By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Last Wednesday evening, a student stole a replica of the Tech Tower’s “T” from the Office of Community Services and Greek Affairs. The 100-year-old “T” was taken at about 10 p.m. after being used to honor Dean Karen Boyd at a farewell party earlier in the day. It was returned Friday morning, two days later. The identity of the student who took the “T”, valued by Facilities at $5,500, was unknown as of this Wednesday afternoon.

I had requested [the “T”] from Facilities for Dean Boyd’s going-away party,” said Stephanie Ray, associate dean of Student Affairs. “I locked it in the suite [of the Office of Community Services and Greek Affairs] that night. A lot of student leaders were in [Buck Cooke’s] office taking pictures with it. The next morning, we realized that it had been stolen.”

Facilities was supposed to move the “T” at 3:30 p.m., and at 4:30 p.m. we moved it into [a locked office],” said Buck Cooke, assistant director of Student Services. “The T” was missing from the office the next morning.

The building in which the “T” was kept overnight, the Student Services building, contains no security cameras. The person who stole it, Cooke said, had to be a student because only student leaders have access to that office after hours.

In response to the theft, security measures were taken immediately. Students no longer have after-hours access to the building. Cooke also said that the office would work with the police to discover the culprit.

“The theft violates the trust we place in the student leaders and the trust they put in each other. We can’t have that person [who stole the “T”] in a position. I personally would not be able to work with [him or her],” he said.

By Darshini Nanavati
Contributing Writer

Three new ad-hoc committees were formed to determine the direction of the new honors program. In an effort to attract more students, the committees plan to form a program for those who want a more active approach to education through smaller classes and more student-faculty interaction.

Randall Engle, chair of Psychology, and Gregory Nobles, a professor in History, Science and Technology, both members of the third committee, said the honor program hopes to complete plans and open for students by Fall 2006. As of now, the committee is still working on approval of the program from the President and Provost. Meanwhile, they will work on establishing the curriculum and looking for ways to identify candidates. They also plan to have common housing for the program’s participants and are seeking space for living arrangements.

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By James Stephenson
Contributing Writer

A task force of representatives from Georgia Tech universities are working on a new mandatory health insurance policy for their students. The Board of Regents’ Student Health Insurance Task Force includes representatives from UGA, Georgia State, Emory University, Medical College of Georgia and Tech.

“We’d like to get the best possible insurance for the students. The rates continue to go up and the benefits have not gone up as the rates have,” said Cindy Smith, director of Health Services and task force member. “By combining with the other universities in Georgia, we’ll get a bigger pool of students, which will get better premiums and better coverage.”

Current policy only requires international students to have health insurance. “Fvisa international students already have insurance charged to their bursar accounts,” said Mitch Keller, graduate vice president and member of the task force.

Domestic students have the option to sign up for insurance with a different vendor under current policy. “[The] advantage of... having mandatory insurance is it will keep their premiums down. With a set number of students [the insurance company] can plan and set their premiums,” Keller said.

Recent cost increases are one reason the task force is working on a new policy. “If you look based on recent trends, you can pretty much count on costs going up. Last year the costs went up even though we had a contract. For international students, the premiums went up 30 percent and the coverage decreased a little bit,” Smith said.

Smith said that Tech students currently pay less than the other three universities. “Domestic insurance is $1099.53 a year. A bit expensive for the amount of coverage they get,” Keller said.

Keller said the task force is looking to broaden the mandatory health insurance plan to include new groups of students.

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The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) passed seven bills in its Tuesday meeting after retiring to executive session to elect a new Coordinating Officer.

Senator Ryan Bechtel was chosen for the post, which involves coordinating communication between GSS and the Undergraduate House of Representatives.

The senate then discussed a request for the allocation of $7,901 to TEAM Buzz to fund the improvement of tools and kickoff events for the projects, which start tomorrow.

Senator Pelham Norville proposed an amendment to fund everything but the tool cost from the Prior Year account, which covers one-time or shorter-term requests. The bill was passed as amended.

The second bill allocated $600 to GSS towards a guest speaker, Jorge Champs. Champs was a Tech undergrad who has written about the graduate experience and is now a professor at the California Institute of Technology. He will arrive Oct. 26 for a reception and book signing. The bill was passed by unanimous acclamation.

The third bill allocated $355 to the Georgia Tech Golf Club for tournament entry fees for six people. Adam Brancato was appointed to chair the Joint Campus Organization Committee, and three slated chartering bills were passed by unanimous acclamation.

The senate also elected senators Palmer and Jensen, who ran unopposed, to the positions of treasurer and secretary, respectively.

UHR, GSS name JCOC chair

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In her executive report, Alison Graab, vice president of Administrative Affairs, encouraged representatives to attend the Oct. 11 town hall meeting regarding academic advising.

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

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- Joint Chartering of the Global Ambassadors
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**Theft** from page 1

After Facilities gave Ray an estimated value of over $5,000 for the "T", which is kept in case one of the "Ts" on the tower is stolen, she said her fears were confirmed. "That's when we knew that we were in serious trouble, because the money we would have to be taken from the Office of the Dean of Student's budget," she said. "Back蒙man student leaders, asking them to return the "T".

Ray found the "T" Friday morning in the hall outside of Cooke's office along with handwritten note stating that the student meant for the theft to be a prank in accordance with the tradition of stealing the "T". "I was acting under the assumption that it was the actual "T" from Tech Tower, and foolishly acting in accordance with tradition to proceed to steal the "T". Because of the continued celebration of tradition at this school I was unaware of the graveness of the situation," the letter said.

Ray said the administration has been clear in communicating the desire to stop stealing the "T". "Stealing the "T" is no longer considered a Tech tradition because of the danger (it poses) to the students and themselves and to others," she said.

"I was very disappointed, and it was very sad because [the presentation of the "T"] was my going-away present to Dean Boyd, and I wanted to do something special for her. To have the "T" stolen put a damper on the whole situation for me," Ray said.

"It's just been really hard to stomach. There has to be some trust there for you to be able to work with the community to have the best possible event," she said.

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**Greek** from page 1

of the parties that said no outdoor band party would extend past 12 midnight.

"The perception among the GTPD staff was that they were to enforce the policy as written until the new policy was passed," Cooke said. "It was a miscommunication on both sides."

IFC thought that there was an informal agreement allowing parties to extend past midnight unless a noise complaint occurred, according to Mark Edwards, IFC president. "We thought we had an agreement this summer," he said. "But it put us in a position we weren't expecting. GTPD had every right [to end the parties]. There was just miscon- communication somewhere."

