Shuffle at Athletic Association replaces Moore

By Michael Handelman
Contributing Writer

The Georgia Tech Athletic Association recently appointed Col. James Stevens, currently commander of the Georgia Tech Air Force ROTC detachment as the Academic Director of the Athletic Program. Stevens replaced Dr. Carol Moore who has taken another position at the Institute. Stevens will officially start his job in July once he retires from the air force in late June.

Col. Stevens cites his background as a student-athlete, arriving at Tech in the 1970s on a football scholarship, as valuable experience for managing and communicating with the network of players, coaches, and academic professionals that currently comprise the academic office.

Tech Athletic Director Dave Braine believes these characteristics will contribute to the success of the new academic director, saying “with his military background, he goes without saying that Jim will stress discipline and accountability, and his leadership will immediately command the respect of our student-athletes. At the same time, he fully understands the challenges that Georgia Tech students face, particularly when combined with the demands of collegiate athletics.”

The appointment comes following the declaration of indisability of eleven student-athletes, ten of them in the football program. Critics regarding the academic management system of athletes at Tech has placed the Association’s Athletic Services Department under scrutiny.

Stevens believes that ultimate responsibility for the academic performance of athletes lies with both coaches and players. His two goals include having a successful academic program and ensuring that all student-athletes graduate from the Institute. However, he also cites the responsibility of students to go attend classes, studying for tests and attending tutor sessions. He views the primary responsibility of the Athletic Association to make sure that they are enrolled in the right courses and major, and headed towards graduation.

If students are not attending class, See AA, page 2

Rise in break-ins alarms GTPD

The Georgia Tech Police Department has put out a bulletin about all the recent stolen cars being broken into. Since the beginning of the year, there have been 55 stolen automobiles and 220 automobiles that have been broken into.

The most common vehicle stolen was the Jeep Cherokee, with the most common location being the Woodruff lots, Clydeck and the Woodruff lots, Clydeck and the Woodruff lots.

GTCN approves new cable channel line-up

By Arjun Subramaniam
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Starting this July, students living on-campus housing will be offered a new channel line up. GTCN, the Georgia Tech Cable Network, has completely revamped its offering to the student community. The new line up will offer dozens of new channels and a custom mix of content just for the Tech community. International students will get a taste of home as channels such as India’s ZEE TV, TV Asia, China’s CCTV and Japan’s TV Japan. The new lineup boasts 22 International channels, making GTCN’s offering the most unique in the nation.

The lineup also includes all the previously existing channels and 40 additional channels. From HBO to Cartoon Network, the new offering is customized to meet the needs of the Georgia Tech community and reflects the demographics of the student population. Despite the revamp and a big increase in channels offered, the cost to students is the same. Residents of on-campus housing pay for the service through the Housing fee, but will not face any increases due to GTCN.

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Spring break dates finalized

Last year’s vote by the Undergraduate Student Body expressed the desire to move the dates of spring break to later in the semester, and the Registrar decided to follow the student’s opinion.

The date for the 2004 spring break will be March 8-12. For 2004, some offices on campus had already made plans for 2004 and the date could only be moved one week. In 2005, the date will be March 21-25, two weeks after the spring break date, which is what the students wanted, according to the results of the referendum.

Public Policy names new head

Diana Hicks, current senior policy analyst for CHI Research, Inc. has been named the new chair of Public Policy as of September 1. She will fill the position currently held by Susan Gonzales, who plans to return to her research career.

Before joining CHI Research, from 1992-95 Hicks was on the faculty of the Science Policy Research Unit at the University of Sussex, where she taught graduate courses in policy and sociology of science and directed a graduate program.

Runnin’ up awards! Tech track team racks up top finishes at nationals.

By Shelly Haydel
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Last year’s Ramblin’ Nights gave students the option to stay on campus for the events. This year’s Ramblin’ Nights will be held on campus, as valuable experience for managing and communicating with the network of players, coaches, and academic professionals. Students are encouraged to attend.

The His hit the “Big Rock.” Atlanta’s own return home after touring with Oasis.

By Christopher Gosley
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sponsored by the Student Center Programs Board, local group Six Strings and Vinyl performed their acoustic guitar and danceable grooves outside on the CyberCafe deck last Thursday, June 24.

Ramblin’ Nights unveiled fall 2004 schedule

By Michael Handelman
Contributing Writer

Last year’s football season brought the introduction of a new series of social events at Tech, Ramblin’ Nights. Although some critics of the events cited problems such as long lines and a lack of inclusive content, organizers are looking forward to bringing back the events for another season this year.

