week’s Photo:

Last Tech Up Close: Air-conditioner outside the Bunker-Henry Building

Last week’s winner: No correct responses

French from page 10

The basement hosts the French computer cluster, which is noteworthy for being quieter and less hectic than some of the other computer labs.

"Usually you have to wait in line at the library or the Student Center for a computer, but the computer cluster in the French Building is nice and non-crowded," said Kopala Rusij, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major.

Engineering Computing Services also has two classrooms in the building, one of which has CAD workstations.

Students feel that the historical character of the Hill District should be preserved.

"I feel that buildings such as the French Building need to hold onto their roots," said James Turnbull, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major.

"However it does need to be updated with the times in a style and manner that is befitting to its history."

Renovations of the French Building have kept this attitude in mind, both modernizing the building’s interior and restoring its exterior.

"About a month ago, a new elevator system that will provide safe and convenient passenger service was installed in the French Building," said Bradley Surberfield, the Campus Architect.

The main entrance was also renovated.

"About two years ago, we completed the Hill Area Landscape Project, Phase Two. We found that the entry steps to the building were in poor condition," he said.

"Architect Steve Csepleo researched historic photographs and designed the stairs that are a near-perfect replica of the original stairs of the building."
The good ship Serenity tries to make its way through a pitched space battle which, all things considered, is standing almost certainly had a thing or two to do with creating in the first place.

The history of Joss Whedon’s creation (after his production of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Angel) is a tragic, classic one that hasn’t (in the way that a family unit can have—see: Family Guy).

The world meets sci-fi story of a crew of the freelance ship Serenity under the command of Captain Mal (Nathan Fillion) was picked up by the network, shown for less than one season and canceled. It may have been from a network decision that sci-fi was out, an alienating genre with a bad rep for a seemingly dwindling demographic in today’s world of fast food reality TV and self-medicated courtroom dramas.

Making mockery of a glaringly revealing failure to trust in and recognize Whedon’s talents, the produced episodes revealed, in telling numbers, the cul following by the wildfire DVD sales of the series. To satiate the fans, Whedon created Serenity, a kind of rest-of-the-season rolled up into a feature presentation which answers many of the questions left unanswered in the series....

It is as though the band was created to make this type of music. Sadly, this is where the problem lies. Everything seems a little artificial. It’s like they are trying too hard. From the ridiculous get-up on the front cover to the lyrics of “It’s Alright,” the band fails to give a genuine rock and roll vibe.

The entire album sounds as though it could be recorded by cutting and pasting together songs out of the sixties. After seeing the cover of the CD, the comparisons to other recent retro-rockers like Jet, Oasis and The Strokes are inevitable. Upon listening to the album, it is clear that these aren’t their sole influences.

The band’s sound hearkens back to bands such as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and Free. Don’t let your ears betray you, though. Just because they sound British does not mean they are from Britain. Likewise, just because they sound like The Beatles does not mean they are nearly as good as they as or any of the other bands mentioned above.

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To satisfy the fans, Whedon created Serenity, a kind of rest-of-the-season rolled up into a feature presentation which answers many of the questions left unanswered in the series....

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are $15.

The Redwalls’ De Nova lacks originality

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Wallace and Gromit delights regardless of age

By Evan Zacoski  
Entertainment Editor

Wallace and Gromit, everybody's favorite dog and cheese-loving inventor duo have finally hit the big time with their first feature film, Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit. The film, from directors Steve Box and Nick Park, is a claymation film which seems to be aiming primarily for the great-for-kids-but-still-very-entertaining-for-mon- and-dad-market, and hits its mark spectacularly.

Wallace, an absent minded professor-esque inventor of Rube Goldberg contraptions, and Gromit, his dog whose primary charge is keeping Wallace's absent mind from getting them both killed, are in the human pest control game, rabbits mostly, and things are going quite well for them up until a rabbit rehabilitation project goes awry and produces an unstoppable produce-destroying machine known as the were-rabbit.