GTPD Public Safety Captain James Hembree said that the decision to follow the written policy was up to the individual officer on duty. "That call is up to the officers...but we have to react all the fraternities the same," Hembree said. "We enforced the policy as it was written at the time."

"When we spoke with the sergeant [that night] he said that there was no agreement. They acted on what they thought was a rule. So I completely understand," Edwards said.

Cooke said that the noise complaints that evening occurred after the parties had already been shut down. "There were two noise complaints that night at 12:23 a.m. [against Delta Chi]," Cooke said, "and at 12:31 a.m. [against Delta Tau Delta and Beta Chi]. I was on campus at that time and they had already been shut down," Cooke said.

Following the incident the IFC passed a new policy that says that a party can go until midnight, and if there are no noise complaints it can extend past midnight. If noise complaints are reported then the party should be shut down. [This policy is] so [a fraternity] could handle [disputes] internally before having their party shut down," Cooke said.

"It's an open rule. If there's no noise, extend the party past midnight unless a noise complaint occurs," Cooke said.

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Excerpt from letter accompanying returned "T"

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"We do not want to force students to have the insurance. We plan to accommodate students who have quality insurance," Keller said.

The task force is currently in the bidding process for the insurance coverage. "This summer the Task Force issued a request for proposal to have domestic graduate assist- ants mandatory. We did receive two bids but the task force felt that the proposals would not be beneficial to students or the system so they are re-bidding the project with modifications," Keller said.

"We have a tentative timetable of getting the new proposals back by early December, making a decision by March and implementing the new system in August," Smith said.

A good health insurance policy is important in attracting gradu- ate students according to Keller and Smith.

"One of the things the graduate students look for when applying to schools is a health insurance," Smith said. "We want a really good policy that we can also use as a recruiting tool."

Keller said that he hopes the new health insurance plan will also allow Tech to receive more funds from both the Board of Regents and the Board of Directors to help pay for graduate student insurance.

"One hope that we have is that by making it mandatory for gradu- ate assistanship we can get a good insurance rate and then we can give the Board of Regents and ask for as- sistance to get the best grad students we really need to find a way to do that," said Keller on health insur- ance.

Keller said that by having insurance be mandatory it could be writ- ten into grants to make the pool of mon- ey available.

"With it being voluntary they can't write insurance into grants," Keller said.

While the Task Force is currently limiting the scope of the project to the three groups listed above, the project may be expanded in the future.

"Further down the road, insur- ance may be mandatory for all students," Keller said.

"Ultimately, the goal is to increase retention rates. It's amazing how much medical cost can pull people from school because of a sporting accident or surgery or a benign...it doesn't even have to be life threatening sur- gery," he said. "So in an effort to help pay for graduate student insurance, a waiver system will be made available. There are three groups likely to have the 'T' stolen put a damper on the whole situation for me," Ray said.

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Katrina relief raises $45,000

By Jenny Zhang
Contributing Writer

The fundraising drive for the hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast raised $45,000, $5,000 short of the $50,000 goal student organizations had set to raise by Sept. 20. Fundraising was coordinated by the Office of Community Service in collaboration with many student organizations.

The campaign began Sept. 6 with Tech’s Mobilizing Opportunity for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) kicking it off by tabling along Skiles Walkway. Many other student groups, including several Greek organizations, the Student Center Programs Council and the Jewish Student Union, continued tabling efforts, which ended Sept. 19.

“The campaign went wonderfully,” said Naazneen Iqbal, assistant director of Student Involvement for Community Service. “Tabling accounted for about half of all monetary donations.”

Money was also raised through bucket brigades, which were engineered by the Student Government Association (SGA) in partnership with the Athletic Association. Volunteers collected funds at the gates of the Sept. 10 and the Sept. 17 football games.

“The Student Athletic Advisory Board has been great about helping out with the bucket brigades, and they’ve been extremely successful,” said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

Several other organizations also helped collect donations at the football games, including Ambassadors, the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, African American Student Union, National Society of Black Engineers and Minority Student Union.

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Honors from page 1

Engle and Nobles said they see the honors program as a significant recruiting tool. “There’s recent research showing that a significant number of graduate school applicants who are finalists ended up going to another university, arguably a weaker school. That’s a loss we don’t want,” Don Williams, the president of South Carolina and eight students went to UGA,” Engle said. “I think it’s safe to say that we would have had a better shot of getting those students here if we had an honors program.”

The student-teacher interaction can be really helpful in learning new concepts and getting good recommendations for future education,” said Naazneen Iqbal, a second-year Biology major.

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This fundraising campaign raised the most money for relief efforts according to Brackmann. “Both the 9/11 and tsunami campaigns had just as much student involvement and community spirit, but the community may have been more willing to give to this fundraiser because [Hurricane Katrina] hit closer to home. Because [we] housed Tulane students and served as an emergency shelter, people could see the impact much better,” Andersen said.

Although Hurricane Rita followed Katrina, fundraising remained steady according to Huger.

“There were no significant increases after Hurricane Rita, and most of the money was raised for Hurricane Katrina before [Rita] hit,” Huger said.

In all, the fundraising campaign for the hurricane victims has raised about $45,000 to date, short of the $50,000 goal set by students.

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**OUR VIEWS** 

**CONSENSUS OPINION**

**Merit your honor**

Under the lead of professors Randy Engle and Greg Nobles, the College of Architecture, the College of Sciences and Ivan Allen College have continued along the winding path of planning the Honors Program. These ad-hoc committees involving faculty and students have been formed to work out the details for the program to be implemented in the three colleges by Fall 2006.

While it is understandable that advocates of the plan wish to open the program to students as soon as possible, it is imperative that it be something that actually does benefit, or at least do no disservice to the Tech community as a whole.

Engle and Nobles have both indicated that the Honors courses would not necessarily be harder than standard Tech classes, but rather that they would be “different.”

If the Honors classes aren’t any harder, then what makes Honors program graduates deserving of a more prestigious degree? Graduates of such an Honors program would have a leg up in applying for jobs and graduate schools simply by having an honors degree. And if admission into the Honors program is based solely on high school preformance, does that mean these students will have an advantage all through college and beyond simply for having done well in high school?

This, of course, leads to the question of what sort of admissions criteria would make one student more eligible for an Honors program than the other; we await a (hopefully) satisfactory answer.

Creating an Honors degree can be a great attribute, but if it isn’t worthy of its lofty status, it would only unneccessarily devalue the degree of every other Tech student.

**Insure your health**

Tech, UGA, Georgia State and Medical College of Georgia have come together to form a task force to provide their graduate students with quality and affordable health insurance, by making insurance mandatory for a larger percentage of graduate students.