Events will be partially funded with $40,000 from the newly created Student Life Fund, an initiative focused on greater student involvement in the planning of Ramblin’ Nights. The Dean of Students Office, Sher- ry Crawley, a staff member of the dean, has brought together Greeks; student government, the Residence Hall Association, and other students to create themed nights for the fall.

Instead of bringing larger acts with name recognition, the organizers are focusing on smaller events during the Nights that will appeal to greater segments of the student population. “It probably better for us to spend our money for a great cover band for $1,000 rather than paying a specific artist ten or fifteen thousand dollars.”

Crawley also seeks to address complaints from last year’s events that “students hate standing in line.” By focusing on a greater number of smaller, less expensive events, this problem should be addressed next year.

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Board of Regents makes exemptions in testing policy

By Arjun Subramanian
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On April 16, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia adopted a policy modification on the 30-year old regents testing program.

The program, which is designed to test all students in the university system on college level reading and writing competency, will no longer be compulsory for all students in the University System of Georgia, which oversees all public universities in the state.

Students who match a cut off based on SAT or ACT scores will be allowed to skip the exam. Students who have a minimum 510 SAT score or 23 ACT score in the verbal section will be exempt from the test.

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"Over 96 percent of the Georgia Tech Student Community would be exempt" said Debbie Williamson, Registrar’s Office. In order to be exempt from the essay section of the test, students will need to have a minimum score of 650 on the English SAT II exam or a minimum score of 4 on the International Baccalaureate higher level English Exam.

If not eligible for the exemption, students still must take the Regents test after accumulating 45 hours and pass, or they will be forced to take remedial reading and writing class.

According to Debbie Williamson, of the Registrar’s office, "Based on the new testing policy over 96% of the Georgia Tech Student Community would be exempt from taking the Regents test."

The new policy, which was implemented at the beginning of the current semester, will save students not only time but also save the hassle of taking another standardized English exam.

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a larger hand in the organizing of the event in a more structured body. A steering committee consists of representatives from the organizations coordinating each of the five nights. A publicity committee is working to address last year’s complaints of poor advertisement.

The first Ramblin’ Night will be held September 5 in cooperation with the Athletic Association at the baseball stadium. A carnival atmosphere will greet students prior to the opening of the game. The Student Government Freshmen Leadership program, will sponsor the Homecoming Ramblin’ Night held on October 3. Events will include a step show, free food and other entertainment.

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Citing a common complaint from students that there is no forum to meet people, Crawley points to surveys given following last year’s events where students commented that "there were many people here that would have never gone out to a campus event.” Lawder agrees, saying that Ramblin’ Nights contributes "memorable experiences to add to student life.”

Admission to the events is free for Georgia Tech students; however, students may bring a guest with them. Students interested in joining one of the committees working on Ramblin’ Nights should contact Sherry Crawley at sherry.crawley@vps.gatech.edu.

Supreme Court upholds affirmative action

The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that colleges could favor minority students in the admissions criteria. The sharply divided court made its first statement on affirmative action in over a quarter century.

The justices voted 5-4 to uphold the University of Michigan’s Law School to favor minorities, but struck down by a vote of 6-3 the point system used by Michigan’s undergraduate programs.

The court stated that the point system was too rigid and blindly gave applicants extra points because of their race, and did not, like the Michigan Law School, look into the background of each candidate. Although the critics of affirmative action vowed to continue the fight, universities, corporate leaders and civil-rights activists applauded the decision.

Former Atlanta mayor Maynard Jackson dies

Maynard Jackson, mayor of Atlanta from 1974-1982 and 1990-1994, died of a heart attack in Washington, D.C., at the age of 65. Jackson’s accomplishments as mayor range from the major expansion of Hartsfield International Airport, allowing it to become the world’s busiest airport, to leading the effort to bring the 1996 Olympics to Atlanta. Jackson was the first African-American mayor of any major Southern city. In 2001, Jackson made an unsuccessful bid to become president of the Democratic National Committee, but was named National Development Chair instead.

Harry Potter casts his spell on the world

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, written by J.K. Rowling, was released Saturday June 21 at midnight, and sold over 5 million copies within 24 hours. Amazon.com sold over a million pre-orders, which made Saturday’s shipment of Harry Potter the largest distribution day in e-commerce history. Over 8.5 million copies were printed in the original printing, but bookstore chains are expressing concerns that they will sell out before more books can arrive. Many bookstores sold out in the first weekend and are still waiting more shipments.