All of this trouble is then compounded by the fact that the town's annual obscenely large vegetable growing contest is only days away, and the villagers are, to put it politely, less than happy about the presence of a murderer—a vegetable's point of view—rabbit-mother being on the loose. From here, hilarity ensues in a thoroughly delightful fashion which is, as intended, fun for all ages.

The animation in the film is top notch. For any fan of stop-motion claymation, this one's a must-see. It's second only, in technical brilliance, to the concurrently released Corpse Bride, but still more than worth seeing as far as the visuals are concerned.

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what made them good. Whether it be an edgy song that is a little too soft or a protest song where there are better things to protest about, the record leaves one wanting.

Don’t get me wrong, there are some good songs. “Front Page” opens with sounds of helicopters and newscasts and melds into a ballad deriding the media for the way it handles the news. Yes, it’s been done before, but the simple way in which it is handled here is very refreshing.

“The Glory of War” is a Dylan-esque protest song. It follows Wilfred Owen’s example, showing war for what it is and then calling it glorious.

The last track, “Rock & Roll,” is played with energy and brings the album to a close much better than it was opened.

Sadly, all these songs come at the end of the album. By that point, most listeners will already be bored and ready to push the stop button.

For anyone with a father who believes that no good music has been made for at least 20 years, this album will make the perfect Christmas present for him.

For the rest, this album will disappoint despite having everything necessary to be really great.

Big Easy Benefit: Last Sunday, Little Five Points’ own The Five Spot hosted a benefit concert for the recently hurricane-ravaged New Orleans featuring artists native to the beleaguered southern metropolis who have recently been left without homes, livelihoods or even instruments. Featured performers at the event included Emmanuel Burke, Clarence Johnson and Steve Walker. Pictured above is trumpeter, Desmond Venalbe.
It’s been a rough week for your friendly, neighborhood Two Bits Man. Writing this column every week can be trying on even the best of us, and even though I’m about ten feet better than that, it’s still pretty rough coming up with new material to sate the student body’s seemingly unquenchable thirst for my totally unique brand of comedic satire in easy to swallow essay form.

All this is a very roundabout way of saying that, at least for this week, I could have locked an epileptic monkey in a room with pen and paper, and he’d have come up with more engaging topics for a Two Bits.

Check out these turd blossoms.

They’re the best of the bunch, and that makes me a very, very sad Two Bits Man.

Any time you’ve got a sub-culture whose very existence is like my Kryptonite in the way of mockery, you should have.

Unfortunately, that’s about as far as I got before realizing that there’s really nothing more that can be done.

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“We were backed up the whole time,” Gailey said. “You have to be smart about what you do backed up out there. That’s our fault for being backed up.”

After the first touchdown by Virginia Tech, the Jackets started at their own 20-yard line, but a holding penalty on the firstrunning play pushed them back to the 10. Ball found Johnson for a 19-yard reception. P.J. Daniels broke the next play for a 20-yard run to put the Jackets inside Hokie territory for one of the few times that game.

Ball completed a 14-yard pass on fourth down to put the Jackets into field goal range, but the drive would stall at the Virginia Tech 18. Travis Bell lined up for a 35-yard field goal, but I have to get them better prepared to handle stuff like that,” Gailey said.

To set up the lone touchdown for the Jackets, Johnson caught a 59-yard pass to move the Jackets into the red zone. This play and the touchdown pass were the only successful third down conversions for the Jackets for the whole game.

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N.C. State’s strength is its defense, which gave them a chance to upset Virginia Tech in week one, but last game against UNC it failed to come up with crucial stops as the Wolfpack lost 31-24. On offense the Wolfpack is led by senior quarterback Jay Davis who last week threw nearly non-existent, racking up just 13 yards for 257 yards by completing 21 of 35 passes. Quarterback Jay Davis who last week threw lost 31-24.

In order for the Wolfpack to win this Thursday, it needs to have an improved running game and a defense that doesn’t give up big plays.

“These kids are resilient and are good kids. They’re excited about playing whoever it is the next week.”

Coach Chuck Amato
Speaking about being 0-2 in the ACC and playing in Bobby Dodd Stadium, where the Wolfpack hasn’t won since 1988.