While it may seem strange and potentially undesirable to force a financial obligation onto students, a mandatory insurance policy helps make insurance more accessible for all.

At a time when yearly insurance premiums increase by up to 30 percent for some students, placing a greater number of students under a mandatory policy will allow these students to negotiate a better bargain for their money.

A better insurance policy will improve retention of current students and make Tech more attractive to graduate students.

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Online information often misleads viewer

With the widespread use of the Facebook and Google, much of a college student’s personal data is readily available online. Both technologies are great to learn more about current friends or to find out new information about recent acquaintances but should be used sparingly when trying to get to know someone new.

My concern is that people rely too much on the Facebook and Google to make judgments about strangers and that often people evaluate each other based solely on what they read online. Take for example a freshman student who is applying to be a member of a student organization. Whether it’s a fraternity or sorority, one of the handful of freshman leadership organizations or any other group where a large number of applicants fill a limited number of openings, chances are that the members of the organization have looked up the biographies of all the new applicants through Facebook and Google.

First impressions are hard to erase, and when a first impression of a person comes from a Facebook page, it can be misleading. Does a list of one’s favorite music tell you who he is? Do the books a person reads reflect how smart she is?

Is someone with 200 Facebook friends twice as social as someone with 100 friends? Perhaps most detrimental is when intricacies of a person are seen as really looking good someone. If a picture says a thousand words, it can tell a thousand lies—meaninging that, for better or worse, people in real life don’t always look like their snapshot on a website.

Search engines like Google also don’t divulge the inner intricacies of a person. Search engines are only as good as the information available on websites, and so much about a person isn’t typed up on the internet.

Search engines are geared toward the most recently updated information. That’s why a search for my name returns my technique articles first. A search result is also geared toward sites that have more of a “web presence.” Sites that generate more volume of visitors generally rank higher on a search results page than those sites that have a limited fan base.

Ten years ago, no one could have predicted the effect that Google has on our lives today. Google is so common that it is becoming part of the vernacular. Have a question? Just google it,” we say. “The same is true for the Facebook, and perhaps the Facebook is spreading even faster than Google did.”

Take as an example the latest book by Tom Wolfe, called Law Charlotte Simmons, which takes place at the fictional Dupont University. Even though the book was published in November 2004, it was already out of date when it hit bookstores less than a month after it was written just before the Facebook craze started.

Call me Mr. Obvious, but a good rule of thumb is to only post stuff that you would want your mom or your future employer to see.”

Patrick Odneal
Sports Editor

 Trojan horse infiltrates science

(UWIRE) Tufts U.—With the opening last week of Kitzmiller et al. v. Dover Area School District in a Pennsylvania federal court, the age-old battle between science and religion returned to national prominence. The latest installment in this historically innate conflict addresses the validity of the “theory” of intelligent design and, specifically, should intelligent design be mentioned in Dover School District biology textbooks as an alternative to the theory of evolution?

One basic point is key to understanding the intelligent design controversy: the battle over official government policy and the public school curriculum, religion has, in general, been defeated by science. In the 80 years since the Scopes trial, legislators, educators and judges alike have found that in the interest of constitutional principles and in pursuit of the best possible education for American children, religion must be kept separate from science.

The quandary, then, for opponents of science and rational thought, is how to infiltrate a system from which they have been ejected. The answer appears straight out of Homer’s Odyssey. While creationism is far too ostensibly religious to be widely accepted in the public school system, creationism without any mention of God and propagated by institutions and individuals pretending to be members of the scientific community would serve as a sort of Trojan horse for fundamentalist religious activists. The faux “theory” of intelligent life which holds onto the major principles of creationism while still sounding scientific may be able to infiltrate high school biology textbooks and undermine evolution.

This is the role of intelligent design. Because it doesn’t men-
Proving innocence in face of FBI phone taps

The FBI has announced that sometimes it accidentally listens to the wrong conversation over tapped telephone lines under the Patriot Act. While information gathered cannot be used against you per se, it is possible information you give over the phone may be used for further investigations of you.

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Clerk: What's a—
Me: I bought this jacket last week, but it's too big. Can I return it if I have the receipt?
Clerk: Yeah?
Me: Thanks.

**Pharmacy, 10/2/05, 4:15p.m.**
Recording: Thank you for calling the pharmacy. If you wish to refill a prescription, please press 1. If you are a doctor, please press 9. If you would like a prescription filled, please press 3.
Me: [press 3]
Recording: Please enter the six digit code located on the left corner of your prescription, then press the pound key.
Me: [skilled button pushing]

**Extended Family, 10/1/05**
Me: Hi! I'm your Aunt Maggie.
Mom: How was your Frank Lloyd Wright Tour?
Me: It was very nice. We went on a Frank Lloyd Wright Tour.
Cousin Lenny's wedding?
Me: I don't remember actually hanging up the phone. I think I fell asleep occasionally curse at recorded voices. Kafka, you were right all along. And you, too, Jerry Seinfeld.

**Telemarketer, Everyday, Dinner time**
Telemarketer: Hello, is this Alexandria…Pajak?
Me: [click]

**If I'm guilty of anything, it's preferring to talk to actual people. I also occasionally curse at recorded voices.”**
Alexandra Pajak
Columnist

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Mom: It was great. The reception was very nice. We went on a Frank Lloyd Wright Tour.
Me: That sounds neat. I didn’t know there were Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Buffalo.
Mom: Me neither. It was very nice. Would you like to talk to your Aunt Maggie?
Me: Ok.
Aunt Maggie: Hi!
Me: Hi! Aunt Maggie. How are you?
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tion God, or even god, and because it is promoted by right-wing "scientific" organizations like the Discovery Institute, it is considered by some, most publicly the Dover Area School Board, to be an acceptable way to acknowledge and date religious hostility and discomfort with the theory of evolution.

The problem with intelligent design, of course, is that it quite clearly has nothing whatsoever to do with science. A scientific theory is based on observable evidence, and hence is testable. Intelligent design is based only on blind faith, and is therefore not testable.

Observing phenomena, such as the rich biological diversity and complexity on earth and seeking to explain it through the creation of some unseen force or entity is a completely valid way of understanding the world. However, that type of reasoning is religious or philosophi
cal rather than scientific in nature. What advocates of intelligent design do not understand is that the consequences of confusing religion and science can be catastrophic.

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Me: What’s your return policy?
Clerk: What?
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Clerk: What’s a—
Me: I bought this jacket last week, but it’s too big. Can I return it if I have the receipt?
Clerk: Yeah?
Me: Thanks.