The 870 page, fifth installment of the Harry Potter series was released three years after the fourth book, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. Fans of the series and all of the major newspapers alike give the latest book a very favorable review. Rowling’s first four books sold an estimated 192 million copies in at least 55 languages and more than 200 countries.
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AA Shake-up

Despite bringing about improvements in Athletic Association academic support, Dr. Carole Moore was recently politely shuffled to a new position with the Vice Provost’s office. In almost six years serving as Director of Academic Services for the AA, Moore’s improvements have been “evidenced by improved graduation rates, higher GPA’s, and sustained academic progress for student-athletes,” according to Vice President Wayne Clough.

But if Dr. Moore was indeed largely responsible for these improvements, why was she moved to another position?

The recent turmoil over the academic inelegibility of 11 Georgia Tech athletes has had alumni and Georgia Tech supporters looking for someone to blame. The AA has been professing that the unfortunate occurrence is not the fault of any one person, but is simply a break down in the system. But it seems that Moore has become the scape goat just to answer the complaints.

The AA contends that these failings only occurred after policy changes with the departure of former Head Coach George O’Leary which took coaches out of the academic loop. There is almost certainly a connection. And it is suspicious that 10 out of the 11 athletes were on the football team. Why was Moore the only person directly affected by the failure of the new system?

And as Moore herself has stated, much of the blame of the inelegibilities lies with the student-athletes themselves. It was up to them to keep up with their studies and seek help if they needed it.

If the blame is being placed on Moore, and the problems only arose after the policy changes, why wasn’t she given a chance to correct them by reverting back to the old system that seemed to work so well? It is also odd that she was so quickly replaced after being moved. Why wasn’t a more extensive searching process conducted to replace her as is usual done for vacant administrative positions? This is especially pertinent in this situation, for it is obvious that changes must be made in the academic support system, so it would seem that Tech would want to search extensively for the best possible person.

President Clough has made promises of changes in the academic support system under Moore’s replacement, Col. James Stevens. But why couldn’t Moore, with her experience and past success, have undertaken the new changes?

Further, we lament that someone who has made such positive contributions to academics at Georgia Tech should be so suddenly removed from her position with no real explanation.

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Reading encourages the imagination

Most of you reading this article probably know that the newest book in the Harry Potter series came out this past weekend. Sales of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix began precisely at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday morning. And as many of you know, millions of fans around the world gathered at their local bookstore to grab their copy.

Well, I was one of those ones.

No, it wasn’t dressed in a cloak and brandishing a wand or anything. I thought I’d leave that to the 12 and under crowd. I didn’t participate in any of the activities, as they were geared to a slightly younger audience.

But I still had fun waiting expectantly with my friends and half of metro-Atlanta, knowing that in only a few hours I’d be able to read a book I’ve been waiting for for nearly 6 years.

I know a lot of you are scoffing and saying it’s just for little kids, or it’s all just a big merchandising franchise. While the Harry Potter books certainly have generated a great deal of money for author J.K. Rowling and the companies that sell the books, movies and numerous toys, clothes and other items, there is something more to it all - the books get people excited about reading.

I think this excitement is extremely important in a society so inundated by television, movies and computers. It’s especially nice to see children so excited about reading. Reading was a huge part of my childhood, and I’m glad that this next generation of children have found something to spark their imaginations.

I think that reading encourages your imagination, which is a very valuable asset. Instead of having images fed to them, children can imagine the worlds and characters that they are reading about.

The Harry Potter books are particularly good at encouraging a child’s imagination. Rowling is one of the most creative writers I have ever had the pleasure of reading. When you pick up one of her books, you simply cannot stop reading.

Now, for the skeptics among you, I wasn’t always a fan. Three years ago, a friend of mine who had the books told me how good they were. I had never really heard of them, so I shrugged and said that I might read them one day.

That summer, the trailer for the first movie came out. When I saw it, I thought it looked really interesting, but I decided I wanted to read the book before the movie (as they are always better). When I finally got the book, I couldn’t put it down. I stayed up late reading and finished the book the next day.

I was fortunate enough to begin reading the series when the first four books had already been published, so I didn’t have to wait to read the next three books. But this just made me wait for the fifth book even harder.

But finally, on Saturday, my waiting was over.

When I got home, I began reading the book immediately. I made it through 700 pages of the 806-page book before the weekend was over, staying up until about 4 a.m. each night to read. I finished the book last night, and now I can’t wait until the sixth book is in print.

