SAC to close for summer '03

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Students trying to stay in shape over the summer may have to work a little harder than usual. The SAC will shut down May 2, a full two months before SAC II, the new facility now under construction, is scheduled to open. In the meantime, students will be left without a centralized place to work out.

Original plans called for a smooth transition from SAC in the existing Callaway Building to SAC II, with no interruption in service. “Well, there’s a glitch,” said Butch Stanphill, Director of SAC. The Callaway building “is full of asbestos and mercury,” said Stanphill. Asbestos is the name given to a group of minerals added to construction materials to resist heat and corrosion. These minerals can cause lung damage if inhaled in large amounts.

Workers discovered the problem during demolition of the Auxiliary Gym. Administrators were not expecting to find asbestos because the Auxiliary Gym and Callaway are relatively young, built in the late 1970s. “We started doing research and found that this [remaining] part is full [of asbestos], too,” said Stanphill. The two-month closure will give crews time to conduct asbestos abatement before Callaway is demolished in late summer or early fall. Asbestos is dangerous when it is disturbed and becomes airborne. Construction workers involved in the demolition would be at high risk of exposure. Georgia Tech, says Stanphill, has a legal responsibility to hand over a “clean” site to Beers-Skanska, one of the construction companies working on SAC II, the new facility now under construction, is scheduled to open.

“After the president had received the complaints, he asked May to arrange a meeting with representatives from both Auxiliary Services, which controls parking, and the library,” said May. “At the meeting, both departments were very helpful and easy to work with,” said May. “We all decided that the best thing to do was to say that there would be no ticketing in the lots around the library on evenings and weekends regardless of permit status.”

Tech, Chi Phi reach long awaited agreement

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

After a semester worth of discussions, the Chi Phi and Tech administration and Chi Phi fraternity have finally reached an agreement. The resolution occurred just after the end of fall semester when the Chi Phi alumni board decided to accept the sanctions issued by the Interfraternity Council and the administration.

The sanctions, which were issued against the fraternity late last spring and included ceasing fraternity operations until fall 2004, were reinstated by the alumni board throughout fall semester. In fact, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Wilcox, numerous talks between the administration and the alumni board had been held since last April. However, Wilcox had almost reached the conclusion that no agreement would be made in the near future due to a decision made by the board in early December.

“It appeared that we weren’t going to make it [an agreement] happen because they officially said ‘no’ we are not going to accept the suspension,” said Wilcox. “They were going to proceed to stay in the house and ignore the IFC sanctions.”

This decision by Chi Phi prompted Wilcox and President Clough to send a letter to every Tech Chi Phi alumni expressing their concern over the situation. “We reported that this had happened, how sad we were about it and that it wasn’t the right path for Chi Phi to take in order to return to campus,” said Wilcox.

New parking policy answers student concerns

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

Nights owls wishing to use the 24-hour services offered at the Tech library will no longer have to walk across campus or wait for a Stingerette for fear of getting a parking ticket.

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From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: January 15, 1993—Seven residence halls and four fraternities were broken into over the Christmas break. Tech lacked funds to hire forty needed police officers. The Technique gave “A Few Good Men” five stars, saying it was nice to see a good movie that did not have “an obligatory sex scene.”

20 years ago: January 14, 1983—The Optical Scan Computer Articulated Registration (OSCAR), meant to give students a response to a schedule request in “minutes instead of days,” failed its debut, turning a normally “relatively orderly process” of registration “into a brouhaha.”

30 years ago: January 19, 1973—The Student Government delayed passage of a Resolution condemning the Vietnam War until after President Nixon’s January 20th inauguration. USB President Bruce Milligan called it “an action that borders on irresponsibility.” Stunning the crowd, Tech “squeaked” by Hawaii Rainbow in overtime to win 85-82.

This letter may have had a direct impact on the decision to accept the suspension as a meeting of the alumni board was held Dec. 4, where they decided to accept the sanctions with only one condition:

“They decided that they would accept the suspension if we gave a little bit on the timing, which we were willing to do because we really wanted Chi Phi to be able to come back,” said Wilcox.

Under this compromise Chi Phi will be able to return to campus in the Fall of 2004, which is only one year and a half instead of the two year suspension recommended by the IFC judicial board last spring.

There are many speculations about what made Chi Phi accept the sanctions at this time. Greek coordinator Buck Cooke felt it had to do with other alumni becoming involved.

“As I understand it, some of their alumni thought about it more,” said Cooke. “They basically realized that it wasn’t necessarily the right direction to be going in.”