**Pharmacy, 10/2/05, 4:15p.m.**
Recording: Thank you for calling the pharmacy. If you wish to refill a prescription, please press 1. If you are a doctor, please press 9. If you would like a prescription filled, please press 3.
Me: [press 3]
Recording: Please enter the six digit code located on the left corner of your prescription, then press the pound key.
Me: [skilled button pushing]

**Extended Family, 10/1/05**
Me: Hi, hi mom. How was Cousin Lenny's wedding?
Mom: It was great. The reception was very nice. We went on a Frank Lloyd Wright Tour.
Me: That sounds neat. I didn’t know there were Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Buffalo.
Mom: Me neither. It was very nice. Would you like to talk to your Aunt Maggie?
Me: Ok.
Aunt Maggie: Hi!
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Engineering students go beyond national borders

By Emily Tate  Contributing Writer

As the student body has settled in over the past few weeks, Tech has witnessed the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and lent a helping hand in as many ways as possible.

Although the Institute’s reaction to this disaster was swift and helpful, it has also turned the American population’s attention away from areas around the world that still are in desperate need of help.

One student organization, however, has pledged this semester to not only help out with the disaster in New Orleans, but to continue helping other regions of the world who are suffering from the same problems as in Louisiana.

The Tech chapter of Engineering Students Without Borders (ESWB) returned this May from Colonía Los Ángeles, an urban suburb of La Lima, Honduras, after assessing the conditions of a 35-year-old water system that was worn from use.

The deteriorating condition of the water tower, pipes, well and pump has made it hard for people in the community to receive adequate amounts of water due to low water pressure and has also meant coliform contamination of water coming into the homes.

From the water quality tests that we performed, we determined that the water from the well is in good order however coliform was found in the water at homes, which is most probably due to leakage,” said Angharad Pagnon, ESWB Student President.

“It isn’t clear where the sewage pipe is in respect to that of the water (well) and whether it contaminates it,” he said.

Due to contamination, the team investigating the water system must now focus on the capacity of the well, the structure of the water tower and the leakage of the piping.

“This fall, the team is returning to Honduras to determine the capacity of the well,” Pagnon said.

The group, which has about 35 members, will return to La Lima within the year to also implement the repairs they deemed necessary after they have analyzed the data gathered.

The team will work on designing a plan to better control the water system in Colonía Los Ángeles. ESWB has a working model system for the city and are in the data analysis concept phase,” said Michael Saunders, ESWB faculty sponsor.

“Engineering Students Without Borders is a great organization for students as well as faculty to invest their efforts in. It consists of a group of people dedicated to improving the lives of others and ultimately having the opportunity to improve their own,” said Brenda Vargas, a fourth-year Civil and Environmental Engineering student who was part of the group that visited Honduras.

The Tech chapter of ESBW was founded by Vargas and Pagnon, along with Marcus Millard, a Chemistry major who graduated in 1997.

In addition to helping with the water conditions of this Honduran community, ESWB has joined with other community service organizations to formulate ideas about contributing to the rebuilding effort in Louisiana.

According to Pagnon, ESWB has received much support from the Architecture and Civil Engineering Departments on campus, and they are still looking for help with the technical aspects of both projects.

Now, the organization is currently looking for volunteers who are willing to specifically help out with the health of the city, but there is plenty of work and opportunities to improve the lives of others and ultimately having the opportunity to improve their own.”

Brenda Vargas
CEE Senior

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Honor Societies offer more than just scholastic recognition

By Chanchala Kaddi  Contributing Writer

Honor societies cater to students across different majors and classes and yet have stringent selection criteria.

Most of them require members or prospective members to meet certain academic requirements, and they try to instill skills such as leadership and teamwork abilities in their members through various projects and activities.

The ‘Nique tried to peek behind the scenes at some of the college’s best-known honor societies to see what they were all about.

“The eligibility requirements for membership in Tau Beta Pi are exemplary character and distinguished scholarship,” said Stephanie Thompson, President of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society.

“We invite the top 1/8 of the junior class and the top 1/5 of the senior class to join. In terms of exemplary character, we look for individuals who are self-motivated, hard-working, dependable and responsible, and who hold paramount the integrity of the engineering profession,” said Thompson.

The minimum requirements to join the society include being a co-op that has co-oped at least 2 semesters and a minimum GPA of at least 3.0,” said Jennie Teague, President of the Biomedical Honor Society.

“Membership is based on GPA,” said Craig Ramsey, Vice President of Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering honor society.

These societies bring students together through fun-filled social activities to form new friendships and lasting networks. Members can participate in our monthly social dinners at local restaurants or our pool and paintball tournaments where the organization pays the bill and encourages its members to get to know one another,” Teague said.

“HKN also organizes the Spring Picnic in April for all ECE students and faculty. A catered barbecue and various other activities are provided to ensure that everyone has a good time.”

“We don’t want to be known as people with high GPAs, we have lots of fun social events and get-togethers for our members. Bringing our members together helps create a network that they can carry out into the world with them,” said Daniel Migh, former President of Alpha Chi Epsilon.

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Pi Mu, the Industrial Engineering honor society.

“We ran a t-shirt competition to design an IE T-shirt, which was a huge success,” he said.

Honor societies often develop mechanisms to help their members survive the grueling Tech curriculum while rewarding the top performers.

From mentoring programs to scholarships, all serve to reward as well as motivate the students.

“A biomedical engineer needs many options and career paths to address his or her emerging field. Alpha Eta Mu Beta seeks to recognize, promote excellence, and aid those in progress,” said Hua-Mei Chai, President of Alpha Eta Mu Beta, the Biomedical Engineering honor society.

Applications are accepted for $20,000 scholarships for undergraduate students and $10,000 fellowships for graduate student members. In addition, Tau Beta Pi selects a Laureate each year.

“The award is given to gifted engineering students who have excelled in areas beyond their technical majors, such as in music, art or community service and includes a $2500 cash award,” he said.

Eta Kappa Nu offers annual prizes for outstanding work in engineering. “This award is given to gifted engineering and computer engineering students,” said Saxena.

At each year’s meeting, $500 scholarship will be awarded to recognize, promote excellence, and aid those in progress,” said Hua-Mei Chai, President of Alpha Eta Mu Beta, the Biomedical Engineering honor society.

HKN runs a fundraising campaign to establish scholarships.

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Jane Ammons Associate Dean, ECE

She further points out that a large number of the learning that takes place during college years happens outside the classroom in dorms, social organizations or intramural sports. “Any professional society is a great place to acquire such skills.”

“HKN requires that initiates into the society complete one volunteer service project in the community. We have an active relationship with HOPE Worldwide in which we tutor underprivileged children in several Atlanta area elementary schools,” Teague said.