In the season’s first three games, Tech’s defense forced 10 interceptions and picked up eight sacks. Last week was the first game that the defense did not have an interception. N.C. State’s offensive line is not as good as Virginia Tech’s, however. The Wolfpack has given up eight sacks. Last year, in three games, but Davis is the most experienced quarterback Tech has faced this season.

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“Can the Jackets regain their confidence after the tough 51-7 loss at Virginia Tech last week? Last game may be one of those where you throw away the game film and look forward to the next contest. Virginia Tech may be the best team in the nation east of USC, and the Jackets were in one of college football’s most hostile environments with their star quarterback at less than full health. This week the Jackets get to rebound against N.C. State, a team that is 0-2 in the ACC. Tech needs to use this game to regain confidence and momentum.

Can Tech move the ball against the N.C. State defense? N.C. State linebacker Stephen Tulloch made 19 tackles including one sack last game against UNC. Defensive ends Mario Williams and Manny Lawson have also been known to make life difficult for opposing quarterbacks, combining for 13 sacks a year ago. The Wolfpack defense held a potent Virginia Tech offense to just 232 total yards in the season opener. But Tech’s offense has many things working in their favor. P.J. Daniels may well be the best back that N.C. State has faced this season, and a healthier Reggie Ball will connect with a strong Jacket receiving corps.

Will Tech’s special teams rebound? One could argue that poor special teams play set the stage for Virginia Tech’s big win over the Jackets. Last year the Jackets failed to get a punt blocked, although their two misses were both 43-yard attempts. The Jackets can improve on returns and kickoffs. Like Virginia Tech, N.C. State traditionally blocks a lot of punts, but Jacket punter Ben Arndt has not had a punt blocked this season.

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If given time to throw, Davis has shown he can be successful on almost any secondary. The key for the Jackets will be to keep pressure on him to force him to make the mistakes that plagued his 2004 season. Last year, for example, he threw five interceptions in a loss to Clemson and three more interceptions against the Jackets.

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Yesterday the CDC announced that they are expecting an epidemic of TBS this winter here at Tech. For vaccinations, please come to Center Street Apartments Room 205.

Bad News Freshman, the TBS incubation period is about over, which means Tech returns to being all male again. Arrggghhh.....

Talk Like A Pirate Day is the Greatest Day of the Year

50 car pilup near VPI after the game Saturday....good thing there are no major roads near Blacksburg, their traffic would be worse than ours

Who thinks Bush being a dumbass is the biggest Constitutional problem we face today.....only a parroter would say such a thing

TBS at an all-time high this year....I hope the Hill is happy now!

Why are we celebrating a day for something that our country is not even using....

8am classes zombify students....ya right, I mean they have to stay up an extra hour after that gaming session with their friends in Japan when is FEMA going to come relieve us of our TBS epidemic

Who wants to take a ride in the Silver Bullet to South Beach next month

I toast the guy who wrote the Tech Bitch Song...you are my idol

Feds mandate Constitution Day.....trony anyone?

Who thinks that Will guy who writes about the gour-team(sic) matches needs to learn to spell

Real men laugh at wiffle ball.

Pearl Harbor sucked... and I miss you...

Continuing the legacy: The club hockey team has been a part of Tech life since 1973. Last weekend the club began the 2005 season with two games in Nashville. On Friday Tech beat Vanderbilt 8-4 but then lost to Tennessee the next day 3-2. Club president Mike Zaucha is a returning senior.

Women’s lacrosse starts fall season at CNU tournament in Virginia

The women’s club lacrosse team begins its fall play this weekend at a tournament hosted by Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va. With seven matches scheduled for Sunday, the team will face off against Vanderbilt, UNC, Elon, North Carolina Wesleyan, Averett, Presbyterian and CNU.

Although the team’s official season does not begin until the spring, the fall season is an opportunity to see new competition. The CNU Lady Captains, for example, are an NCAA Division III team.