Once the decision was made to accept the sanctions, Wilcox notified the current brothers of the situation and the fact that they would need to vacate the house by the beginning of this semester.

Under the sanctions, Chi Phi must move out of the house and seize chapter operations entirely for the period. Cooke commented that the fraternity could hold no fraternity events even if they are off campus.

“Just moving off campus and having a house somewhere else and still having a chapter would be in violation,” said Cooke.

According to Wilcox, although Chi Phi received a shortened suspension, there were some additional sanctions added to the original ones recommended last spring.

“For Fall 2004 the chapter would be on social probation and they can have no alcohol in the house for that semester,” said Wilcox.

Now that a resolution has been reached, Wilcox feels that the issue has helped show Tech’s support of the Greek community without appearing as pushovers. “I think what this showed the Greek community was that Georgia Tech is willing to stand behind the IFC system.”
GSS debates anti-war resolution

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

At their first meeting of the new semester, the Graduate Senate discussed a wide variety of issues, from Tech’s performance of “The Vagina Monologues” to the possibility of war in Iraq.

The first item on the agenda was a bill that was moved from new business regarding the appointment of two students to the Graduate Judiciary Committee. Graduate President Alan Michaels addressed the urgency of approving the appointments due to the upcoming GT Flying Club case.

Two of the current members of the committee also served on Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC) last semester and therefore will not be able to hear the Flying Club case,” said Michaels. “Therefore we need new members to hear the case.”

Due to the urgency of the issue the bill was passed almost unanimously with little discussion.

In other business, the senate addressed two funding bills for Women’s Awareness Month and the Tech Leadership Conference. Rachel Chesley, chairman of this year’s Women’s Awareness Month, presented a bill requesting funding for a Tech production of “The Vagina Monologues.” According to Chesley, the event will have over 30 Tech students in feature roles and will raise money for women’s awareness in the Atlanta community.

“The group we are doing this with asks that we give nearly 90 percent of the money we make back to the community,” said Chesley. “In order to do this, we need to subsidize the cost of production.”

Other members of the committee also pointed out that they expected the audience to be composed primarily of those in the Tech community both graduates and undergraduates. In addition, the ticket prices would be lower for students.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) failed the bill in committee due to the fact that

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Graduate Student Senate

Joint Allocation to Women’s Stu. Union Author: Jennifer Matthews passed

Joint Allocation to Tech Leadership Con. Author: Ben Lawder passed

Joint Allocation to Women’s Stu. Union Author: Tim Cailloux postponed indefinitely

Joint Allocation to FAB, Fresh. Coun., FreshGA Author: Cristina Baccay passed

Joint Allocation to Women’s Stu. Union Author: Tim Cailloux passed

Resolution to Express Condolences Author: Tim Cailloux passed

Joint Allocation to Cailloux and Matthews Author: Tim Cailloux passed

Appointments to Judiciary Committee 2003-2004 Student Act. Fee Budget Author: Alan Michaels tabled

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Undergrads discuss immigration issue

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives kicked off a new semester Tuesday by speeding through a light load of bills.

Reps spent the largest chunk of their time on a bill that was still in New Business, and had not even come up for debate yet. Using an obscure, seldom-used motion, ECE Rep John Parsons attempted to quash consideration of a Joint Resolution sponsored by Sophomore Rep Eman Kirbah.

This lengthy resolution “for Responsible Immigration Policies and Treatment of International Students” would, among other things, condemn “draconian laws and ill treatment” by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of foreign students, highlight “the current incomprehensibility and seeming randomness” of the visa screening process, and urge congressional hearings on “the violation of civil rights” under the Patriot Act.

Parsons made a “motion to object to the consideration of the question,” saying that to consider such a resolution would be “too divisive” and would address a matter beyond the scope of UHR’s purpose. To succeed in killing a bill in this manner, the motion requires a two-thirds majority.

At least one representative rose to argue for consideration, but was cut off because the motion was non-debatable.

After a brief recess, a failed motion to adjourn and several false starts, representatives finally voted. The motion failed to receive the necessary two-thirds support. Barring any further motions next week, the Joint Resolution will come up for debate and consideration as usual at next week’s meeting. If it does, expect debate to be long and fiery.

Reps also considered and passed without discussion an allocation to Freshman Activities Board, Freshman Council and FreshGA. Another bill that would have allocated money for T-shirts for Tim Cailloux and Jennifer Matthews, was postponed indefinitely, effectively killing it.