“Each semester, at least once, we go to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and volunteer our time and effort assisting those in whatever they need help with.”

Jane Ammons, associate dean of Engineering for Faculty Affairs and Chief Advisor to Tau Beta Pi was herself initiated into the society back in the early 70’s, when she had just started accepting women.

“A Tau Beta Pi, we have some of the future leaders of engineering and these students learn a whole lot about having a vision and executing it. You pick up a lot in the process of trying to organize and implement [Tau Beta Pi] events,” said Ammons.

Students line up to be inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, one of the many honor societies present at Tech.

They serve a good purpose to those who are in them but they can sometimes promote elitism in their members,” said Jessica Durham, a sixth-year Electrical Engineering major.

“People who are never in honor societies can get through high school and college just fine and still have a great future, so I don’t necessarily see how they are truly beneficial,” she said.

“Some sort of recognition is due for the top of the class but I don’t think there needs to be a whole society for those people.”

Zen Mehra also contributed to this article.
Tech professor tackles creation-evolution controversy

By Swathy Prithivi
Focus Writer

Dr. Eugene Ashby has spent his entire career, here at Tech, as a distinguished professor in the Chemistry department for over 30 years devoted to scientific pursuits. Now as a retired Regents Professor and a Christian, he has applied the same ardor to scientifically investigating his new book titled Understanding the Creation Evolution Controversy: A Scientific Evaluation with Both Modern Science and the Bible.

The inspiration [behind the book] was that I was reading and hearing a lot of things about the creation-evolution controversy and...it didn't make sense to me,” Ashby said.

So I decided to take whatever time it took, and it took five years to write this book, to study both sides on the question.”

Despite his Christian roots, he wrote this book mainly as a scientist.

“This is not a religious book [but rather] this is a scientific analysis of the creation-evolution controversy,” he said.

He analyses the controversy by looking all sides and all the facts and comes out with evidence, as the book title suggests, supporting, to some extent, both sides of the argument.

“I looked at both sides, all the facts. Unfortunately I could not come out strongly on either side because both sides have major problems, which I don’t think they’re facing up to.”

This book is aimed at first-year college students as Ashby has spent up to 24-hour days. They hold very fast to 24-hour days. They hold very fast to 24-hour days. They hold very fast to 24-hour days.

According to him, when the earth is 6000 years old and that the universe was created in six 24-hour days. They hold very fast to that and they don’t believe or accept the Big Bang theory.

“The scientific facts show that the universe is 17 billion years old and the earth is 4.6 billion years old, he said. The scientific evidence is overwhelming and they [scientific creationists]...don’t realize they’re trying to defend an untenable position. The reason that people don’t want [scientific] creationism to show (and I do some of that in my book0 that there’s no way that [creation] is going to happen by chance. 17 billion years is not enough time [for that].

Ashby explores Darwinian evolution in his book that says that the cell came about by chance and then from the cell through mutuation followed by natural selection from which emerged all of these different species.

According to him, the way to analyzing the controversy would be to look at the first cell about which, even today only little is really known.

To demonstrate the role of randomness in evolution Ashby gave an example of the role of enzymes in the folding of proteins in the cell.

The probability calculation of putting just one enzyme in the right place is 1 chance in 10 to the 30013 chances. According to mathematicians, 1 chance in 10 to the 50th chances is 0 i.e., 50 zeroes followed by a one. That’s just one enzyme. You have roughly 2000 enzymes in the cell and 1000s of proteins, carbohydrates and lipids,” he said.

He also touched on the topic of including different ideologies of the in high school curriculum.

“I believe that creation should be part of the discussion in high schools,” he said.

“A person might say, ‘Well, that’s not science, and those are the people that don’t know what [is] going on.’

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ties to work to go around,” Saunders said.

With two high-energy projects taking place simultaneously, one of them might end up affecting the other in quality due to the limited resources of any student organization.

However ESWB is determined not to let this happen and the organization is “structured to make sure that the projects do not hinder each other,” Pagnon said.

The organization is sponsored by Obra Cost Consulting and has also received funds from an anonymous donor according to Dr. Saunders.

ESWB is proposing to other community service organizations to help out primarily with housing for the victims in the Gulf Coast.

The exact needs of the areas affected by Katrina will be assessed in meetings with other participating student organizations.

“I feel very privileged at having had the opportunity to spend almost a week with the members of the community in Honduras,” Vargas said.

“The assessment trip in May, I think, was a way for ESWB members to acquire an understanding of the hardships faced by people in developing communities, and to also use their engineering problem-solving skills to find a way to arrive at a solution that will ultimately raise the quality of life for the wonderful people of La Lima, Honduras,” she said.

From their experience in Honduras in dealing with decaying water situations, ESWB is a strong ally in the rebuilding of the devastated areas affected by the hurricane.

They are not only addressing situations of importance in our own country, like the Katrina crisis, but are also raising awareness of challenging issues faced by developing communities internationally.

Students interested in joining the organization or participating a project can find more information at their website: http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ESWB/

Email focus@technique.gatech.edu if you think you know the answer—and check to see if you won in next week’s issue!

Last week’s Tech Up Close: Tombstone of Sideways outside Tech Tower

Last week’s winners:
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**Netherworld provides scares for a price**

By Siddhartha Parmar  Contributing Writer

It’s that time of the year again. Clowns, goblins and witches are getting ready to come out. But for those who want to experience a scare now, Netherworld, “a walk-through dark attraction filled with terrifying live actors, amazing special effects and incredible monsters,” according to their website, is open for business.

Located on I-85 near Jimmy Carter Boulevard, Netherworld is not an average haunted house. It is a haunted house in one, each one having a different theme. There are “The Terror of Tiki Island,” “Abomination,” and “Slaughterhouse.”

The premise behind “Tiki Island” is the idea that you are shipwrecked on a mysterious island with strange sounds, animals, and idols. You walk round the island until “at last you reach a massive stone god lurking behind a bloodstained altar. The ritual can now begin...the sacrifice has arrived,” according to the haunted house’s website.

In “Abomination”, “From the foulest pits of the NETHERWORLD surges a horde of bugs savages monsters! Massive brutal things coursing with evil intelligence hunt humans and drag them away ALIVE. Screaming into the darkness! Lead by a nightmarish WARLORD, these things cannot be stopped, unless the books that summoned them are destroyed,” the website said.

In “Slaughterhouse”, something lurks in an abandoned meat processing plant. According to the description on the website, “local teens say that the place, long ago closed for selling tainted meat, still runs on moonless nights. Some believe an inbred tribe of cannibal squatters hides in the twisted corridors...”

