Crowding forces addition of classes

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

The increased size of the freshman class has caused problems not only in dorms, but in the classroom as well. There are roughly 400 more freshmen in this incoming class than last year, adding up to just under 2,600.

The main struggle with scheduling fresh- men into classes is the fact that most freshmen happen to take the same classes. "Fall is always hectic, because every program tells their students to start with chemistry," said Toby Block, a General Chemistry professor. Nearly all freshmen take calculus, chemistry and computing. "Fall is always hectic, because every program tells their students to start with chemistry," said Toby Block, a General Chemistry professor. Nearly all freshmen take calculus, chemistry and computing. Their students to start with chemistry," said Toby Block, a General Chemistry professor. Nearly all freshmen take calculus, chemistry and computing.

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1501 professor, and the woman in charge of placing incoming freshmen into math classes, the Math Department was not unprepared for the number of freshmen.

"Before the freshmen arrived we were forewarned that we were going to have over 2,600 freshmen, so we added classes in anticipation," she said. What was unanticipated, however, was the number of freshmen wanting to take each course. "Right around July we received the AP scores," Brakebill said. She helped judge which students should be placed into 1502 or 1501, (or, depending on major, into 1711 or 1712). "Each department basically told us how they wanted their students to be pre-registered," Brakebill said. The registrar then pre-registered all incoming freshmen by hand into classes with the goal of giving each freshman 10 credit hours on their schedule by FASET.

"Before FASET I, we decided to start with chemistry," Brakebill said.

Six Flags tickets still available

Even though the 5,000 $12 tickets for next week’s Tech Night at Six Flags are no longer available, up to an additional 1,000 student tickets will be sold for $15 until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24.

After either the ticket capacity or the deadline has been reached, students must purchase $25 general admission tickets for the Sept. 3 outing. Season passes will also be accepted this year as long as they are presented with a valid BuzzCard.

For more information, visit www.sixflags.gatech.edu.

Tech receives in-kind contribution

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How does Tech volleyball compare to the No. 1 team in the nation?

JUNIOR’S: KEEPING TRADITION ALIVE?

Hitesh Upadhyay, Jinesh Karia, Johnny Li and Atish Kalyan enjoy a meal at Junior’s Grill. How is the diner coping with increased competition from new restaurants? FOCUS page 9

String of thefts, break-ins raises concerns

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"We anticipate a greater influx of students," Cook said. "I hope we are less of a target, but..." She said students should be aware that many burglaries are committed by people who break into buildings or parked cars not normally open to the public.

Security Officer Carla Cook said she is concerned about the increase in thefts and break-ins since the start of fall semester.

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From the files of the GTPD...

**Crime Reports**

**Theft**
- **8/18/2004** 10:23:00 hrs.
  - Location: Barnes & Noble
  - Incident: Report of theft by shoplifting.

- **8/18/2004** 15:39:00 hrs.
  - Location: Undergraduate Living Center

- **8/19/2004** 10:42:00 hrs.
  - Location: 760 State Street

- **8/19/2004** 11:08:00 hrs.
  - Location: 750 Ferst Drive
  - Incident: Report of a lost/stolen cell phone.

- **8/19/2004** 15:49:00 hrs.
  - Location: Unknown
  - Incident: Report of a stolen ATM card.

**Entering auto**
- **8/19/2004** 21:11:00 hrs.
  - Location: Rocky Mountain Pizza
  - Incident: Report that a black 1993 Honda Accord was entered and items were taken.

- **8/20/2004** 2:47:00 hrs.
  - Location: 811 Marietta Street
  - Incident: Report that a gray 2002 chevy Impala was entered and items were taken.

**Traffic accident**
- **8/18/2004** 8:09:00 hrs.
  - Location: Peachtree Place/Atlantic Drive/State Street

- **8/18/2004** 8:34:00 hrs.
  - Location: IPST
  - Incident: Report of a vehicle/fixed object accident.

**Corrections**

- In the Aug. 20 Entertainment section, the local restaurant guide described Fifth Street Ribs & Blues as "the only place you can buy beer with a BuzzCard." Ribs & Blues does accept BuzzCard for food and drink orders, but not for beer.

- In the Aug. 20 Focus section article "After one year, Tech Square continues to grow," restaurants and shops north of Fifth Street were described as being part of Technology Square. These retailers are actually part of Centergy, a related but separate development created by Kim King Associates, Inc. and Gateway Development Services.

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**Last issue’s question received 77 responses.**

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- Class 26.67%
- Co-op, work 38.67%
- Vacation 12.00%
- Study Abroad 8.00%

What campus location has the most crime?

Tell us at www.nique.net
The Undergraduate House of Representatives elected two executive officers and three members-at-large Tuesday, filling vacancies left over after April’s elections.

Aaron Brisin will serve as the new secretary after running unopposed at Tuesday night’s meeting. After hearing speeches from three candidates for the position of treasurer, representatives moved to a closed session to choose Ambika Bumb to fill the executive role.

Bumb cited prior experience with JFC and specific ideas for future financial management, including using better investments to grow SGA’s funds.

Another series of speeches from four candidates and another closed session later, UHR elected Well Welch, Christopher Rankine and Aaron Marr as the new members-at-large. They will represent the undergraduate student body as a whole.

A chorus of representatives recited their oath of office as they were officially sworn in before getting down to the business of bill passage.

A series of votes by unanimous acclamation saw the official appointments of JCOC Chair Ed Greco and JFC Chair David Andersen, as well as the undergraduate executive officers and committee chairs.

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GRADUATES APPROPTE NEW SENATORS, OKAY NEW SIGN

The Graduate Student Senate started off its first meeting of the year with just eight senators in attendance Tuesday morning.

Executive Vice President Lisa Brown started the meeting with a plea for senators to hang fliers in their respective departments to attract more membership.

“Obviously, as you can see,” she said, “we need some more senators.

Two more were added soon thereafter as a bill to appoint two senators was brought from new business to old; last year’s GSS president Matt Ridley, vice president of Student Government Association.

The bill was amended to also add Stewart Jenkins as a new senator.

The meeting progressed quickly, with all bills brought from new to old business for unanimous passage.

The one exception came with a joint allocation to the Student Government Association. The bill was to allocate $5,000 to the SGA for the purchase of a new sign to hang outside the SGA office in the Student Center Commons.

Ed Greco, newly-appointed Joint Campus Organization Chair, said the cost was too high for a sign.

“I don’t think it’s worth $5,000 dollars for a sign,” he said, “especially when we’re so frugal with how we spend money on other organizations.”

Other senators pointed out the need to make the SGA office accessible for those wanting to submit bills.

The measure passed 8-2-1.
The increasing use of private funds for capital projects combined with shrinking state budgets prompted President Clough to appoint Pat McKenna to the new position of executive director for affiliated organizations.

"The position Pat is filling relates to the idea of Tech and our need for specialized organizations to do the things we need to do now and in the future," Clough said in an email.

Tech works closely with 10 of these non-profit groups. Many have existed for a long time and figure prominently on campus. "Georgia Tech for years has had

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that we were pretty much set, that we had the right amount of seats for everything," he said. But as FASET I, we discovered that they weren't the right sort of seats.