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NEWS

Ask Dr. Clough

President Clough answers your questions from last fall’s State of the Institute address

What is the status of the Georgia Tech Leadership Initiative?
The Student Leadership Initiative is a broad-based program that combines curricular and co-curricular experiences to enhance the leadership skills of all undergraduates. This year, we have added a new course in Servant Leadership (offered in the fall and spring) and received a $1 million grant to support co-curricular programs. We are developing increased community service opportunities, a new Leadership portfolio and a new Leadership website. We are in the process of seeking a major grant to accelerate the initiative.

Will town halls concerning Georgia Tech developments be available for communication in the future?
Although there are no plans for regular town hall meetings, there are numerous communications vehicles we use to inform our community of developments. One of these is the State of the Institute Address and this follow-up to the questions that are asked. In addition, there are a number of other information channels available to Tech students, alumni, faculty and staff, including the Technique, the Whistle, various alumni publications and the new Georgia Tech home page. The latter is updated daily and provides an avenue for comments and inquiries about the items that are posted.

Are you going to encourage more problem-based learning courses outside the BME major?
I am delighted that our new undergraduate program in biomedical engineering incorporates the “problem-based learning” (PBL) approach into the first- and second-year curriculum. In their first two courses in the major students have a chance to work in teams to develop their problem-solving skills. The PBL approach is very labor-intensive and would be difficult to introduce in all majors, but I certainly encourage all schools and colleges to incorporate the basic concept of PBL into the front end of their curricula. I’m pleased to see that this is already happening in a number of situations, such as the sophomore design course in Mechanical Engineering.

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So what are students to do in the meantime?
“We don’t want people not to work out,” said Stanphill. “What we want to do is offer students alternatives.” Stanphill’s office is currently preparing a brochure that provides details about other options that will be available.

According to Stanphill, the Athletic Association and the Barbell Club have agreed to open up some of their exercise facilities to all students. Additionally, dressing rooms will be available at the Tennis Center and Georgia State University has agreed to allow Georgia Tech students to use its swimming pool. Administrators are now trying to set up a shuttle service to GSU facilities. Indoor basketball courts will also be available in O’Keefe Gym. Intramurals will be unaffected because the SAC field will still be available.

“Everything we have inside [SAC], we’re going to try to provide somewhere else on campus, or at Georgia State,” said Stanphill.

Because alternative spaces will be available, the Student Activity Fee students pay will remain unchanged.

“We’re still going to have to hire workers for these new places,” said Stanphill.

About 2,000 people use SAC everyday during Fall and Spring semesters, but the number drops substantially during the summer.

“Summer is kind of a slack time,” said Stanphill. “Most people want to be outdoors. I think we’ve picked a good time, when we inconvenience the fewest number of people.”

Construction work on SAC II began with a groundbreaking ceremony in Nov. 2001. Phase I will replace the Callaway building in July 2003. The new building will completely enclose the 1996 Olympic swimming pool and diving well.

A floor of activity spaces built over the pool will house six basketball courts, three multipurpose exercise rooms, an auxiliary gym, a four-lane running track and spaces for cardio equipment.

After the Callaway building is demolished sometime in Fall 2003, Phase II of SAC II will be built on the site. This section will house four racquetball courts, a squash court, a climbing wall, and a 14,000 square-foot fitness center. The Bubble Pool will be converted to an indoor leisure pool complete with a waterslide and a hot tub. Phase II should be completed by Fall 2004.

A multilevel parking deck for 500 to 600 cars will also be built between SAC II and the SAC field. The entire project will cost about $44 million.
JFC policy prohibits the funding of fundraisers. JFC chairman Chris Webb also had concerns with the amount of the Tech community that would actually be attending.

“I’m not sure if 80 percent of the audience would be from the Tech community as predicted,” said Webb. “And if 50 percent of those attending are not from Tech, we would be paying for those people to see the production with Student Fees.”

After debating the issue for nearly 20 minutes, a vote was called and the bill passed with little opposition. The most controversial issue presented at the senate meeting was a proposed resolution on possible military action in Iraq which urged “President Bush to not unilaterally or preemptively start a war with Iraq.”

However as soon as the bill was presented, Senator Kent Siebenack called that it be tabled to give the senators more time to discuss the issue with their constituents. Some senators did not agree with tabling the bill because that would “achieve nothing.” The tabling motion failed by a large majority.

Continuing the debate, Senator Dawn Rienhold and others asked questions about the exact wording of the resolution and weren’t sure if they could support it as written. Michaels suggested that the group first decide whom they wanted to support his resolution against military action in Iraq which urged “President Bush to not unilaterally or preemptively start a war with Iraq.”