One of Netherworld’s cast of monstrosities showcases the haunted house’s staff’s stunning abilities with makeup and costuming. “Abomination” is decent. There are a few scares, but nothing too different. The creatures looked more weird than scary. The human counterparts had the intended scare effect. Tiki Island is very different and original because it’s in 3-D and requires special 3-D glasses. Different colors and shapes are interesting but not scary at all. This haunted house is clearly for the kids.

“The Slaughterhouse” is the best one of the three and should only be seen by adults. Without giving too much away, here is why this is the best one: it takes claustrophobia and fear of darkness to another level with the darkness! Here are a few tips about Netherworld: “Slaughterhouse” is the only one really worth seeing and $20 seems to be on the pricey side, even with “Abomination” added in. Discounted tickets and coupons are available by joining Netherworld’s emailing list at www.terrorworld.com.

Ticket prices are a little steep. “Abomination” sells at $15, “Abomination” and another haunted house, “The Slaughterhouse” also sell at $20, and all three are $25.

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**The Like sound just like everything else**

By Edson Stegal  Contributing Writer

The fact that The Like consists of three girls and the age of incoming freshmen has, I believe, finally signalized the reaching of the absolute upper limit of wisful, contemplative teen vocals that can be packed into a single CD. Although their first full-length album, Are You Thinking What I’m Thinking? is a thoroughly typical first release for a pop group, it does at times seem overly polished and produced, possibly ruining whatever made them interesting in the first place.

Ranging from driving to mournful, this trio is consistently somber or sarcastic enough to make one wonder what could have happened to make three young people quite so cynical.

The lead singer, with a voice that varies from haunting to raspy, fills the space in the stock indie rock chords and beats that somehow sound like all of the indy-pop songs that have come out in the past few years.

The Like, Thomas, Tennessee of the indie band, Sweet Revenge, made the controversial decision to perform a song about their relationship at the annual Rock & Roll Weekends tour in Virginia Beach. The song, which was written by Tennessee and Sweet Revenge’s frontman, Jeff Hults, was titled “I Know It’s Over.” The song included lyrics such as “I know it’s over, I think I’m just too rotten.”

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**Get your emo on in Duluth**

My Chemical Romance will be playing at the Arena at Gwinnett Center tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $18.99. The band is currently touring in support of its latest album, Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge.

**Women + War to close Sunday**

The Women + War Project, presented by Synchronicity, presents its final show this weekend at the 7 Stages Theatre in Little Five Points. The project presents the stories of various women through history, all affected by war in some way, in dramatic text.

The stories presented include those of a 10-year-old girl during the Civil War, a Vietnamese immigrant army spy for the CIA, a Tech student who remembers her childhood in the midst of the Bosnian war and many others. Show times tonight and tomorrow night are at 8 p.m. and Sunday night at 7 p.m. Tickets cost from $15 to $20.

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**Our Lady Peace to play Roxyl**

Thursday night, Our Lady Peace will be playing at the Roxyl Theatre as part of their tour in support of their current album, Beautiful in Paranoid Times. Augustana, a band with too many people who are calling themselves Winter, will be playing in support of Our Lady Peace. The show begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are $22.

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**A Capella singers do it on their own**

Thursday, Oct. 20 at 5:15 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. a workshop will be held for anyone interested in singing a capella in four part harmony. The quartet New Release from Washington, D.C. will also be on hand to perform and provide demonstrations of the a capella style of singing.

Along with accompanying and present the show will be Rick Spencer, an instructor and music specialist from BarberShop Harmony Society in Kenya, Wa. The event will be held in the D.M. Smith auditorium and is free.
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However, though the vocals are intriguing and almost reminiscent of Joanna Newsom at times in their wisty, flighty manner, they can hardly stand on their own. And, even though the lyrics seem genuine and sympathetic, they don’t evoke sufficient thought to make up for the overall lack of individuality present in the rest of the arrangement.

On the whole, this album makes one curious as to what The Like was like before the producers and public relations people got ahold of them, simple garage rock or something with more potential.

The Like should be applauded for making music that is at least interesting and different from the cookie-cuttereverything that is so predominant today. However, it could be the perfect soundtrack to a make-out session.

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Kevin Liles is the very successful former President of Def Jam Records, who has now decided to share the secrets of his success. Liles includes 10 rules for success, which double as prefaces for each chapter. I would have enjoyed the book just as much if those rules hadn’t been there. However, Liles emphasizes that he always covers his own behind. He values being prepared and being aware of what’s going on in his business. He definitely has the business smarts necessary to do the kind of wheeling and dealing necessary to run a large company like Def Jam.

On top of all his impressive business stats, Liles also wins the reader over because of his cool experiences and the equally cool stories associated with them. Sure, it’s rife with name-dropping, and I suppose it wasn’t really necessary for him to mention vacationing with Jay-Z and Beyoncé. But one easily accepts and forgives his cockiness. It’s just one of those things that comes with being in the music business.

And then there are the recollections of what it’s truly like to work with the music stars. We’re all heard about how oblivious famous people can be, and Liles does not disappoint with his stories on the matter.

But Liles provides explicit examples, complete with the stars’ names and everything. Those are definitely some entertaining reads.

For example, he talks about this one performer whom Def Jam booked to perform on Saturday Night Live. Now most performers wouldn’t want to do anything to screw up an opportunity like that, but this guy wouldn’t even get out of bed for the rehearsal. Apparently he fancied himself too cool to need to practice.

This rapper willingly put the job of a Def Jam employee on the line, all so that he could grab a few extra hours of sleep. And Liles has to deal with stuff like that every single day.

Plus you can always laugh at Liles’ misconceptions about himself. He thinks he’s grounded, and then admits to buying 50,000 watches for his friends and losing 10,000 to Jay-Z in a card game.

But it doesn’t matter. Somehow he still seems to have a good head on his shoulders.

Okay, so is Make It Happen worth a read? It goes pretty fast, and supplies a few good laughs. Plus, for anyone at all interested in the music business, I’d say it gives a pretty good insight into how the business works. So for people with a little extra time on your hands, go for it.
Two Bits Man reminisces about great film, cowers before awful might of our Okinawan soon-to-be conquerors

I don't know if you guys are fans of great cinema, but I am, and I'd like to share with you all a quick little breakdown of the greatness of one of the greatest—and by greatest I mean most totally, awesomely insane—movies of all time: John G. Avildsen's immortal classic, The Karate Kid.