It turned out that some of the students who had AP Calc credit, and who should have been placed in 1502, did not take the credit and wanted to be placed in 1501.

So we were kind of in a fix. We had expanded as much as we could with hiring more TAs, and making the class size bigger. But the funding was an issue at that point," Bradbill said. Additional funds were needed to hire more TAs and instructors.

At that rate, the Math department was negotiating to be able to accommodate all who wanted to take Calc I. "Dr. [Bob] McMath came to the rescue," Bradbill said. "He offered us some financial assistance. And we were able to hire two new graduate students."

McMath, vice provost of undergraduate studies and academic affairs, agreed. "The Provost's office provided additional funding for some of the most heavily impacted departments so they could add additional sections."

In general I think it worked pretty well, given the increase in the number of students," McMath said.

The Schools of Chemistry and Biology saw problems of their own in scheduling laboratory times. "For the basic laboratory sciences courses there was an absolute need for the number of spaces available in the labs," McMath said.

There are only a certain number of labs and each lab can only fit so many people. According to Block, lab times go as late as 10 pm.

"This past week, an additional Friday night Chemistry lab section was added to the schedule," Block said. "It's certainly not a great time for a lab," McMath said, "but it shows that the departments were doing everything possible to make space available for freshmen."

The absolute size of a lecture room, the largest of which can contain a maximum of 240 students, to ensure that everyone can have a seat, has also been an obstacle in scheduling classes. The normal size of a chemistry class has grown from 200 students to 230 students. "Usually we have about 1,300 students," Block said. "But this year we have about 1,450."

Schools realize the problems of increased class size. "We discovered it's very hard when every seat is taken. The newcomer can't get into the middle row, and if you were in the very last row it is hard to see the board and it can be hard to see the teacher," Block said.

To make up for these disadvantages, most chemistry teachers use large projection screens for notes instead of the blackboard, and use microphones. The increased class size also means increased traffic in and out of classes. With so many students trying to enter and exit a class at the same time, said Block, "Tests are going to be strange."

The increased number of students also means that the class day is longer for some freshmen. "Certainly some freshmen are having classes early and late, but that's better than not being able to get them at all, or so it seems to me," McMath said.

The larger class sizes affect not only individual students, but also the Institute as a whole. In the U.S. News & World Report rankings for 2005, Tech was ranked at 41st among national universities, down three spots from last year. Though Georgia Tech consistently attains high rankings in areas such as peer assessment, the school's perceived quality among its peers—where it received a 4.0 this year—varies, with smaller, more focused programs attracting higher scores.

"Our reputional measurements continue to rank very well," Institute President Wayne Clough said in a press release. "But when it comes to variables such as class size, we've lost ground with our competition. When you compete at the highest level nationally, even a percentage point or two can make a difference."

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at Tech.

The Georgia Tech Chapter of the Society of Black Engineers (GTSBE), for example, seeks to help African-American students meet Tech's rigorous demands. "Our purpose once they get here to campus is to build a building over a period of time," he said.

In the business sense, these organizations are not strictly a part of Tech, but rather are individually functioning entities. The groups' distinct status allows Tech to answer campus needs in creative ways and often complete projects much more quickly than they had relied on the typical state process, he said.

McKenna has worked with a number of affiliated organizations, including the Georgia Tech Foundation.

"One that I've been working with for several years is Georgia Tech Facilities, Inc.," he said. "Facilities is able to borrow money, build a facility for Georgia Tech, then basically lease it back to Tech and if you would, finance a building over a period of time, he said.

Technology Square along with the Campus Recreation Center were both built through the work of Facilities in conjunction with additional assets for Tech.

at the bachelor's level, other institutions in the top five included North Carolina State University at Raleigh with 85 degrees awarded, Tennessee State University with 79, and Florida A&M University with 77. Besides Tech and NC State, the three other institutions, including No. 1-ranked North Carolina State University, are historically black colleges and universities.

Despite the rankings, Tech continues to develop its programs further. "We recently expanded our interactions with the Atlanta University Center Colleges," Vito said.

Haley also said that there was room for improvement in providing programs for freshmen who want to return to school from industry, and also in encouraging minority students to pursue Ph.Ds and go into academe. "We can't become complacent; we know that competition is always nipping at your heels, so... we will continue to raise the bar," he said.

OBITUARY

Georgia Tech lost a member of its community when Billy Newbold passed away Sunday, Aug. 5.

Newbold, 19, was about to return for his second year at Tech as a Chemistry major.

His friends described him as "tough, funny, generous and very much a friendly person." He left them with fond memories, and "was selfless and loyal to his friends."

He is survived by his parents, William and Catherine Newbold, as well as boyfriend Brett and sister Brittany.

The funeral service was held last Wednesday. "He will be deeply missed by a wealth of friends from his hometown of Alpharetta," said his friends, "and, of course, here in Atlanta."
Web presence needs restructuring

The main Tech website, www.gatech.edu, was redesigned this past week. This redesign provides us with the opportunity to comment. First, I’d like to congratulate whoever did the redesign. The less cluttered, brighter layout is welcome. Improvement over the brown on gray of the last design. I’ve been a student here for four years and in that time, I’ve seen two complete redesigns, one in 2006 and another in 2009. Perhaps now is the time for returning students to pay a visit to their old friend, and for new students to discover one of our oldest traditions.

Hillary Lipko, Jennifer Lee, Stephen Baehl, Jennifer Schur, Executive Editor

“Success can only be achieved if departmental webmasters give up control...to a central group and focus on content.”

Karl Guertin, Online Editor

For each subdomain, the student system would have to have a content management system (CMS). The system would have to have a lower barrier of entry or a higher value than creating or updating an existing page. A custom solution like Buzzport should be able to achieve both. Buzzport would be able to achieve both.

Buzzport should be able to achieve both. It’s simpler to use a tool the second time. This is where Buzzport fails—it’s simply not worth the time to learn a new system when the current system works. With a flexible CMS, students and professors—or, more likely, their TAs—can use the same system for the syllabus, class website and lab instructions. Is this asking too much? I think not. Such a solution exists and is freely available: the wiki. Wikis are already used in the two colleges that have usability experts: the College of Computing and the College of Architecture. I advocate expanding wiki usage to cover everything Tech-related. Consider the world’s largest wiki, Wikipedia. Wikipedia is an attempt to create a freely available encyclopedia, and they do a fairly credible job of it. The problems they face are remarkably similar to what the Tech web group faces.

The site relies on tens of thousands of content producers to freely contribute articles. Tech relies on far fewer faculty and staff to do the same. The programmers at Wikipedia solved the problem by creating a very powerful and simple markup language and asking people to help. Wikipedia is far larger and gets far more traffic than Tech’s pages will ever receive, they work with fewer resources, cover more material, and are more consistent and cross-
Students should turn out to polls this fall

I still remember the first presidential election I ever “voted” in—I was nine years old, and my fourth grade class held a mock 1992 presidential election. We even had our own debates with two boys playing George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

However, in our debates, the actors gave speeches on who would give us more recess time, improve school lunches and cut the classroom time. It was so confusing that my teacher told us to only talk about the issues that mattered to us. When it was time to cast our ballots on Nov. 2, 1992, 100 percent of my class of 26 students voted.