Meyers felt the safety issues were important as well. “We recognized the safety concern and decided to make the policy official and communicate it to students,” said Meyers.

The areas that will be affected by the new policy are the B04 lot on the west side of the building and the A08 lot that surrounds the back and east sides. The lots will be open to anyone from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. and all day Saturdays and Sundays.

Most students like the new policy, but feel it is long overdue. “The fact that you can actually use the library services at anytime during the night without having to worry about walking across campus,” said third-year CS major Avinash Viswanathan.

However I think this should have been considered last year when the library expanded to 24 hours.”

Although some may feel that the new policy will be abused by weekend visitors, both May and Meyers feel that the benefits will outweigh any chance that this may happen.

“What we are doing is for the good of the entire student body and the ability this policy gives to students who have no permit is worth the risk of a few people taking advantage of it,” said Meyers.

Breaking the Bubble

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

Clock is ticking for Saddam Hussein

President George W. Bush warned Saddam Hussein Tuesday that “time is running out” for him to voluntarily disarm. Meanwhile, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld briefed Senators on Capitol Hill regarding American war plans. Chief United Nations weapons inspector Hans Blix is scheduled to report Jan. 27 to the UN Security Council on his inspections teams’ first 60 days in Iraq. More than 130,000 American troops have been deployed to the Persian Gulf region.

North Korea, United States send mixed messages

In what could be a major shift in policy, President Bush signaled that his administration would “reconsider” an aid package to North Korea if the nuclear reclusive nation stops purifying plutonium and uranium for the development of nuclear weapons. North Korea continued bellicose rhetoric against the US, despite ongoing talks with New Mexico governor and former UN ambassador Bill Richardson.

China, South Korea and Japan are all pushing for a peaceful resolution and for North Korea to stop producing nuclear weapons.

Newest Harry Potter novel arrives June 2003

The long-awaited fifth book in J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series, “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix,” is 768 pages long and contains a quarter of a million words, far outstripping the last “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.” The series brought in about $200 million in 2001 alone. “Order of the Phoenix” will be released June 21, almost three years after “Goblet of Fire.”

Gov. Perdue wants public referendum on flag

The first Republican governor in Georgia since Reconstruction was sworn in Monday. Sonny Perdue will likely keep a major campaign promise and urge the Georgia Legislature to allow a public referendum on the Georgia flag. The Legislature would not be legally bound to act on the vote. Perdue also released his budget for fiscal year 2004. The proposed budget would seek major increases of about $500 million in tobacco and liquor taxes as well a reduced homestead exemption, which would raise property taxes.
This summer’s closure of the Student Athletic Complex seems to be a divine act—or just bad luck; it is no one’s fault that asbestos was found in the buildings, forcing the restriction of student use of the building. At the same time, it seems strange that no one knew of the existence of the dangerous materials in the structure. Perhaps in the future it would be possible to be more prepared about the challenges that differ- ent construction sites will present before building begins. The benefits that the new SAC facility will bring to campus far outweigh any of the difficulties that this construction will cause to campus. The new Health Center, to be located near this facility, will be completed in February. The part of SAC that will be completed this summer will be reopened in the fall with facilities roughly equal to the old space while also including new equipment, including a more accessible indoor track. When the final facility is completed, Tech will have a higher quality and a higher quantity of recreational activities to offer its students.

Although we have found ourselves in a situation with no good solution, it does seem that Tech is attempting to make the best of it. While many alternate plans have been put forward, the administration’s major focus should now be on securing alternate plans that are as convenient as possible, while still offering most of the same options that SAC does. Using the Athletic Association, the O’Keefe Gym, the Barbell Club and the athletic facilities at Georgia State University are the best options. Hopefully, the administration will soon cement plans with all of these facilities.

Accessibility is a major issue, and if the Georgia State recreational facilities are utilized, administrators should either provide an efficient shuttle service or give students MARTA passes. If transportation services are not provided, then the student activity fee that pays for recreational activities should be optional—or at least reduced—as some students would find it too arduous to use the alternate facilities.

SAC Fields will be open for the summer, allowing intramu- ral sports to continue unabated. The planning for continuing as many student recreational activities as possible is hearten- ing, showing the Tech administration’s concern with helping students to be healthy and happy. The completion of this project, along with the many other construction projects around Tech, will result in a better quality of life for all Tech students. The minor inconveniences and problems we will all experience as a result of this construction will be worth it in the long run.