My point in writing this editorial isn’t to convert more people into Harry Potter fans, it is to encourage more Tech students to pick up a book and just read for the sheer pleasure of reading.

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Quote of the week:

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### Our Views

**HOT or NOT**

**Scream for ice cream**

We were treated to a dreamy white Slab creamery that has just opened in Technological Square. The handmaded ice cream with mix-ins and the pastries that follow are a cool break from the hot Atlanta summer. Just across the intersection at 5th Street, it's all easy walk from campus. And they take credit cards! Other restaurants will soon join the Marbel Slab, including Moe's, Starbucks and Great Wraps, and more.

**Make up your minds**

It's been a big wave at the ACC this year to make up their minds. They have changed the proposed expansion plans numerous times in the past few weeks. Inviting football powerhouse Miami and Va. Tech, while cutting out our Boston College and Syracuse, who were included in the original expansion plans, is unfair. This dubious decision causes the ACC a loss of credibility through their desperate, wishy-washy actions.

**Trouble breathing?**

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### Your Views

**Letters to the Editor**

**Disappointed in GTPD**

I am a Georgia Tech graduate student, and I am very concerned about the recent car stereo thefts in the BGT parking lot. My stereo was stolen on Friday, June 13 along with at least 3 other stereos. After talking to other student and faculty members who also park in this deck. I learned that there has been a recent spate of thefts over the last month or so. By comparing the details of the damage, we have concluded that the same perpetrators are likely to have broken into these cars. Interestingly, these thieves are breaking into cars during office hours, and practically nothing has been done to deter them.

I understand that preventing these crimes is no trivial feat, but I am very disappointed that the GT Police Department has taken no real steps to prevent future thefts. I have noticed an officer standing near the attenuant booth, but apparently this is not sufficient because there was a theft when two officers were in the garage. I was also very disappointed when the officer who came to assess the damage to my car and write up the police report practically laughed in my face when I asked if he was going to dust for fingerprints.

One suggestion for preventing future break-ins is to install security cameras in the parking deck entrance. But it is very likely that the same people who are repeatedly breaking into cars in the deck, it will be very difficult to correlate their presence in the garage and the times of theft. If anything, may be it would serve to deter them.

I know that cameras can be expensive and time consuming, but we pay over $400 to park in the garage. The least you can do is take action to protect our possessions.

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Christian Sailor
CS Senior

"I should be free." His parents are not in session, why not check out some of Atlanta's pro teams? The Atlanta Beat and the Braves are playing all summer long. The Beat is relatively cheap with seats for under $10 in some of the sections. The Braves are a little bit more but definitely worth the price to see Jay or Chipper.

Definitely on the cheap side are the On the Bricks and the Big Rock concert series. The best acts are yet to come with On the Bricks featuring Everclear, Goo Goo Dolls, and Better than Ezra in the coming weeks for only...

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Sam Gowthropp
CS Junior

"Not convenient, Not free. Not that good."*

An Nguyen
CHE Junior

"The one I went to was good. And it was better when it was free, but I don't know many cities that would have a concert this cheap"*

Bobby Ghazi
LGC Senior

"I think they suck." Photos by Andrew Sauljian

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$5. The Big Rock will have Hoobastank, 3 Doors Down and Our Lady Peace next month. Other big acts like Metallica, 311, Limp Bizkit, Deftones, Incubus, Ozzy Osborne are all making stops in Atlanta before the summer is over.

Last but not least is the local comedy scene. Besides the regular nightclubs, Atlanta has a plethora of comedy clubs to choose from where you can see improv, stand-up comics or comedic plays. Dad’s Garage and Whole World Theatre are two places nearby campus worth checking out.

With everything there is to do this summer, you owe it to yourself to take a break from your studies every now and then and enjoy the sun or the offerings of the city. Otherwise, you’ll find yourself hopelessly waiting for the summer to be over, only to find out that your next big time to have fun won’t be till Thanksgiving or Christmas break.

A Few Reasons why I love (and hate) Georgia Tech

It is my last semester at Georgia Tech, and I have been really hating this place. This is not a typical feeling for me. I have always loved my academic path as well as had a love/hate relationship with my extracurricular activities. But this semester, both seem to be weighing down on me. I’m really unhappy with one of my courses; I’m fighting with the registrar’s office to get my WST minor approved; and I picked a difficult topic for my senior thesis.