Katie Buckler, a sophomore defender, is optimistic about the upcoming season. “We were third in our conference last year behind Florida and Georgia, and we have a lot of good freshmen coming in so we are hoping to up our standards,” she said.

With the exception of senior Christina Moy and junior Katie Meyer, the team is composed entirely of sophomores and freshmen. the club team competes in the Southeastern Women’s Lacrosse League (SWLL). Last year seniors Jen Crews and Kim Williamson were named to the All-SWLL team.

As goalie Williamson was an integral part of the team’s success, Katrina Kumm, a sophomore from Fargo N.D., takes over at goalie this season.

Head Coach Will Oakley was named SWLL Coach of the Year. The former All-American from the men’s lacrosse team takes over his second season as head coach of the women’s team.

The team meets four times a week, with practices on Mondays and Thursdays 4-6 p.m. and workout sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.

Thursday, October 6 - Wreckfest - 5PM

Calling all Fans

Get in on the Action
**Backup Bennett steps up when called upon**

By William Bretherton

Contributing Writer

Ever since Taylor Bennett made the short-handed start against Connecticut in week three, he has become a common name on campus. Previous to Bennett's start, Reggie Ball had started 27 consecutive games and was becoming the standard name as Jacket quarterback.

After the Jackets beat the Huskies 28-13, fans were shown that Ball isn't the only one who can lead the offense.

The St. Louis native spent most of his high school career as backup to Josh Mathews, a three-year starter at Lafayette High School.

While this may have discouraged many of the top programs in the country from giving Bennett scholarship offers, it did not keep him from looking at them. During the summer of his junior year, he visited many Nike summer camps, including visits to Stanford and Texas A&M.

"My Mom and I would travel to different schools to visit college campuses and get my name out there," Bennett said.

Before looking at Tech Bennett was first given a scholarship offer by Boise State. Other offers came from Indiana, Rice, Baylor and Illinois, which was his mom's alma mater.

Bennett wanted to go to a top-tier school, though. So he and his mother continued to send out game tapes and coverage packages that opposing defenses would throw at him.

Until this season, Bennett saw no game action, which is why he is a red-shirt freshman this year. Had Ball remained healthy, Bennett may not have gotten his first start until two seasons from now, but that all changed against Connecticut on Sept. 17, just five days after his 20th birthday.

Bennett found out that he was going to start just two hours before the game. Naturally, his family didn't know either. As the team made the pre-game walk down Yellow Jacket Alley and into the locker room, Bennett went to his mom and whispered the good news to her.

"If [Ball] goes down in the game, I have to be ready to come in as the back-up. It's what they tell us to do everyday. That's what we do," Bennett said.

Taylor Bennett
Backup quarterback

Redshirt freshman Taylor Bennett started against Connecticut and then saw action at the end of last week's Virginia Tech game.

I don't think I was that nervous. I was less nervous than I thought I would be. I thought I would be a whack-job, but I treated it as a back-up thing. If he goes down in the game, I have to be ready to come in as the back-up. It's what they tell us to do everyday. That's what we do," Bennett said.

Bennett's first play of his college career was a 42-yard touchdown completion to fellow second-year teammate Calvin Johnson.

"It was a check. The first play was a check. If the pass was there he's supposed to take the pass and if the run was there he's supposed to call the run. They gave him the pass, and he took it," said Head Coach Chan Gailey after the game.

Bennett finished the game completing 11 of 30 passes with 142 yards and no interceptions. Bennett also saw limited action at the end of the Virginia Tech game.

After college Bennett would like to continue playing football for as long as possible. When his football days are over, he would like to pursue a career in the public sector as a CIA agent or work for another government intelligence agency. He also has always wanted to travel to Russia as well.
Jackets split ACC matches

Sophomore hitter Ulrike Stegemann attacks the Wake Forest defense in last Friday’s game. Stegemann had 12 kills and a .429 hitting percentage as the Jackets beat the ACC foe.

“Was it a gritty win tonight and it was rewarding to watch our team with their sweat on the court to grind out a victory,” said Head Coach Bond Shymansky. “Our offense is finally starting to click as players are solidifying their spots in our lineup and on our team.”