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OPINIONS

So long to summer SAC

College opinion on citizenship flawed

Quote of the week:
“ ‘For the first time in modern American legal history, a United States citizen is being denied basic citizenship rights.’

Sara Cames
Opinion Editor

By Matt Norris / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Contrary to popular belief, the government does not always have the authority to detain those captured while fighting for the enemy. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, which is one level below the Supreme Court, handed down a decision in a case against a US citizen who had been classified as an enemy combatant after being captured in Afghanistan. Yasser Hamdi, an American-born citizen, has been detained without access to a lawyer and without an explanation of the charges against him.

The court ruling this week found that his confinement was legal and that because of the “times of war,” citizens captured on fields of foreign conflict have no expectation of citizenship rights. The court did, however, graciously afford Hamdi a right to challenge “executive de- terminations that are alleged to be illegal” while also stating that it would be unlikely to ever evaluate the claims of such cases.

A citizen case may not seem instantly relevant or important to you, the implications of the decision this court made are staggering. For the first time in modern American legal history, a United States citizen is being denied basic citizenship rights during a trial for criminal behavior.

The irresponsibility of the Cir- cuit court in handing down this de- cision is overwhelming. Consider the constitutional reasoning that the courts use to justify their decisions: “The war powers thus invest ‘the Presi- dent, as Commander in Chief, with the power to wage war which Con- gress has declared, and to carry into effect … all laws defining and pun- ishing offences against the law of nations.’” The court goes on to clarify that “these powers include the authority to detain those cap- tured in armed struggle.” The first and most salient point I can think of the respond to this argument is, what war? The United States has yet to declare a war in any country since 1942.

Despite this vital and seemingly overlooked piece of information, I don’t believe that it would matter if the United States had declared war or not. No one can deny that the President and military officials have the right of the military to deprive US citizens of their Constitutional rights. Suddenly courts and our po- litical leaders are finding connec- tions between decreasing our personal freedoms and increasing security. I for one would like to see more proof behind that connection before I give up my rights to an attorney and a fair, open hearing.

The weight of the evidence that the government is using to hold this man is also disturbing. The only proof of this man’s “enemy com- batant” status that has been offered is a two page report from an assis- tant to the undersecretary of de- fense. The court stated in its opinion, “To inquire … whether Hamdi ac- tually fired his weapon is to demand evidence that Hamdi acted in a hostile manner, the court be- lieves that he does not even deserve a trial to determine the facts. What is the point of being a US citizen if basic rights are not protected? Once again, however, I must pro- test that it wouldn’t matter if the government had reams of evidence showing that Hamdi was planning a massive attack against the United States. Treating foreign terrorists, much less our own citizens, this way is appalling and disgraceful. There are other methods that could be used that would protect this man’s rights while still allowing the gov- ernment to protect this country. For instance, in what possible way could we use our national securi- ty by allowing this man access to a lawyer? There is no excuse for this type of flagrant dismissal of our guar- anteed rights. Changing someone in this situation with treason also seems like a more reasonable and fair option than treating them as an “enemy combatant.”

Imagine this scenario at Tech: you are in a student organization, and you are accused individually of a major violation of living regulations. Without any evidence against you, the Dean of Student Office expels you from Tech while sum- meringly closing off any option you have at appeal. You cannot talk to anyone at Tech or recruit any wit- nesses to give evidence on your in- nocence. Such treatment would be an outrage, and the situation only gets worse as it is moved on to a national stage. The circuit court should reconsider its decision in or- der to protect the rights of all Amer- icans and to preserve the liberties that set this country apart from the rest of the world.
I read with interest a series of In the tradition of the technique I dent Clough is advocating in his and administrators that Presi- of cooperation between students is a definite example of the sort President Clough worked with. Triggered by student requests, the tem might work. For example, at Georgia Tech, several of which called for enhanced communi- cations between Tech students and the administration. Any suggestions for creating a more in- formed and positive dialogue are encour- aging, and I am ready to do what- ever is needed to make things better. From the students’ perspec- tive, “the Hill” can sometimes be inaccessible. There is an urgent need for better communica- tion. The administration also wrestles with how to best communicate with the 16,000 very busy and engaged students. Frustration can arise from both sides. Yet, I would suggest that the editorial comments—and the average student—underestimate the ability for student voices to be heard. For starters, we listen carefully to Student Government representatives, both through Lee Wilcox, Vice President for Stu- dent Affairs, and Bob McMath, Vice Pro- vest for Undergrad- uate Studies, both of whom serve on my cabinet, as well as by direct contact. My senior administration and I are ready to discuss any issue. In addition, students actively serve on all major committees and help make deci- sions that touch Georgia Tech every day. These include stand- ing committees, search commit- tees for senior administrative positions, budget and fee com- mittees, parking and transpor- tation committees and planning