Now according to national statistics based on the 2000 election results, approximately nine of those 26 students will vote in this year’s election.

In the last presidential election, the 18-24 age group had the lowest voter turnout. Last week’s Technique reported that Georgia was below the national average for voter turnout.

Since the fourth grade pseudo election, I’ve voted in countless mock and student government elections, but this November will be my first time voting in a presidential election.

I’ve waited 12 long years before I finally reached the age where I could make my vote count, and I cannot imagine why other people would not want to make their voices heard.

The results of this election year will directly impact the future of the nation, and in particular, 100 percent of the people in the nation’s 18-24-year-old age group, not just the less than 40 percent who turned out for the polls four years ago.

However, this year, in particular, there are several pressing issues including the Iraq war, the economy, unemployment and privacy issues that should concern you.

In 1972, the year that 18-year-olds were first allowed to vote, over half of the age group voted, according to CBS News.

Motivating young voters has become the major focus of a number of groups this year. Some of the biggest groups targeting college-age voters include MTV’s Choose or Loose, the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, Rock the Vote and the U.S. State Department’s Election Focus 2004. In addition, there is a youth voter initiative called “Declare Yourself!” that is moving the Declaration of Independence around the country. All of the aforementioned groups are non-partisan.

Several campus groups are also working together to try to get Tech students to vote this year.

The Student Government Association (SGA) has formed the Civic Relations Committee, a non-partisan committee that will help you make a political awareness on campus.

Also according to “Nique,” the College Democrats and the College Republicans are both planning voter registration drives and other election-related events.

I realize Tech has its share of apathetic students, and you may be one of them.

With classes starting up recently, I can understand how many of you may not have had the time to register and research the issues.

To find out about the issues, try tuning into CNN or Fox News for a few weeks, and you’ll be caught up to speed in no time.

As for the actual registering and voting processes, every Tech student has a computer and everyone passes by the Student Center at least once a day.

As long as you are a U.S. Citizen and want to vote for your state and local officials, you don’t even have to send off for an absentee ballot form anymore.

Several sites are available, making it possible to register online. An example is MTV’s Choose or Lose headquarters (www.mtv.com/chooselose).

How hard would it be to stop by the Student Center in between classes to make a decision that will impact history?

If you want to have a say about what opportunities you’ll have available to you after graduation, among countless other future events, then turn out to the polls Nov. 2.
Don’t blame the messenger, blame the weather

“We people need to realize that we cannot make perfect forecasts: we may never be able to.”

Andrea Thompson
Columnist

It seems to have become a stereotype in the entertainment business now: the bumbling weatherman who couldn’t predict the weather if his life depended on it.

I even heard a commercial on the radio the other day that featured a weatherman telling listeners something like: “Today there will be a 50 percent chance of rain and a 50 percent chance of sun, so make sure to bring an umbrella… and some sunscreen.”

I understand that depictions such as these are all in jest, but they come out of an increasingly skeptical attitude that much of the public holds towards meteorologists.

I know that as a meteorology student, I’ve been asked on numerous occasions why weather forecasts can be so inaccurate and why meteorologists have trouble predicting things like the formation of tornadoes and the exact path of hurricanes.

The truth of the matter is that, well, it is really hard.

To say that the atmosphere is a complicated system is certainly an understatement, and I don’t think that many people consider this. And unfortunately, there is a lot we still don’t understand, though researchers are working hard to gain further insight into atmospheric processes so that they can continue to improve their predictions.

People need to realize that we cannot make perfect forecasts: we may not ever be able to.

The most common complaints I hear go something like this: “There was a 60 percent chance of rain today, why didn’t we get any?”

Well, what many people don’t realize is that that expression means that 60 percent of the forecast area will get rain, not that you will get rain for 60 percent of the day in one area.

You just happened to be in the 40 percent of the area that didn’t get rain (probably because you actually brought your umbrella with you to class).

Now I’m not trying to suggest that the public is always to blame for these misconceptions just because they don’t know the exact definitions of terms like relative humidity.

I think that meteorologists should make a more concerted effort to educate the public and make these concepts more accessible.

But it does kind of surprise me that more people aren’t interested in learning about something that affects them every day.

A better understanding of weather and weather related phenomena could certainly save many lives.

A prime example of such a situation is Hurricane Charley and the shift that it took from the primary projected path issued by the National Hurricane Center.

I read an article on CNN.com that interviewed an NHC meteorologist, who told the reporter that he was surprised that so many people were caught off guard by the rapid intensification of the hurricane, that if they had known it would reach category four status, they would have evacuated.

But when it comes to hurricanes, you have to expect the unexpected.

The truth is that this intensification process is common but not well understood, and therefore difficult to predict.

Many lives could have been saved if the public and the media understood these facts.

Education in these areas certainly needs to be improved, and it is up to both the public and meteorologists to make strides at the gaps in this knowledge.
Junior's struggles to match competition
Despite loyal patrons, Junior's expands hours, food offerings in hopes of increasing business

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

"Junior's is awesome!" said Andrew Pilich, a fifth-year Science, Technology, and Culture/Computer Science major. "The chicken fingers will live on in my memory." Students like Pilich are why Junior's— that classic restaurant with a permanent foothold in Tech's campus since 1948—is holding its ground in the face of increasing competition from Technology Square and the new Student Center Commons. Pandini's, the newest addition to the campus, claims to have the best wings in Athens. Nevertheless, Tommy Klemis, the restaurant's owner, did report numbers that dwindled in correlation to the campus expansion. Junior's now averages only 200 to 250 customers during the day, with another 100 in the evening. Some of Junior's regular customers have also noticed a drop in business.

"I do feel like the crowd size has lessened since I was a freshman." Keyur Vimawala Fourth-year CS major

Junior's has also expanded its hours to include Sundays, when it is open from noon to 8 p.m. to accommodate students studying in the library. The Juice and Java will be open daily and will serve smoothies in addition to cappuccino and other traditional coffee drinks. Klemis said that he hopes this will attract students who don't have time to make it over to the restaurant during the day.

There will be utilitarian changes as well, including a new floor and ceiling tiles slated for installation in December. Klemis is also actively seeking student music groups to provide afternoon and evening entertainment "for our customers to help us to create a relaxed culture for the east side of campus."

"My hope is that the freshmen, who usually don't discover Junior's until their sophomore year or later, will get to know that there is an alternative on the East Campus," Klemis said, "and that they could find it to be a relaxing and friendly place where they could meet with their fellow students."

Freshmen are a special target because, he said, new students usually hear about Junior's through word of mouth. "These are the customers who will replace the graduating seniors."

"We'd like to tell them know that Junior's is very cheap," he said. "The food is cheap and good and fast and

With the opening of new restaurants in Technology Square and the Student Center Commons, Junior's Grill is trying to update its menu, decor and atmosphere to attract more students, especially freshmen.

Economy up, but grad school still attractive

By Marcela Musgrove
Staff Writer

"What do I do next with my life?" This question is very much on the mind of graduating seniors. Around this time last year, many college seniors were fleeing the campus to go to graduate school, or don a shirt and tie for job interviews.