Today my boss was talking about how someone should write about all the things they love about Tech. After just professing my recent hatred of the Institute, let me back track and take Kim’s suggestion. Even though I hate Georgia Tech at the moment, I have to remember the things that have made me stay here, the things that made me smile, and the things that made me say “I love this place!”

Here are just a few:
1. Trying to figure out what I wanted for breakfast at Junior’s with my friend Lauren.
2. Walking down Skiles walkway and being greeted with a smile and a “hi” by almost everyone I passed.
3. Heading into the Student Publications office stressed about deadlines and finding my staff working away on their sections.
4. Taking shots in honor of our favorite professors.
5. Hearing through the grapevine that someone in some meeting was praising you for something you didn’t even know was all that great.
6. The opening of the LWC (Library West Commons) and finding all those beautiful iMacs.
7. Sitting in the Ferst Center with my mother as the curtain rose to the Vagina Monologues and seeing the line of Tech women ready to share their feelings.
8. Miss Diane’s omelets.
9. Long and hilarious staff meetings in Jodi’s room.
10. And a booth and basket of hot chicken fingers from Junior’s.

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Ginny Bacon
Technique columnist

In conclusion, I am still frustrated with Tech right now. But as I prepare for graduation, I am more saddened at the prospect of leaving than I ever thought I would be. I get so tired of everything that happens at work sometimes, but I will miss those lunches in Kim’s office listening to the staff and learning from them. I might not be enjoying taking Intro classes that I missed, but I will miss the majority of my professors and classes. I have been lucky enough to absolutely love my academic career. I have whined about the Blueprint for all four years of my Tech career, but I am going to miss that Thursday night pizza. When all is said and done and I become an alumnus, I will remember the things listed above and forget all the parking tickets I received and my battle with the Registrar’s office.
New sorority helps Christian women bond

By Joshua Comer
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“There’s a new face in the Tech sorority crowd, and it’s explicitly Christian.”

Alpha Delta Chi began almost two years ago as Lambda Nu, a local sorority for women who actively celebrated Christ and the principles of Christianity in their everyday lives. Though the group did not win the Student Government’s Women’s Organization of the Year, the organization’s members feel they were living Christianity out every day.

“By Michael Handelman

At the beginning of the academic year, Alpha Delta Chi was founded to bring together young, actively Christian and strong, founded in the 1920s to cater different churches.

“Our purpose is to glorify God and to grow together as sisters,” said Annette Daly, a 4th year Biomedical Engineering major and president of ADX.

“We wanted to make sure we were living [Christianity] out every day because that’s our personal belief,” explained Beattie. “We’re all Christian, we have faith in God, we’ve spared through Jesus Christ, and we wanted a sorority around us where all of our members felt the same way.”

Hence, it is not affiliated with any denomination-specific church or organization, and does not officially use any one version of the Bible. In fact, the organization provided its founding members interviews at different churches.

“Our purpose is to glorify God and to grow together as sisters and to build a sorority,” said Annette Daly, a 4th year Biomedical Engineering major and president of ADX.

“You’re going to find differences in any sorority. It’s just another factor that...each of us unique and each of us have our own differences,” said Beattie.

In addition to its spiritual support, ADX is working to provide traditional Greek opportunities to its members. Jones, who also serves as the Scholarship Chair, described many academic programs available, although currently it’s difficult to enroll in them.

“We’re just getting started and...we’re just implementing some kinds of things that will add happen in the future, and I think that one of them will be scholarship,” she said.

“I (also) plan on starting a big sister, little sister study hour, and...we’ll come up with a spreadsheet...so you know which one of your sisters to go to to help out with tutoring.”

“Have something I really like, just being on a team and being able to help make decisions and give my insight and look into other people’s insight,” said Beattie.

“I guess I kind of feel like the sorority is our baby cause we all founded it and stuff. I kind of like a motherly position, I guess.”

“It’s definitely become a passion in all of our lives. We just give our hearts to it and give all of our time to it,” Jones added. “It’s different to create something and knowing that you’re going to leave a legacy here...something that girls in the future will...benefit from and grow from.”

Advisory groups help students get involved academically

By M ichal H andelman
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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The College of Engineering includes student input on issues such as research committees for school chairs and deans, curriculum changes, increasing student and facilities action and improving advisement.

“Advisory groups, whether student or others, have to develop clear operating procedures and adequate time to examine issues thoughtfully if they are to be effective,” said Dr. Don Giddens, dean of the College of Engineering.