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Hot or Not

As mentioned in the last issue of the Technique, there are many opportunities for individuals to participate in campus life. One such opportunity is the tradition of the Technique. In the tradition of the Technique, students can participate in campus life by writing articles and participating in discussions. The opportunity to share ideas and experiences is valuable for students and the campus community. The Technique offers a platform for students to express their views and engage in constructive dialogue. By participating in the Technique, students can contribute to the development of a more inclusive and vibrant campus culture. The Technique encourages open and respectful communication, fostering an environment of mutual learning and growth. Whether you are a student or a faculty member, there is something for everyone in the Technique. Join us in this important dialogue to enhance our collective understanding and promote a more connected and supportive campus experience.
Diversity more than skin pigment

In response to Ebonn Fenol’s letter in the last issue of the Technique, I would like to ask when did we get so wrapped up in group identities that we forget that going to school is about learning and growing? Because education is the most important part of the college experience, Tech needs the most qualified candidates to be teaching.

We should be colorblind in our approach to education, and all qualified candidates should be encouraged to apply for faculty positions. If the best candidates to impart knowledge and experience is a person with more pigment in his or her skin, then there should be no barrier to bringing the person into the fold. It is a fallacy that students cannot have role models outside of their own race. If this were the case, why has there been such a large increase in Indian, Oriental and Hispanic professors over the past 30 years?

And why do I, a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant (WASP) of Scottish decent, have role models of an Ecuadorian immigrant, a long-haired hippie and an Indian immigrant? Let us as Georgia Tech alumni or students take personal accountability for our actions and our futures.

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Professors are people, too; talk to them

As another semester begins, many of us are counting down days (or semesters) until our graduations. One column in the Technique is hardly enough space to share all of my acquired wisdom from nine semesters. However, I would like to think that I did one thing well. I wasn’t afraid to talk to my professors. I’m amazed that some students find this concept totally difficult. I agree that in a class of 300 students, finding time to talk to a professor is difficult. Many professors are starving for their students’ attention. Even if they can hold an audience during class time, the illusion dissolves the second the whistle blows.

During Dead Week, the mirage reappears, as students try to get last minute help or negotiate higher grades. Imagine your professors during the rest of the semester, sitting in their offices for hour after hour, waiting for students to arrive when none ever do. Students should almost feel guilty because of the way they go around neglecting their professors. Contrary to beliefs held by the “Tech is the shaft” school of thought, your profs are not out to get you. They actually like it when students pass their classes.

But dashing into a prof’s office for a three-second conversation won’t get you any benefits. Crying for a grade change after finals when you’ve been The Invisible Student all semester won’t help much, either.

Jennifer Hinkel
Classroom Controversies

“Meeting your professors will enrich your college experience and help you make good choices on the road to graduation.”

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Staff Columnist

The keys to getting to know a professor well are to choose someone who shares your interests and to visit their offices. Your profs are often not just teaching their classes that day; they’re going through their own lives. Have you ever tried to put together grad school applications or job references before you realize that you never met anyone who can provide these things. If you don’t know at least one prof in your department who shares your academic interests, make time to meet them before you’re pressed for time and applying for your PhD.

Knowing your professors will make you feel smarter. You’ll have more intellectual conversations and gain insight into class material that everyone else won’t be privy to.

Best of all, when your professors know you well, they will act as your advocates in the vast world of academia. If you let your profs know what projects you’re working on, they will point you in the direction of relevant journal articles and pertinent books. When an interesting job opening or scholarship opportunity arises, your name will come to mind. When you mention what classes you plan to take, they will gently advise and offer suggestions on courses and professors to help your academic plans. (In other words, you’ll get shafted less.) If you maintain good relationships with your profs after graduation, you will always have a resource to call upon, whether you’re going back to graduate school or switching jobs.

Meeting your professors will enrich your college experience and help you make good choices on the road to graduation. Professors are an integral part of the support group students need to reach full collegiate potential. Like academic parents in the often confusing world of Tech, they can guide you through getting your degree. If you haven’t met any profs yet, the beginning of the semester is a great place to start.

Have you talked to a prof today?
Students craft robot, take on Virginia Tech in new battle of ‘bots

A group of students compete against a team from Virginia Tech in a new reality TV show, Robot Rivals.