The chicken fingers will live on in my memory.

Regardless of the hype, this year’s seniors still have to make a choice: take up the books and go to graduate school, or don a shirt and tie for job interviews.

"There are still some trends leading us to believe there are still job market issues." Gail Potts
Director of graduate admissions


"The economy is definitely part of the trend in seeing graduates students coming back," said Gail Potts, director of graduate admissions. "Any time the job market decreases, the trend is to come back to school."

However, it looks like this year's post-graduation job market is getting better. Though it can be hard to separate fact from fiction during an election year, it seems like students are having less trouble finding jobs than a year ago.

Ralph Mobley, director of Career Services, also agreed that going straight to graduate school may not always be the wisest decision. "If you put the same time and energy you'd use for graduate school into finding a job, you'll find a job," he said. In 2004, according to Potts, "Things settled down and went back to a more normal number of applications." This is in contrast to 2003, where, Potts said, "We did see...a very substantial increase in applications and...we heard from schools all over the country that they also saw a very large increase in the number of graduate applications."

Michael Dance is one student who took the graduate school route last year. A current Racecar, students make dynamic team

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

Tech broke new ground last February in the field of professional racing when it announced its affiliation with The Spark, a race car that sports the Institute's logo and colors. Larry Huang, the car's owner and driver, turned the affiliation into an educational opportunity when he invited three Tech students to join his racing team.

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Flanagan entered the invitation to Matt Stephens, also recent Mechanical Engineering graduate, and Kevin Bray, a third-year Mechanical Engineering major.

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A rosier economy in 2004? Regardless of the hype, this year's seniors still have to make a choice: take up the books and go to graduate school, or don a shirt and tie for job interviews.
**R&D Roundup:**

**THE SCIENCE OF SEX**

By Lisa Brown

*Stress is unhealthy, but this is ridiculous*

Stressed out? It seems that most species are these days. According to a report in *Science* magazine, round alga Volvox, which are spherical balls of green cells found in pondwater, protect themselves from environmental stresses such as a water temperature increase, occur, the radicals increase, causing a gene in Volvox to activate sexual reproduction. Some people bite their nails or pull their hair when stressed—hey, not so bad when compared to Volvox.

*Fidelity? Don’t get your hopes up, ladies*

Voles, or meadow mice, have been known for their promiscuity, but scientists at Emory University reported in *Nature* that they may have found the solution for their frustrated female counterparts. It seems that high levels of the hormone vasopressin in their forebrain can cause male voles to leave their promiscuous lifestyle behind for their soul vole. By increasing the levels of vasopressin expression in voles, male voles stick by their woman when tempted by other females. However, this has not yet been tested on higher-order animals.

*I love the smell of pheromones in the morning*

“There’s no designer perfume that can compete with a woman’s natural body odor, according to a study conducted in Finland at the University of Jyväskyla.

Eighty-one women were asked to wear T-shirts to sleep for two nights and return them with details concerning their menstrual cycles and birth control usage. The T-shirts were then sniffed and rated in attractiveness by 43 volunteers of both genders.

The results revealed that men found a woman’s natural body odor to be most attractive when mid-cycle (during ovulation) while women reported no difference in attractiveness. T-shirt participants taking birth control pills left both genders of sniffers clueless, indicating the ability of the pills to suppress those hormones that make ovulation so attractive.

Julia Kubanek, an assistant professor in Tech’s School of Biology, said, “Scientists have shown that people react to smells but, what do they smell? The actual chemical that elicits this response is the real mystery here.”

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**FACES at Georgia Tech**

**Badminton, Barbados only part of story**

By Kristin Noell

Senior Staff Writer

There is more to graduate student Joy Brathwaite than meets the eye. The stories she tells are both engaging and charming.

An international student from Barbados, Brathwaite received her undergraduate degree from Tech in Aerospace Engineering. She is now getting her Master’s degree in Economics.

“I honestly don’t think I had ever really liked engineering.” Brathwaite admitted, “but I didn’t fully realize it until probably my third year of engineering when I took an economics course...It was really interesting to me."

At the time, she was on a four-year scholarship, paid for by the Barbados government, to attend college abroad. Brathwaite was one of five students out of approximately 2,000 who got the scholarship that year.

However, because the scholarship only covered four years of school, and changing a major involved a hassle of paperwork and phone calls, Brathwaite went ahead and finished her Aerospace Engineering degree.

Brathwaite chose to attend college in the States because, she said, she needed a change from Barbados. There, “You go to school with the same people from the time you’re 11 until the time you’re 18,” she said, “Some people I went to school with from the time I was three, literally.”

However, Brathwaite hasn’t entirely been able to escape the people she grew up with. On several occasions, she has recognized people in the United States that she’s seen on television. “They’re always telling you the island’s great-

Joy Brathwaite, a graduate student in Economics, is a badminton champion. She’s also an international student from Barbados, where, she says, things are “more relaxed” than they are in the States.

When she arrived in the States, Brathwaite first went to North Carolina A&T State University, where the transition was “a slight culture shock...here you have things like fraternities, sororities, etc. We don’t really have that kind of cliquiness stuff [in Barbados].”

That was not the only change from life back on the island. “I think we’re a bit more relaxed, laid back and sometimes not as driven, necessarily,” she said, though she said this may be because of economic opportunities available on the island. “We’re not, ‘Oh man, I’m going to be a CEO.’ It’s like, ‘Okay, I’m just going to go get a job and enjoy my life...it’s also not as stressful. And that’s awesome.’

On the other hand, she said, “because it’s a bit more relaxed, it takes forever to get anything done.”

In Barbados, “People have no concept of time.”

Barbados is also a primarily tourist island. “It’s interesting living on a tourist island,” Brathwaite said, “because when you’re young, they’re always telling you the island’s great-

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**Jobs**

Chemical Engineering student, Dance said, “I know many people in my program who applied, since the 2002-03 job market was pretty bad for engineers.” Though Dance said he would have gone to graduate school anyway, the lack of positions motivated him to go ahead and get an advanced degree to better his skills and job chances. But Dance feels that this year’s atmosphere has changed. “Now it looks like the market is picking up,” he said.

However, it may still be too early to tell whether the optimism is justified. This year, the Office of Graduate Admissions still saw a slight increase in graduate applications as compared to 2002.

“There are still some trends leading us to believe that there are still job market issues,” Potts said. For example, the number of graduate applications from U.S. students, as well as international students, is significantly higher this year than in 2002. “That would indicate that something within the country was the trend,” Potts said.

However, Mobley noted that for many Tech students, the motivation for going to graduate school may be for reasons other than a bad economy.

Mobley said the percentage of Tech students planning to go on to an advanced degree is well above the national average as well. In addition, many technical fields, such as biomedical engineering, may require an advanced degree.

Marleigh Norton, a master’s student in Human-Computer Interaction, spent several years working before going back to graduate school.