Within the College of Engineering, the ISYE Student Voice council has set its goals to “make sure that the administration...understands what ISYE students need, and to make sure that students are involved in organizational issues for the school.”

“Working with the student voice council has opened several new doors...it emphasizes that the educators your reach at Tech is what you make of it,” said John Barber, treasurer of the Student Voice Council.

“Under student leadership, the group plans success in helping to upgrade the ISYE computer labs, and is currently attempting to get white boards for students in the lounge, tutorial for ISYE courses and a curriculum flexibility initiative.”

Future plans include efforts by Dean Ray Vito to ‘revitalize’ student advisory groups in the college, in partnership with the undergraduate coordinators of the respective schools. Other active groups within the college include an advisory board in the School of Biomedical Engineering.
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Some academic units such as the College of Computing have a formalized graduate advisory council while undergraduate advisory efforts are not as organized. Associate Dean Ellen Zegura said, “On the undergraduate level, we have some things are in the early stages of development...[including] an effort to tap into the female undergraduate students.” She also expects more formal opportunities over the coming year. Like many other academic deans, she believes that “things that contribute to making undergraduates feel like they are part of the community, and respected by the community are extremely important.”

The DuPree College of Management has a student advisory board that has recently worked to sponsor study breaks and create a suggestion box to connect students with the college’s administration. Other input includes changes to the enrollment system for classes and the number of electives offered. Members of the advisory board are chosen by academic advisors who identify students interested in helping to improve student life. Dr. Nate Bennett, Associate Dean for the College of Management, states that, “the shared view around here is that student involvement is very important...we have made a continual effort to make sure students are being heard.”

The Ivan Allen Student Advisory Board has worked on various projects and contributed to the Ivan Allen Founders Day. It meets on a regular basis to discuss and relay issues of concern and suggestions. Students can also join the Prometheus Society for HTS majors and Phi Alpha Delta, the pre-law society.

Students contributing to their academic units have also had an impact beyond their respective schools. Mechanical Engineering students established an honor code prior to its establishment institution-wide. Vice-Provost Dr. Bob McMath believes that “students can have the most impact on curriculum, the way the school expects students to behave and to have some advisory role in the selection of new faculty.”

Students can contact their school’s undergraduate coordinator or advisement coordinator for information on how to get involved with the advisory council for each individual school.

“Most faculty have been responsive to having student advisory groups...everyone in their right mind would want that,” said McMath.
The Hiss return to Atlanta after touring with Oasis

By Micheal Sprinkel
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In my listless nights in smoke-filled dives and low capacity rock clubs, The Hiss was a band that would periodically find their way into conversations about the local music scene. From the fragmented garble put together from my eavesdropping, I could tell that this band had a sound that left people with an extremely favorable opinion. They were the kind of band that whether or not you owned their c.d., you would find yourself singing along at one of their shows. When given the opportunity to review the music of a local band that I knew was achieving a level of acclaim, I enthusiastically snatched the c.d. and threw it into my car stereo.

The first track, “Clever Kicks,” opens with an oscillating treblo bar guitar solo, reminiscent of something one might hear on an old Sonic Youth album. After a few seconds, the drums kick in on top of guitar feedback. I immediately knew that I was going to like the remainder of this album. In a musical climate rife with Clear Channel generated playlists and pop icons produced on a mass media assembly line, the theft of imperfection in the recording process has been lost. It is seemingly inappropriate to print an album where the guitar player inadver- tently stepped on his pedal with his right foot on the high “E” string in the forty-second measure of song two.

I haven’t forgotten that buzz from Amarth Amplifier finagles its way onto the final cut. The crisp production on the aforementioned exorcistic theme from the “Crazed” album was like a little universe on its own. There were so many bands there. There were so many bands that were good there...You didn’t need to pay attention to what was on the radio.

The Hiss produces a rough vintage influenced sound that harks back to classic British rock and late seventies punk. Imagined as Zeppelin mixed with The Clash with a dash of The Ramones and a pinch of The Rolling Stones, listeners’ expectations of how this band’s sound will play with audiences are challenged. The Hiss is the perfect vehicle to challenge the notion that all music is either good or bad. The Hiss is able to bring together the best of all worlds and make the sound of a band with the potential to break down barriers a valuable asset for the independent music scene.

The music scene is definitely more rigid here in Atlanta. I believe our shows are a bit more diverse...

Adrian Barrera
Vocalist/Guitarist for The Hiss

The Hiss return to Atlanta after touring with Oasis. The Hiss are considered one of the most successful bands from East Atlanta, opened for The White Stripes.