This movie is the very essence of '80s nonsensical, underdog madness. It's Caddyshack meets Sixteen Candles meets Pat Morita; in other words, it's '80s nonsensical, underdog madness. G. Avildsen's immortal classic, it's an insane—movies of all time: John I mean most totally, awesomely insane—movies of all time.

I would try to think of more, but let's face it, about 15 minutes after the introduction of Mr. Miyagi everybody's going to be too drunk to stand anyway. I guess we can have something in there about 'wax on, wax off' too. That is, if anyone is actually watching this movie by that point and not being ferried to the hospital for alcohol poisoning.

The Villains It's like somebody sat down with a pen and paper and tried to envision the most unreasonably evil people imaginable. What do they do when they're not obssessively hating Daniel-san and Mr. Miyagi? Do they have hobbies? Friends? Families? That's if they've perhaps not yet hit upon their unhealthy fixation with the random kid from Jersey and stepped in? I guess they just go home at night and have a photocopied picture of that one of them ook. Somebody gets these guys a puppy. So, folks say.

Slave Labor We totally suppose to be some super secret exercise in developing strength and muscle memory, but at the end of the day, Mr. Miyagi got a painted fence, a sand deck, and an entire fleet of cars waxed. What's up with that? And Mr. Miyagi, secretly filthy rich? If so, what the hell is he doing working as a caretaker? Is Mr. Miyagi's need to unionize wages?

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Daniel-san's need to unionize wages. Mr. Miyagi's slave driving also gave birth to one of the most revered catch phrases in the history of popular culture. "Wax on, wax off," even more painfully overdone than the perennial classic, "Where's the beef?"

The Crane Kick The totally insane, wouldn't work in a real fight in a million years, doesn't even try to make sense crane kick. Here's a breakdown of the basic logic behind the crane kick told through first person narrative.

Wush, look at that. See that leg, how's it up like that? Yeah, I bet you think I'm gonna try to kick you with that one, don't you? But I'm not. Too bad you don't know the—Ho! Snap! You totally suck for it! I kicked you tight in the face. Dude, Pwned. The best part about the crane kick is the fact that you know somebody has tried it in real life. It just had to have happened.

We live in a world where people actually have to be told not to imitate it when MTV's goons do just go out and hurt themselves for vast sums of money—this given the fact that the imitators will not, in fact, be paid vast sums of money, so you know it's got to have happened at least once. And the only thing more tragic than the headshot that almost certainly followed for the would-be martial arts master, is the fact that nobody was there to get on video and post it on the Internet.

Mr. Miyagi's Magic Powers Okay, I've review. The man can totally destroy anything of five well-trained opponents at one time, he lays hands on Daniel-san's bum leg after a real live doctor said he wasn't going to be able to fight, and all of a sudden, the kid's up and ready to kick some ass, and did you see that swastika-taste leisure suit he's wearing at the end of the movie? Obviously, Mr. Miyagi and, by extension, all people from Okinawa have uncanny powers over life and death and should not be trifled with under any circumstances.

It seems to me that the only reason the Okinawans are not now god-emperors of this pathetic rock is that they find our pathetic attempts at self rule amusing. Really, it's only a matter of time before they come for us, and if I, one, welcome our new non-Japanese masters.

Our current salvation is by Asian supermen or, otherwise said, it is a fun movie to watch, especially if you, like me, have a deep and abiding love for appreciating things ironi-cally. Actually, only if you have a deep and abiding love for appreciating things ironically. Cause if you actu-ally tried to watch this movie with a straight face, your head would presumably explode, and that, too, would be really, really cool.
### What's On? WEEK OF 10.7 - 10.13

#### This Week on GTCN:

**GT.SWEAT:** If you need more exercise than walking to class or typing on your keyboard, GT.Sweat is your show. GT.Sweat is GTCN’s health and fitness show covering everything from kayaking to belly-dancing. If you’re looking for new ways to exercise tune into gtcn21 weekdays at 6:50pm!

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**GTCN Cinema @ 7 movie: Miss Congeniality 2**

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The number of kills that sophomore volleyball player Ulrike Stegemann posted in each of last weekend's two games. It was a career mark for her, as the Jackets beat the Florida State Seminoles and the Miami Hurricanes. Stegemann was named the ACC Volleyball Player of the Week this week.

The number of nationally ranked schools that competed in the Notre Dame Invitational cross country meet. Nitya Triliski led the men's team, finishing in 25:46. Nisha Kurian led the women's team with a mark of 18:24 in the 5k event.

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But not the band foreigner, they're totally rad.
Senior Damarius Bilbo from Moss Point, Miss., has turned into quite a force as receiver this season. Against North Carolina, in week two, Bilbo led the receiving corps with a career high 131 receiving yards on eight catches, one of which was a touchdown. But Bilbo hasn't always played receiver.

In high school, where did you want to go to college? Bilbo: Tech didn’t really appeal to me at first. I was committed to Tennessee since my junior year in high school. I pretty much thought I was going to Tennessee, LSU, Alabama or one of the SEC schools.

What made you choose Tech over those other schools? Bilbo: What appealed to me here was the way they ran the offense. Also, when I came on my visit to Atlanta, it was a fun city. Tennessee is in Knoxville, and Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and in cities like that there’s really not too much to do. So you have to look at it from three sides. You have to look at the environment, athletics and academics. And Tech was the most complete.

How did you feel when Coach Gailey moved you to be a wide receiver? Bilbo: I didn’t like it one bit. Coming out of high school I was one of the top five quarterbacks and national player of the year. And then Tech wasn’t really one of the schools I wanted to come to. Then to come here and have that happen to me, I doubted myself and doubted my decision to come here.

How did you overcome that difficulty? Bilbo: My faith kept me in it, and my family. As far as what I wanted to do in life, football wasn’t always going to be there. You just have to suck it up and be a man about it. That was one of the things I had to do—I had to just tough it up.

Did any coaches here at Tech give you any advice? Bilbo: Coach Geis, the receiving coach, welcomed me, and he’s been there for me ever since, watching film with me, teaching me the ropes of being a receiver...

What people were instrumental in helping you through that tough time? Bilbo: My family and my high school coach.... I also talked to some teammates, and in the end that’s what kept me here—my teammates. You establish a relationship with the guys over the years and it’s just so hard to break bonds when you get so close to people.

Did any coaches here at Tech give you any advice? Bilbo: Coach Geis, the receiving coach, welcomed me, and he’s been there for me ever since, watching film with me, teaching me the ropes of being a receiver, building my confidence slowly and just bringing me along. He is the guy to thank one hundred and ten percent. He’s been there since day one. Also the golf coach, Coach Heppler. He and his staff were there encouraging me and talking to me.