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Nisha Javia  
Recent EE grad

As well, however, Nisha Javia, an Electrical Engineering graduate from May 2004, is optimistic. “I have been getting numerous responses from companies for interviews. I have also gotten four job offers so far, with a decent starting salary and good perks,” Javia said. “I would say that the job market looks much better than it did a year ago. I do not think that people are starting grad school to escape the rough job market.”

In fact, I know a couple of friends who...want to enjoy the carefree student life for a bit more before entering the boring and monotonous work life,” Javia said.

“After a bit in industry, I realized there are some things I needed to learn in order to progress,” she said. “People kept expecting me to know graphic design, how to write a paper, how to do an experiment, etc, and I didn’t, so I came back to school. The industry experience gave me a very grounded set of goals for my grad school, which would help me in the ultimate goal of being highly employable in industry when I was done.”

Stephanie Lucero, a December 2003 graduate in Civil Engineering, had a full-time job offer, but turned it down to start a master’s in Environmental Engineering. “I’ve co-oped and been in the real world,” Lucero said. “I really like the student lifestyle and being in a learning environment.”

Graduate school may also be more necessary for those needing a visa. Mobley said, “The job market for international students is very difficult and particularly so for undergraduates. For them, graduate school is more necessary to be competitive in the job market and to be eligible for sponsorships.” The job market may be getting better for these students.

**Junior’s competes with Tech Square, SC Commons restaurants**

**Junior’s**  
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friendy. The prices even include drinks with unlimited refills, “so you can get a grilled cheese and drink Coke until [you] slosh out of here.”

This is not the first time that Junior’s has adjusted its strategy to accommodate competing businesses. Pizza parlors, delis, and other restaurants that have opened up near campus have impacted the customer base, and Junior’s has responded with improved prices, customer service, and employee friendliness.

“Sometimes the friendliness is the one item that differentiates your business from a business that [sells] the same thing,” Klemis said. “And at Junior’s, I feel our employees do that naturally, or it comes naturally.”

Many students who frequent the restaurant agree that this strategy is what makes Junior’s a continuing success.

“I like the food they offer (especially breakfast and lunch), and the service is very personal,” said Ashley Smith, a fourth-year History, Science and Technology major. “When I come back after a break, they ask me what I’ve been doing. They also have nice treats like warm chocolate chip cookies.”

Vimawala agreed. “It’s peaceful, when there’s not a crowd, and the booth seats have good lighting from the windows,” he said. “When it gets cold, Junior’s is the place to go for a warm cup of soup.” Smith added. “Everyone should go by and say hi to [Klemis]!”

Some students cite its convenient location to study or to hold group meetings. “Junior’s is a great place for student organizations to meet up,” said Chelsea Morrissy, a sixth-year Computer Science major. “Omega Phi Alpha regularly has dinners at Junior’s before our meetings... [Alas,] the atmosphere at Junior’s is relaxed, which makes studying easier.”

But avid fans of Junior’s have not justified their loyalty without doing their homework, and some can systematically discount the other restaurants one by one.

“St. Charles is over-priced, and the service is horrible,” Vimawala said. “Rib N’ Blues has okay food, but the environment is very appealing. Moe’s has good prices for bad food.”

“Tin Drum is really boring. I think the Student Center has better burritos. The iced tea place was kind of strange. Starbucks is Starbucks,” Pilsch said.

While some students argue over how much business Junior’s will lose in the long run, most agree that the restaurant is not going anywhere. “As more students have classes in Tech Square, Junior’s will become less convenient,” Smith said. “However, there are still lots of students and faculty who like what Junior’s has to offer. I think that organizations will still get together for dinner there, and students who need something quick between classes will keep going to Junior’s.”

Klemis echoed the common sentiment that Junior’s is an important Tech tradition. “What I would like to do is [use] our walls to show Tech scenes of the past. Traditions can evaporate very quickly if you don’t spend the energy and the effort to keep them alive,” he said.

Despite the increased competition, Klemis applauds the recent campus expansions. “It’s definitely a great campus with great student life now,” he said. “And, of course, with that culture thing, we’re trying to find a way to be part of that student life.”


Furtermore, he added, “The chicken fingers, they are awesome.”

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**This Week’s Photo:**

Tech Up Close

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If you think you know the answer, email focus@technique.gatech.edu for a chance to win a Technique T-shirt.

Last week’s Tech Up Close: Cabling on the outside of the Student Health Center

Last week’s winner: Linda Whitenton
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The hurricane may have reminded her of life in Barbados. “That’s what I think of, growing up in Barbados,” she said. “Just being in the sea and stuff like that… I remember one time I was in the middle of the sea [with] these little fish, and they started diving out of the sea, and I was in the middle of them and all the sudden I saw this flying fish chasing them, and he came out of the sea and spread his wings right in front of me. It was awesome; it was spectacular.”

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Sneakers from all walks of life visit Atlanta

By Erin Gatlin Contributing Writer

If you’re a typical college student, chances are that you own at least one pair of sneakers. They may be that ratty old pair of Nikes you just can’t throw away. Perhaps they’re decked out in sequins, or painted with hand-painted designs.

Large numbers of visitors came to the exhibit, and it’s not hard to see why. The Sneaker Pimps traveling exhibit began Friday night and continued through Sunday. Large numbers of visitors came to the exhibit, and it’s not hard to see why.

The show’s founder, Peter Fahey, claims his show has been a hit since it opened two years ago, drawing crowds “depending on the size of the sneaker culture in the city” where it is hosted at the time.

The show also featured other items related to sneakers—painting of shoes, decorated shoes, and a few Nike jackets were prominently displayed. Fahey claims his show has been “very successful” since its beginning two years ago, drawing crowds “depending on the size of the sneaker culture in the city” where it is hosted at the time.

He’s put on around 35 exhibits, with support from “all kinds of artists” such as Nike, Adidas, Puma and others. Asked what inspired him to create such a unique show as Sneaker Pimps, Fahey said that he was “inspired by urban youth culture” to put it together.

Looking at what he has pulled together, it’s easy to see how the sneakers can epitomize aculture, and how an art exhibit can make you see that culture (and your footwear) in a whole new way.

Embark on Lucent vacation to Garden State

By Evan Zasowski Senior Staff Writer

I saw Garden State, the debut opus as a writer-director-star Zach Braff, the other day. So, I’ve got that going for me, which is nice. Seriously, this is a really good movie and needs to be on everyone's reserved viewing list. Like, go. Now. The freaking newspaper can wait.

The short synopsis of the story is that it’s about Braff, whose character has been on a cornucopia of behavioral modifiers since he was nine, going off his meds and finally coming to terms with life and with his psychiatrist dad after his mother’s untimely drowning in the tub.

Back and forth between gut-busting humor and heart-wrenching drama, Braff’s story is about a man finally learning to feel again after having spent his entire adult life—and most of his childhood—under the influence of everything from Paxil to lithium.

While on his vacation from medication, Braff’s character, Andrew Largeman, befriends Natalie Portman’s Sam—an adorable, epileptic, pathological liar in a pink hoodie.

Sam lives in a house crisscrossed by hamster tubes, inhabited by a small pack of dogs and, notably, her adopted brother, Titembay, a criminal investigation major at Rutgers on a quest to solve the case of which hood has been poaching on his Gamecube.