By Jennifer Schur

Clough leads team teaching class on natural gas policy

A handpicked team of professionals is joining President Wayne Clough in the classroom this semester to teach a class for the School of Public Policy.

By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jackets defend home court

The Jackets ran the tables in ACC play this week, to beat both NC State and the Seminoles. These wins bring the team’s record to 2-1 in the ACC, and 8-5 overall.

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Not a day goes by that I don’t hear someone grumble “I hate this school!” or complain about Georgia Tech in some way. You always walk by at least one melancholy Tech student on the way to class.

It was refreshing to meet Clarke Collins.

Immediately I knew Collins was a different type of person. After a smiling Collins introduced himself at our interview, I said, “Pleased to meet you, Sir.”

“Don’t call me Sir,” he replied with a laugh. Collins was right, he’s not a “Sir,” just a normal college student. Well, almost normal.

Collins originally enrolled at Georgia Tech over forty years ago, in the fall of 1962, as a Chemical Engineering major. His dream was to attend the Air Force Academy, but he needed work on his math skills. One of his friends recommended Tech to Collins and so he decided to make the trip to Atlanta from his home in Alabama.

Atlanta was still a fledging city at the time. The perimeter did not exist yet and the connector had just opened. There was no interstate running through town.

When Collins came to Tech, he knew little about the school other than its status as an excellent engineering school. Tech’s campus was small in those days. The “hill” was the academic center of campus. All of Collins’s classes were along Cherry Street.

He was in the Air Force ROTC program. All students were required to enroll in the ROTC program because Tech was a government school.

Collins’s life as a student was not much different from many Tech guys’ lives today. He pledged Alpha Tau Omega with his friends. While he was attending the Institute, Collins supported himself by co-oping with NASA. He realized Chemical Engineering was not for him and made the popular major change to Industrial Engineering.

He met girls through fraternity mixers; most of the time the women were from local nursing schools or had gone to high school with fraternity brothers. He never once had a class with a female student (there were less than a 100 enrolled at the time).

In his third year, Collins had to leave school because his mother was having health problems and he wanted to support her. He transferred to Athens College with a 3.4 GPA from Tech.

While attending Athens College, Collins began a career with IBM. In 1966, he received a great shock when
he received a draft notification.

The draft for the Vietnam War was ongoing at this time and one of the rules was that anyone who was in school, but with four or more years of college completed, was eligible for the draft. Collins had more than four years of school because of his participation in the co-op program.

He appealed his induction to the local Selective Service Board on the basis that he was a full-time student.

While his appeal was pending, Collins joined the Army Reserves. He was stationed at Fort Gordon and Fort Benning. For over five years, Collins served in the Reserves, performing his duty requirement of two weekends of service a month.

At the same time, Collins entered an advanced management program at IBM. At 23, he was younger than most of the employees he supervised. IBM was an exciting company to work for then, Collins said, because it was going through a period of growth and was known for its personnel policies.

In the early 1970s, Collins tried to go back to school while working full time. His hectic schedule made finishing his degree difficult, therefore Collins decided to put his school plans on hold again.

After he retired from IBM, Collins joined an executive head hunter business with his wife.

Upon retiring again from the head hunter firm last year, Collins decided to place a call to Georgia Tech to find out the possibilities of returning to school to complete his degree. When he spoke to Jo McIver, the registrar, she encouraged Collins to return to Tech and gave him helpful advice.

At first Collins was hesitant due to his age. He wanted to make sure his 15-year-old daughter would not be embarrassed by the thought of having a father in college. His daughter gave him her approval, and Collins began the complicated process of coming back.

Collins had to petition for the “Make the most of all the great opportunities Tech has to offer.”

Clarke Collins
Management Major

Institute to waive the rule that credits are no longer valid after ten years. Once he received a waiver, the Institute determined which classes Collins would need to take after evaluating his transcripts.

When he enrolled last fall, Collins decided to change majors again and finish his degree in the College of Management. In reality, Collins is pursuing a degree in the area that he worked in for over 30 years.

Collins said that Yvette McDonald, Director of Undergraduate Programs in the College of Management, was very encouraging and helpful to him. With her help, Collins was able to determine what classes he would need. His previous course work had fulfilled most of his humanities, social sciences, and fine arts requirements.

He found the campus had changed greatly since he was a student. The campus is more spread out and it takes him longer to get to classes than it did in the past.