How was Coach Heppler able to help you? Bilbo: He said that he has been watching me work hard in the weight room. Sometimes we will be working while [other teams are] in there working out. So you tend to notice people when they are working hard. He said he doesn’t know much about football, but he knows hard work when he sees it, and the hard work that I put in at quarterback can get me to where I want to be at wide receiver if I go out and do what I am supposed to do and do what I know I can do.

Did the experience of being a quarterback help you in playing the wide receiver position? Bilbo: Yeah, as far as the coverages and knowing where to be. A lot of the things you learn at quarterback are the same like the thought process, but as a receiver you have to be more aware and more alert on some things. You have to make sure that you get there, and you have to focus on catching the ball. As to the quarterback you just throw it.

What tattoos do you have on your body? I have Calvary with John 14 out on the Bible [on my right arm]. “I am the way, the truth and the life.” I have my mom’s name, Deborah, all the way across my back with two big wings. And I have Jesus’ face on my left upper arm and “One Life to Live” on my two biceps.
Rugby drops match to UGA as youth improves

By Neil Paine
Contributing Writer

The Tech rugby club lost 27-12 to rival Georgia last Saturday in Athens. The experienced Georgia team proved to be too much for the younger Tech squad.

“Our backfield is young and inexperienced,” Head Coach Dan MacDougald said. “They’re still learning, so they made a lot of rookie-type mistakes that allowed [Georgia] to take the game.”

Tech’s young players were outmatched against an older and more experienced Bulldog team, consisting mostly of graduate students.

[Georgia] played a bunch of grad students, and we were playing all underclassmen,” MacDougald said.

“Thirteener player, their fly-half, was a 27-year-old Argentinean who had been playing since he was very young, and he made a huge difference.”

The young team may be experiencing some growing pains. In 2004 the rugby club was ranked among the top teams in the USA Rugby South Division.

Rugby Union Invitational, which is held in Athens. MacDougald mentioned some signs of encouragement, like in the scrum, where packs of opposing players push against each other for possession.

“We put up about 40 or 50 points on them, and that was with all of our sophomores and freshmen playing against their grad students,” MacDougald said.

Even in the A team’s loss, MacDougald found some signs of encouragement, like in the scrum, where packs of opposing players push against each other for possession.

“We absolutely dominated them in the middle,” MacDougald said. “When your forwards dominate, that’s the foundation for winning, just like winning the line of scrimmage in football.”

The fall season is much like pre-season competition in other sports. Teams from colleges from across the nation meet in “friendlies,” or exhibition matches, to get a feel for the skill levels of their teams and to give playing time to younger players who lack experience. The games do not count in any official standings, but rather provide a warm-up for the real season, which begins in January.

Given the B team’s impressive win and the potential he sees in the A team, MacDougald is optimistic about the upcoming regular season, particularly at the forward position.

“We’ve got a good platform to build on,” MacDougald said. “We’ve got probably 12 guys at the forward position that are A-side quality, which is real nice, and something we haven’t had in the past. I’m going to have some difficult decisions in selecting who plays, but that’s a good problem to have.”

“The backfield is not as seasoned as the forwards, but MacDougald is hopeful nonetheless.”

 “[With] the backs, we’re still experimenting to find the right combinations, but it’s coming along,” he said.

The team’s next opponent will be Clemson at the Georgia Rugby Union Invitational, which is held in Athens. MacDougald said that he knows that Clemson will be a tough opponent.

“We play a lot of games that are way over our head for the purpose of getting better.”

“Their key player, their fly-half, is very good, and they are a Division I school, while we are only a Division II team,” MacDougald said. “It will be a huge challenge.”

As the fall season comes to a close, the rugby club will play two more home matches. The first is against Emory on Oct. 22. The next game coincides with homecoming on Oct. 29, when the club takes on the GT Ogres in their annual homecoming event.

To end the season, the team was supposed to play in the 27th annual Battleship Tournament in Mobile, Ala. on Nov. 12, but because of limited lodging due to the recent hurricanes, the event has been cancelled.
The Jacket volleyball team won two ACC matches last weekend, beating Florida State 3-2 on Friday and Miami 3-2 on Sunday. The Jackets improved to 3-1 in the ACC and 6-6 overall.

In Friday’s game against Miami, sophomore Ulrike Stegemann recorded a career-high 20 kills and had a .315 hitting percentage as the Jackets won in five games, 27-30, 30-27, 19-30, 30-27, 15-12.

The Jackers split the first two games of the match before losing the third game by 11 points. The Seminoles had six service aces and a .464 hitting percentage as the Jackers had six errors in the middle game of the contest.

But the Jackers fought back in game four, a contest where both teams swapped the lead. The Jackers led 16-10 before the Seminoles rebounded to tie the game at 18-18. Three points later the Seminoles had the advantage at 21-18. The Jackers scored the next three points to tie the game 21-21. The game was again tied at 26-26 before the Jackers took the 28-26 lead that held until the end of the longest game.

Tech’s hitting percentage was .350 while Florida State’s was .180 in a game that returned the game.

In the fifth game the Seminoles had an 8-7 lead before Tech scored five points in a row to come within just three points of the match victory. Sophomore Nikki Kaminiska helped out with three of those five points with a stuff block with Stegemann, a stuff block with freshman Talisa Kellogg and a solo block.

The score was 14-12 in favor of the Jackers before Stegemann had the match-ending kill. Kellogg led with three serving aces, and Lindsey Gray, Lindsey Laband, Stegemann and Kaminiska each had one serving ace.

In Sunday’s game the Jackets beat the Hurricanes 27-35, 27-30, 11-30, 32-30, 15-9. The win gave Head Coach Bond Shymansky his 100th career coaching victory. Shymansky needed just 123 games to hit the century mark.

Just like in the previous match, the Jackers split the first two games with the Hurricanes before having a disappointing third game. But once again the Jackers fought back to win the match.

“In the phrase we used all weekend was mental fortitude,” Shymansky said, as reported by ramblinwreck.com. “We showed it against Florida State and it was severely tested again today against Miami. We are still a team that plays up and down from game to game, but we have a tremendous amount of talent and applied team togetherness today to win on the road.”

Stegemann matched her career-high 20 kills while earning a .302 hitting percentage and posting three blocks.

Laura DeMichiels followed with 14 kills followed by Callie Miller who had 12 kills.

Laband had 52 assists in the match. On the defensive side, Jennifer Randall had a match-high 20 digs.

This weekend the Jackets have three home games, two of which are ACC matches. They play Maryland tonight at 7 p.m., Georgia State tomorrow at 12 p.m. and Boston College tomorrow at 12 p.m.