Andrew Largeman (Braff) returns to his hometown in the Garden State for the first time in 9 years and experiences life without antidepressants for the first time in this unique comedic drama.

Indulge in Festivities of Soul

The weekend of Sept. 4, Turner Field hosts the Southeast’s largest festival for soul, hip-hop and R&B. Performers at Atlanta’s first annual Soulfest include Big Boi and friends, LL Cool J, Outkast and Chaka Khan. Tickets cost $41 for a one day pass and $54 for the whole weekend.

Fox presents Dreamcoat

The Fox Theater is running Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at 8 p.m. every night through Sunday. These will be the last performances of the 2004 summer season. The performance features music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Tickets run $28 to $50.

It’s fun to stay at the YMCA

That right, your favorite seventies disco extravaganza is coming to town. This Friday at 8 p.m. at the Mable House Amphitheater the Village People will be rocking your socks clean off. You know you can’t resist such classics as “In the Navy” and “Macho Man.” Tickets run $15 to $40.
Echo Lounge (551 Flat Shoals Rd.)
(404) 681-3600
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8/30 Phantom Planet, The Damnwells, The Like
8/31 Further Seems Forever, Brandtson, The Kicks
The Earl (488 Flat Shoals Ave.)
(404) 522-3950
www.badearl.com
8/27 Blackberry Smoke, The Hellhounds
8/28 The Close, The Liverhearts
Variety Playhouse (1099 Euclid Ave.)
(404) 521-1786
www.variety-playhouse.com
8/29 Twelve Girls Band
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www.masq.com
8/31 Stretch Armstrong, Haste the Day, Martyr A.D., Glasseater, The Distance
9/1 Dimmu Borgir, Bleeding Through, Atreyu, Everytime I Die
Star Bar (437 Moreland Ave.)
(404) 681-9018
www.starbar.net
8/27 The Helgas, Catfight, The Plastics
8/28 DJ Co-Co G and DJ Sara
8/30 15 minutes of fame karaoke
Cologne
CJ's Landing (Buckhead Ave.)
(404) 237-7657
www.cj'slanding.com
8/27 Fish Tank
8/28 Whose Confused
9/1 Open Mic Night
Smith's Olde Bar (1580 Piedmont Ave.)
(404) 875-1522
www.smithsoldebar.com
8/27 Hamell on Trial
8/28 Prescription Tram
8/29 Midnight Blue Benefit Show with Taylor Hollingsworth
8/31 Line Of Sight, Paper Smart, Push

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In quite literally, shining armor with with whom he went to high school and she hooked up last night.

Then there’s Largeman’s father, played by Ian Holm. He’s a psychiatrist who firmly believes in the principle of medicating oneself happy and is the primary reason why Andrew’s medicine cabinet looks like a forest of little orange trees.

Holm, as always, turns in a command performance. Though, given that he is the principal player in a major story arc, he receives relatively little screen time, which is a shame.

If I were to make a list of things that I didn’t particularly like about the film, it would be a pretty short one. However, in the interest of fairness, I’ll give it the old college try.

Firstly, the film can be a tad ham-handed at times, and there are a couple of lines in it that’ll take you right out of the movie if you let them. But, I’ve got to cop to the fact that I’m reaching here in the interest of a fair review.

Unless you have a pathological aversion to the maudlin or are just completely incapable of suspending disbelief for even a second, you really should be in for a treat.

All things considered, Garden State really is one of those movies that everyone just needs to go out and see. It’s shot beautifully.

It’s back and forth between hilarious and poignant and somehow pulls off both. And to top it all off, Natalie Portman is adorable.

So this weekend, when it’s a choice between banal blockbusters, sad prequel and artless pairings of once-great movie monsters, pick D and check out Garden State instead.

**Live in Atlanta**

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8/30 15 minutes of fame karaoke
8/31 Funk Disco with D.J. Ramos

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**Chimp, Shrimp and Friends**

Original Comic Strip

by Mark Parsons: gttg546q@mail.gatech.edu
Eating healthfully the Two Bits Man way: a guide to fruits, vegetables and slacking off

So, the Two Bits Man has been at Tech long enough to fall into the college lifestyle of eating badly and consuming too much caffeine. This is horrible, because some day I'm gonna grow up and not get the spectacular health care that we get as Tech students.

After all, that's the great thing about college. When eating Papa John's five days a week demands angioplasty, it's just a two-hour wait away.

So, that being said, I've been on a health kick recently. For starters, I've been eating a lot more fresh fruits and vegetables, and I have come to one conclusion: fruit is not condu-

Eating fruit requires more com-

mitment than marriage, or joining the military. Sure, you can have a marriage annulled after five min-

utes, or you can go AWOL from the Army. After all, those only cause legal problems.

On the other hand, bite into an apple, you're stuck. If you touch the keyboard with your apple-eating hand, you've ruined the keyboard's perfect feel, and as any geek will tell you, once you have found that right keyboard, you can't part with it.

On that first bite, you've released sticky apple juice and shot your typing to hell.

Since I'm right handed, I always eat fruit with my left hand, so I can keep my right hand unsticky for using my keyboard and mouse, but alas, no! Gone is the left shift key! Gone are the two most common vowels in the English alphabet!

In fact, as I am sitting here, eating an apple while I type, I accidentally left the ‘i’ out of shift the first time I typed it.

So, there you have it folks. Computers are the real reason that college students eat badly.

Sure, some of you are saying, "Well, duh! Put down the apple to type," but God forbid you do that. It gets goo all over your desk, and then the North American ant population has descended upon your office, and your boss will want to know what you did.

Not to mention, biting into an apple starts the death clock of tasti-

ness. In a matter of minutes, the apple is brown and destroyed.

Geeks can't bear to be without their computers for the whopp-

ing ten minutes required to eat an apple.

Not that there's anything wrong with getting little sleep and peeing a lot in the morning, but it occurred to me that I don't want to be a slave to caffeine, so Coca-Cola and PepsiCo will just have to deal with the layoffs since I've stopped buying their products.

I actually decided to lower the caffeine during the break, so now that school has begun again, I am slowly learning how to deal with this new way of life.

At least now, I can use overwhelming tiredness as an excuse for being a slacker. Second week of school, and I've already skipped my first class.

It's an 8 a.m. class, and my excu-

se is that I'm healthier. Back in the days of high caffeine, my only excuse for not showing to class was being lazy, but dammit, I'm gonna live longer, and if that requires not going to class, then that's just a risk I'm gonna have to take.

Let's review. If you stop using your computer, then you can eat healthy fruits and vegetables. Feel free to reference this article the next time you have a Java program due and you don't use your computer. You can tell the profes-

sor that noted academic, Two Bits Man, is keeping you healthier.

Likewise, the next time you skip an 8 a.m. class where attendance is taken, again, remember that cutting caffeine will make you live longer. If you take the Two Bits approach, you're guaranteed to live a long and stress-free life.

If that doesn't work, you can always transfer to a liberal arts school. I hear that everyone in the arts practices the Two Bits technique. Until I stop using my own computer, this is the Two Bits Man wishing you graduation in less than 10 years and a long life.
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news, and that’s what they’ll be see-
ing for the top four for the next four or
five years.” Most importantly, the
winner of the ACC title game will
earn an automatic berth in a Bowl
Championship Series game.