Christina Aguilera shares the spotlight with Justin Timberlake for their album-promoting “Justified and Stripped” tour this summer. Her Las Vegas show was filled with mixed emotions and a number of odd props.

By Chelsea Paxton
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After the shuttle ride from hell (apparently there are driving laws in Las Vegas and medians are just there for show), and a quick switch from the Hilton to the Hilton Grand, I collapsed onto the sofa, barely able to breathe from the exertion. My head ached and I was angry that I was going to miss a show. I was not about to miss a show.

After a few rounds of blistering hot cocktails, Aguilera shared the stage with Timberlake and the two sang “Crazy Little Thing Called Love,” the lead single from Timberlake’s album “Justified and Stripped.”

The song was performed in a stripped-down version, with Aguilera on guitar and Timberlake on vocals. The performance was one of the highlights of the evening, with the two singers delivering a powerful and emotive performance.

Aguilera was on her game, as always, but the spotlight was definitely on Timberlake, who delivered a powerful performance and interacted with the audience in a way that Aguilera has yet to match.

I was not disappointed with the performance, and I was impressed with Aguilera’s ability to perform such a difficult song in her current state of mind. She may not be the same person she was five years ago, but she is still a powerful vocalist with a voice that can move an audience.

I was happy to see her perform again, and I hope that she continues to perform and make music for many years to come.
Erstwhile Christina simply does not do “meet and greets.” Apparently. This particular interview was to be very small, something of an anomaly with just myself and someone from a radio station in New York. According to Mike, Christina wasn’t feeling well, so her publicist called to say that there would be no meeting or greeting going on today. Mike is genuinely apologetic, allowing to the death, perhaps Christina isn’t feeling stellar because she partied a little too much at the after-party in LA the night before. I am slightly disappointed; after all, this was supposed to be the opportunity of a lifetime in my young career as a journalist. I am mostly relieved, however. My greatest fear was that she would show up to be the diva that she is considered to be, and actually this no-show says more about that she is considered to be, and she would turn out to be the diva however. My greatest fear was that journalist. I am inspired by this brief, intimate connection with the audience. She reminds us that we need to be who we are, no matter what society tries to tell us. She is obviously exhausted, but the message is genuine and I have a new respect for this artist as a person instead of just a celebrity. As she sings, barefoot, at the edge of the stage, I hope that there is a young girl, listening and believing in herself for the first time. After all, that is the true message of the Stripped album and of this tour. Sometimes it is just hard to seethrough the make-up and exploding letters.

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Many bitterness fades quickly, I am content to be in this surreal city for the first time and excited about the concert I’ve been so much about. The GM Grand, famous for years in my mind simply from television specials and award shows, looks like most Atlanta venues on the inside. It is considerably larger than the Fox, smaller than Phillips, and full of typical-looking concert-goers. There is the occasional mother and daughter combo and several groups of high school girls, decked out in Abercrombie’s shortest skirts and homemade t-shirts reading “I LUV JUSTIN,” but mostly there are people wearing women and men in their early 20’s, drinking Bud Light and socializing in the lobby. For a second I feel like I’m back in Atlanta, seeing any summer show, but I’m quickly returned to reality by the glow-sticks and Christina look-alikes (0 ne girl, wearing a bleach blonde wig, is apparently the last one to know that Christina is now raven-haired). The lights go off and the falsetto screams of thousands of young girls are all around me. Maybe it’s the glow sticks, but suddenly I feel like I’m at the circus. It is quickly evident that, despite her daunting vocal ability, Christina is not here tonight to entertain. The hedonism is amateur, the delivery unenergetic, and the props reminiscent of an old school production. I am more confused than energized at this point. Opening with “Fighter,” the crowd is momentarily captivated but before long, moving aimlessly about the arena. Christina is genuine in speaking with the audience; she does admit to being under the weather and is sincere in her encouragement to “be your own person, despite outside influences.”

My appreciation for the greater message turns back to confusion when she returns, strapped to an oversized, flaming X for an edgy rendition of “Genie in a Bottle.” I am further perplexed by what riding an amusement park-like motorcycle has to do with the empowering message behind, “Can’t Hold Us Down,” her next single.

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Yes, there are provocative dance moves, hideous costuming and the gratuitous shows of skin that I’ve been expecting, simply because of theand/or always surrounding Christina. The highlight of the show, surprisingly though, is a rendition of Etta James’ “At Last.” For the entirety of this number I am captivated by what I feel deeply is the true talent of Christina Aguilera.