“The notable difference between the play of the Jackets and the Demon Deacons was the offense. Tech hit a season-high .278, whereas Wake Forest hit .227. With a career-high 16 kills, Kellogg greatly contributed to Tech’s outstanding offense.”

There were four other Tech players with double-digit kills. Callie Miller and Nikki Kaminiskas each posted 13 kills while Ulrike Stegemann had 12 and Laura DeMichelis had 11. Tech’s offense was run by Lindsey Laband who recorded a season-high mark of 60 assists.

In addition to Tech’s impressive offensive play, the Jacket defense came alive as Randall tied her career record with 23 digs on the night.

“I’m most proud of our defensive play,” Ball said. “Their defensive line is probably the best that I’ve ever seen,” Ball said. “It was tough and they did bring a lot of pressure.”

The story of the game, for the Jackets, can be told by their starting field positions. The best starting field position for the Jackets was their own 34-yard line, and the average starting position was on the 20-yard line.

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Football suffers tough loss to Hokies, drops to 3-1

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

After an impressive 3-0 start, including a road-victory over Auburn and a gritty win over Connecticut with starting quarterback Reggie Ball out of the lineup, the football team dropped its first game of the season with a 51-7 defeat at the hands of the Virginia Tech Hokies.

“I think that they’re the best football team I’ve seen since I’ve been in the ACC,” said Head Coach Chan Gailey. “I said that earlier in the week, and I didn’t change my mind tonight.”

“It was an old-fashioned beat down,” P.J. Daniels said.

Virginia Tech Head Coach Frank Beamer displayed his “Beamer Ball” as the Hokies scored three non-offensive touchdowns.

A blocked field goal and two interceptions were returned for touchdowns. Since 1999 only Miami, with 53 touchdowns, has more than the 49 non-offensive touchdowns posted by the Hokies.

Ben Arndt avoided having any punts blocked and the Jackets had the best performance to date punting the football. Arndt had 11 punts at an average of 42 yards with several of those coming in the face of a solid Hokie rush.

Arndt punted four times in the second half and none of them were returned for more than a yard. Ball managed to start just five days after being released from the hospital with viral meningitis. He saw limited practice time in the days leading up to the game.

“Ball only touched down pass came in the third quarter on an off one-yard connection with Calvin Johnson. In that same quarter, the Virginia Tech secondary ran back two interceptions within 26 seconds of each other, as the game was put out of reach for the Jackets.”

While the interceptions look good on the stat sheet for the Virginia Tech defense, they fail to capture the game. The Hokies won the game with superb special teams and an impressive defensive front that was able to keep pressure on Ball the entire game. This allowed the linebackers the opportunity to drop back into coverage at the midway point of the second quarter.

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By Melissa Gegennheimer
Contributing Writer

The Tech volleyball team began ACC play this past weekend against Wake Forest and Duke. Tech matched up against Wake Forest Friday night in the ACC opener. After dropping the first game to the Demon Deacons 25-30, Tech rallied back to win the next three 30-27, 30-25, 30-26.

Led by the offensive play of Talisa Kellogg and the defensive play of Jennifer Randall, the Jackets improved their overall record to 4-5.

“We had a gritty win tonight and it was rewarding to watch our team with their sweat on the court to grind out a victory,” said Head Coach Bond Shymansky. “Our offense is finally starting to click as players are solidifying their spots in our lineup and on our team.”

The notable difference between the play of the Jackets and the Demon Deacons was the offense. Tech hit a season-high .278, whereas Wake Forest hit .227. With a career-high 16 kills, Kellogg greatly contributed to Tech’s outstanding offense.”

There were four other Tech players with double-digit kills. Callie Miller and Nikki Kaminiskas each posted 13 kills while Ulrike Stegemann had 12 and Laura DeMichelis had 11. Tech’s offense was run by Lindsey Laband who recorded a season-high mark of 60 assists.

In addition to Tech’s impressive offensive play, the Jacket defense came alive as Randall tied her career record with 23 digs on the night.

“I’m most proud of our defense.”