Determined in October of 2003,
the scheduling for the eleven-team
conference for the 2004 football
season features rotations similar to
eleven-member counterpart, the Big
Ten. The ACC features annual
rotation and rotating among the
other ten teams in seven games.

The ACC scheduling includes
rivalries like the Big Ten, but revolves
around its three “powerhouse”
teams, Miami, Virginia Tech and Florida
State. The four other “powerhouses”,
Virginia and Wake Forest, North
Carolina State and Wake Forest
will play two games in three “power-
house” teams in a home-
and-away series, which means that
one team will host the other in 2004
and vice versa in 2005. The remain-
ing, four teams, Tech, Virginia, Clemen-
son, and Duke, will play two games
in three “powerhouse” teams in a
home-and-away series. For this season at
least, Tech lacked in this scheduling. It faces only two members of its competition —both at home. The refurbished schedule features one non-con-
ference match-up still intact, the Turkey
Day rival match-up under UGA and A.C.C. matches-up against the number one Florida
State and Wake Forest.

With the two-year home-and-
away series that go into effect this year which is a departure for the Eagles to
come into the league in 2006, when the
ACC will revamp its schedule once
again to accommodate twelve teams
and two divisions as well as an
ACC Championship game, which
is already scheduled to be hosted by
Jacksonville, Florida in 2006 when the
crucial twelfth member of the ACC is officially admitted.

Because the focus during ex-
pansion seems to be more inclined
towards football, (actually, it is because football is the most lucrative
sport in the NCAA) other college
sports, especially basketball, could
end up being forced into accepting
the two division layout in a couple of
years, which many coaches have already spoken out against.

Coach Frank Beamer of Tech,
seemingly the spokesperson against
ACC expansion for college basket-
ball, claims “I don’t think we have
any say at all… If it’s going to be done
then it’s going to be done without the
coaches having a say.”

Kryzewski argued that the two
division format does away with
some key rivalries. Thus, this
new format would re-
structure teams from
playing all of the
members of the
conference, as
Maryland coach
Gary Williams
concurred with claiming that he
didn’t want to lose home-and-
home rivalries with Duke and
North Carolina.

Other sports like women’s vol-
leyball will play all their ACC op-
oponents twice except for Clemson
and Virginia Tech, who the Lady
Jackets will face once only each this
season. Ranked first in the confer-
ence as they look to defend their
title against the new members in the
conference (Tech), Connecticut’s
coach recognizes his team needs to step it
up even from last season’s valiant
run to the Elite 8 in Hawaii.

“We have to be excited to
work for it and do for us to be
top seed at the end of the season is
going to be very difficult because
there are so many strong teams this year in our confer-
ence,” he said.

P.J.: No. Oh yes, another vocal
member of the team?

Nique: What does it feel like
to go from virtually
unknown to Doak
and Walter Camp
awards list?

P.J.: I’ve heard the name
Darius Williams.
He’s the vo-
caller leader of this
team. He’s the center
and he gets everything started and
the team to get together.

Nique: You aren’t just say-
ing that because he’s one of your line-
men and right there?

Nique: What is your favori-
te thing about Tech?

P.J.: It’s pretty tough. If you ask
any regular students or anybody I’m
always in the library. At lunch, I eat
and run to the library. I just got my
books and study, studying. That’s
what I do most of the time. I usually try
and set my schedule up so that I can
have MWF classes and have Tuesday
and Thursday off, but this semester
I wasn’t able to do that. I had to have
one class on Tuesday and Thursday,
so Tuesday and Thursday is my
day to rest and catch up with my reading
and study ahead. I know once you fall
behind it’s tough to catch back up.
My major is Business Management
and my minor is Chemistry, so I have
to keep up with that.

Nique: What is your favorite
thing about Tech?

P.J.: My favorite thing about Tech
would have to be the students. I try
to get the students to smile. One thing
that I read through an email. “The
tone thing that you can always give
is a smile. You can pass it along and
it can go a long way.” I think that’s
what my life application to the students.
Some of them are antisocial, but I
try to break the mold by smiling at
them and saying hello every once
in awhile, after that because that will
take you a long way. One smile can
have you smiling for the rest of the
year. That’s what I try to do.

Nique: What’s your least fa-
vorite thing about Tech?

P.J.: Actually, it’s being run
ning for the next four or
five years. I don’t know what
to do. I didn’t know if I should
hug him or hit him or do whatever. I
wanted to tackle him, but I think
that was my most inspiring moment
in football. When he called the
ball, I was so excited, I didn’t know
what to do. I’m still the same old P.J.
I talked to people when
I was a nobody, and
now I am somebody. I still
talk to people.

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Nique: What does it feel like
to go from virtually
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and Walter Camp
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P.J.: Nothing, I feel like just a
regular person. You win awards and
records get broken. It’s a blessing to
me. I’m still the same old P.J. I talked
to people when I was a nobody, and
now I am somebody I still talk to
people.

Football comes with fame and
everybody gets their time to shine.
I just enjoy seeing people happy.
When my teammates are happy, I’m happy.
Chances are that if you own a working television, you’ve probably seen the Olympics pop up quite a few times over the past couple weeks. It seems that NBC has bought hundreds of networks, simply in an effort to keep anyone from being able to escape the Games in Athens—not that this is entirely a bad thing. The Olympics have been a much more compelling drama than most of the shows they are replacing. 

Michael Phelps has captivated the country with his run to six gold medals, and his best days may still be ahead of him. The Iraqi soccer team, which qualified without the benefit of a home field, made it to the semifinals before suffering a setback. The U.S Softball squad won the gold medal, only allowing one run, total, in nine games. Carly Patterson drew comparisons to Mary Lou Retton during her all-around gold medal run, and Paul Hamm stands on top of the men’s gymnastic world.

As an Olympic fan, I’m thrilled by all of these great storylines. Making it even better is the fact that there are several Tech students and alumni competing in Athens. As I’ve followed these Tech athletes of past and present in competition, a pair of questions has popped into my head.

First of all, whose idea was it to put Tech alum Stephon Marbury on the U.S. Basketball team? Marbury is a good NBA player, but he is the embodiment of an NBA star whose game does not translate to international competition. Marbury is the complete opposite of this description; he likes to move the ball by dribbling—a lot—which is frowned upon in this arena. Most of his scoring opportunities in the NBA season come from getting to the basket as a result of this dribbling. In international competition, opposing squads have a myriad of defenders positioned near the basket that take away this method of scoring points.

In Marbury’s defense, he could be trying to compete with the Tech football team’s outstanding community service project for Habitat for Humanity—by building a house of bricks in Athens; he has only hit 6 of his first 30 shot attempts in the Olympics.

I could go on for hours about how the creators of this “Bad Dream” Team seemed to forget the team would have to play by international rules in the Olympics, but this team still has the talent to bring home the gold medal, and there is another important question to address.

Every four years, track and field, swimming, diving and gymnastics are watched by millions of viewers during the Olympics. These sports experience incredible popularity for a couple weeks, and then they disappear for another four years.