Her voice is so moving I feel goosebumps along my arms, and the simplicity of only the spotlight and the microphone lead me to the conclusion that she is in her element. It is no longer about the costume, the set, or anyone else for that matter. This is a rare glimpse into the real emotion of this artist and her relationship with music. The in-your-face image publicized across the album and of this tour. Sometimes it is just hard to seethrough the make-up and exploding letters.

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ACC offers invitation to Miami, Va. Tech

After weeks of twists in what has been an "interesting" process, the ACC's nine presidents voted on Tuesday to approve an expansion plan that would add Miami and Virginia Tech, forming an 11-team league. The New York Times reported that the vote was 7-2. Duke and North Carolina were the opposing teams.

The current plan excludes Boston College and Syracuse, who had been slated for weeks to be included in the ACC expansion plan. The ACC had completed site visits to Miami, Syracuse and Boston College but had not issued formal invitations.

ACC Commissioner John Sweford met with reporters on Tuesday night but would not discuss the specifics of the meeting or confirm any deal.

"We hope to have an announcement either in a couple of days," Sweford said, the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal reported. "There are no done deals at this point.

When Sweford was asked if there was a need for another presidential teleconference, his response was "I don't know." According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Tuesday night's meeting was the fifth in the past two weeks for the expansion process. The ACC's proposal to expand has become increasingly complicated due to politics and conference agendas.

Virginia President Robert L.avar, faced political pressures from his state's senators and congressmen because of Virginia Tech's initial exclusion from the plan. Castaneda was expected to vote no to any proposal that did not include Virginia Tech.

The prospect for adding Virginia Tech as a 13th team came about last week. However some of the schools that were already planning to vote yes bailed at the proposal because they didn't want to split the league's revenues 13 ways.

In order for any expansion plan to pass, seven of the nine ACC schools needed to vote yes. Duke and North Carolina have opposed expanding to 12 teams.

A lawsuit Virginia Tech and four other ACC schools filed against the ACC added pressure to the situation. Attorney generals from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania stepped in and began to pressure the ACC to drop its proposed expansion plans because of the negative impact on the Big East teams in their states. However, Florida's Attorney General promised to support Florida State and Miami in their fight to expand the league.

A compromise plan to invite only Miami and Virginia Tech was briefly floated around by a number of parties including Rutgers' president and Duke men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski. Florida's attorney general had been invited; the ACC would have expanded to a 10-team conference.

By adding Miami and Virginia Tech, the ACC was able to establish several goals. First, it would enable the league to keep its geographical "footprint" rather than go so far north with Boston College and Syracuse. That goal addresses concern from the faculty that expansion would add to travel for student-athletes, particularly in nonrevenue sports.

Another goal was to upgrade ACC football. Miami and Virginia Tech are two teams that have been consistent in the top 10 during the past few years.

However, by only adding two teams, the ACC would not be able to hold a conference championship football game, one of the league's main reasons for expansion. Under NCAA rules, only conferences with 12 teams can hold a conference championship football game.

The ACC is expected to appeal the rule if the league does only expand to 11 teams.

The league was under serious internal pressure to complete a deal Tuesday. Krzyzewski criticized the expansion process during a press conference Tuesday.

"I think we haven't distinguished ourselves in doing this," said Krzyzewski. "I hope we mend fences because we've obviously gone into another person's yard with our trailer and our John Deere and knocked down a few trees.

If Miami and Virginia Tech choose to join the ACC for the 2004-05 academic year, the teams have to inform the Big East of their intentions by Monday. If the schools miss that deadline, their exit fee for leaving the Big East increases from $1 million to $2 million.

Tech's football graduation rate honored

The American Football Coaches' Association has honored the Georgia Tech football program for gradu- ing 70 percent or more of its freshman class of 1997-98. Tech was one of 32 Division I-A schools honored.

Owings named All-America

Freshman pitcher Michelle Owings has been named to Baseball America's All-America team. Owings and freshman shortstop Tyler Green were both named to the magazine's Freshman All-America team. Owings and Greene helped lead Tech's baseball team to a 44-18 record and the ACC championship this past season.

Howard wins title

Georgia Tech freshman Chaunte Howard won the U.S. junior title in the high jump with a height of 5'11.25". Howard also placed fourth in the same event at the 2003 U.S. Track and Field National Championships Sunday at Stanford.