Contrary to popular belief, athletes in these sports are not forced into a dark cave to train sixteen hours a day for overbearing coaches between Olympiads. In fact, many of these Olympians are college students, and quite a few of them compete for their school. Considering this makes me wonder: Why do we not flock to see the same events on campus that glue us to the television during the Olympics?

At Tech, we are lucky enough to have a trio of Olympians who will compete for the Jackets this upcoming year. Incoming freshman Onur Uras, who swam for Turkey in the Olympics, will compete with the men’s swimming team, and sophomore Vesna Stojanovska of Macedonia will swim for the women. Junior Chaunte Howard, who is set to high jump for the U.S. squad after finishing second in the Olympic Trials, will be jumping for the Jackets once again this year.

I admit that it takes a little more
Often times, in the world of sports, the underdog is the one who steps up the most. P.J. Daniels came to Tech as a walk-on to the football team out of Elsik High School in Houston, Texas. Despite having a senior season where he rushed for over 1600 yards and played in Houston’s North-South game, P.J. was overlooked by most programs.

Now, the former walk-on is now on scholarship as a red-shirt junior. Last season, P.J. rushed for 1447 yards and went from relatively unknown to one of the best running backs in the country by Campbell and the Walter Camp ACC All-Academic team.

This season, P.J. is on the Doak Campbell and the Walter Camp award lists as well as a preseason honorable mention All-American and is named as one of the top ten running backs in the country by The Sporting News. P.J. sat down with the Technique to talk about his game, video games and more.

Nique: What is your full name?

P.J.: Prince Ahadzie Daniels Jr.

Nique: What is your favorite hobby?

P.J.: I don’t know. I have so many of them. I love watching movies, reading, playing video games with my teammates and just hanging out. I don’t have just one favorite hobby.

Nique: What video games are you playing currently?

P.J.: We are always playing Halo. We hook up four consoles to the one Internet connector and we just go at it.

Nique: What’s it like being able to play yourself in video games?

P.J.: It’s like a dream come true. I purchased NCAA 2005 not too long ago, and I play with myself. I think that they robbed me a little bit on some of my attributes. I kind of enhance them a bit, but other than that, I enjoy it. It’s a dream come true. It’s a blessing.

Nique: How is the offensive line coming along?

P.J.: They are just getting banged up right now, but they’ll be good when the season starts.

Nique: How do you think the team will do this year?

P.J.: I think that the outcome will be good. I think that this will be a good year for us. Things are going to be great, we just need to focus and believe and keep taking every game like a playoff game. Like Coach Gailey said, “you have to take it one game at a time.”

Nique: Which game are you looking forward to the most?

P.J.: All of them. I treat all of them the same, and I prepare the same for all games. If I had to choose one, I’d probably have to say Maryland. There is something about Maryland where I think that the team has a little inside rivalry with Maryland. It’s a team that we anticipate to play well.

Nique: Who do you think will step up and have a good season that may be under the radar?

P.J.: I’d have to say Nate Curry, Christopher Wood, Leon Thomas and definitely my linemen. The defensive players will also be real good.

You have to have your eyes open for Dawan Landry, and definitely for Gerrit Wilkinson and Chris Reis.

Nique: How much pressure is there on you to do well?

P.J.: Pressure? There was pressure last year, but pressure is just a normal day in the life of me. I’m used to it. I usually set myself up for it. I deal with pressure everyday and pressure just comes to me and I take it and run with it. I don’t have any pressure. I just go out there and have fun like I do in real life.

Nique: What have you learned from playing with and studying Chris Woods and Rashuan Grant?

P.J.: I learned a lot. I learned how to be more agile because they bring different things to the table. As a backs committee we all bring different abilities to the table. They brought the finesse and being able to move and being able to beat people one-on-one. I kind of picked up on that. That was one of the things that I was missing to get more yards. I got 1400+ yards in 13 games and this year we play 11, so I added some

P.J. Daniels can always be seen breaking a smile around campus. He also has been known to break many long runs for the Jackets. Last year, Daniels rushed for 1447 yards, a career best.
Today the volleyball team begins its season against the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, the University of Southern California. The Yellow Jackets are one of four teams that will be participating in the prestigious NACWAA Classic.

"Being invited to this tournament really signifies that our program is considered to be one of the top teams in the country, and it's a huge opportunity for us to measure ourselves against other top programs," said Head Coach Bond Shymansky, who begins his third season as the head coach at Tech.

At 7 p.m. Tech will open the tournament against the Women of Troy, the two-time defending national champions, who return with three All-Americans in their lineup and an NCAA-best 19-game winning streak.

"Probably the biggest challenge that players have to get past is the fear of playing a team like Southern Cal. They have so many great players that return, and it's the first match of a new season," Shymansky said.

On Saturday, the Jackets will face either Minnesota, which advanced to the Final Four last year, or Colorado State, who has won five consecutive Mountain West Conference titles.

"Minnesota really played fantastically at the end of last season and will probably enter this weekend with a great deal of confidence while Colorado State returns every starter from last year's team and is very difficult to play on its home court. Either opponent will be a challenge for us, but also a great chance for us to measure our lineup against some of the top teams in the country," Shymansky said.

The Jackets are coming off of the ACC championship, which will help television ratings through the NCAA, would help to bring in more five-star recruits like WR Calvin Williams and No. 10 Georgia Tech to be in the spotlight again this season as they battle the Women of Troy.

"Certainly it's a great chance for Georgia Tech to be in the spotlight with some big-name teams, which means a lot to our program in a number of ways. In some ways, our team is probably the underdog, but in the past when Tech has been the underdog, we've risen to the occasion and played some great volleyball," Shymansky said.

"The ACC is stronger today than yesterday and may well be at its strongest point in history." 

John Swofford
ACC Commissioner

In order to make Swofford's dream a reality though, the ACC

T. rob moh's run on the links ends

Tech's Nicholas Thompson advanced to the final 16 in the U.S. Amateur last week, but, despite a valiant charge from five down after 10 holes, his run ended when he was eliminated, 3 and 2, by Jeff Overton of Evansville, Ind. It is the farthest a Tech player or alumni has advanced in the U.S. Amateur since Mari Kuchar won the title in 1997 in Louisiana.

Flag Football Classic today

The annual Intramural A League tournament is being held today and Saturday. The cost is $25, and all participants receive a T-shirt, and the winner will receive a free bid to the state flag football tournament. More information can be found at www.crc.gatech.edu/IM.

Taylor needs to hurdle the semis

Former Tech men's track standout Angelo Taylor did not get a chance to defend his gold medal in the 400-meter hurdles after finishing fourth in the prelims. Taylor's time of 48.72 was not fast enough to advance to the finals.

Slyden stays, Owings to leave

Outfielder Jeremy Slyden has passed on an opportunity to sign a professional contract and will return to Tech for his junior season. Slyden played only nine games last year due to a shoulder injury and received a medical redshirt for the season. Pitcher/designated hitter Micah Owings has been granted his release and is free to transfer. Owings was 8-0 with an 0.67 ERA in 2007 and had a 10-1 record with an 1.04 ERA in 2006.