Also, when Collins was going to school, the classroom sizes were small, ranging from 20-30 people instead of the large lectures he sits in today. Additionally, Collins said the food facilities have greatly improved since his time here. He said Juniors was the only good option back then because the dining hall only had one selection at each meal.

Last fall, one of his required classes was Health. While many students complain about having to take Health, Collins enjoyed the class and its new perspective on the actions of his generation, in particular the hazardous effects of smoking.

In the 1960s, Collins said every classroom desk had an ash tray on it. Students would smoke during class. Cigarette companies passed out free samples in the dorm. All of this was before the Surgeon General’s report came out that warned against the dangers of smoking.

At the end of the fall semester, Collins proved that he could compete with his younger counterparts. He earned Faculty Honors with a 4.0 GPA.

Originally Collins had assumed that he would not be met with a warm welcome from his fellow students; however, he has been pleasantly surprised by the level of support his classmates have given him and he has not received any negative comments.

“T have been personally touched by the kindness and information that he shares with everyone around him. Everyone who has classes with him knows who he is because he adds so much to class discussions. But more than that, he has befriended us all, and he never treats us as if he is the superior adult; but, rather, he acts as if we are his equals,” said Suzannah Gill, a second year Management major who has had two classes with Collins.

While he has taken part in many on-campus activities, one thing that Collins has not enjoyed yet is sitting in the student section for the football games. Collins has not enjoyed yet is sitting in the student section for the football games. Collins said he doesn’t know if he’s ready to sit in the Swarm yet.

Last fall he went to games with his old fraternity brothers, who are all now prominent alumni. After this semester, Collins has 24 hours left to take, including the much-feared computer science class.

Although he worked at IBM during the days of punch card machines, Collins is nervous and hesitant about taking the class.

Even yet, Collins has nothing but optimism for his future. In addition to taking classes, he is starting a head hunter business with his wife, using the skills he’s learning in class. "Something I would say to all traditional students is to make the most of all the great opportunities Tech has to offer. Enjoy the sports activities, whether playing or watching, social activities and school activities but never lose sight of the reason why [you] are here, which is to get a first-rate education. The education will be with you and serve you long after the parties and games are forgotten," said Collins.
Robots

"Half the time the robots weren't actually running," laughed Schaeffer.

"We ran for like, a minute and a half," Howell said, "and then one of the robots ran out of batteries." The teams had to wait while the robot charged up, while the crew made sure that everything was just like it was before the breakdown occurred.

Despite everything that went wrong, the three still laugh about the experience.

"It'll be good to see the show," said Howell. "I can't wait. They have to make a story and a plot line, and I just know they're going to paint us as the team of conflict." The teams had to wait while one of the robots ran out of batteries.

"They've got a couple lines in there," said Howell, "where we started to break down a little bit when things weren't going the way they were supposed to. The camera guys would come on and be like, ‘Uh oh, it looks like there’s a little bit of problem on the Georgia Tech team!'"

Schaeffer added, "They came in and did a segment on how we weren't going to finish our robot," and we worried.

The three all conclude, however, that it was a good experience. "I've forgotten all the frustrating parts," Howell admitted. And when they do return in the summer to do it again, all three agree that next time, they'll definitely kick some robot butt.

Clough

"Jan is the heavy duty brain power," in the subject of natural gas regulation, Clough said, while Andrew Harris provided political perspective and experience to the class.

"The topic lends itself to a perfect and in-depth case study about what has transpired in this state in gas regulation and deregulation," Harris said.

"It provides political realities; it is a good case study in how regulation and public utility become very political," Richard Barke, Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College, balanced out the team as the scholar, "the formal public policy expert, the real teacher in the group," Clough said. All members of the team are excited about the opportunity to play a role in teaching this unique class.

"It's great working with [Clough] already," said Barke.

Richard Barke instructs a small group of students in their PUB 4901 class, which is being team-taught by President Clough, Andrew Harris, Jan Youtie and Barke. The class is investigating natural gas deregulation.
Tech Up Close

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Winner of the Tech Up Close contest receives a Technique T-shirt and a coupon for a free student combo at Li’l Dino’s.

Last week’s answer: football field goal line
A Guy Thing

By Joseph Jeong
Contributing Writer

Title: A Guy Thing
Starring: Jason Lee, Julia Stiles, Selma Blair, James Brolin
Director: Chris Koch
Rating: PG-13
Score: 2.5 out of 5 stars

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars
Game: Xactika
By Jon Kaye

A new card game, Xactika, with 24 cards and three cubes, the same for cones, spheres with the numerical value seven. The person leading this hand chooses which suit to use. An example card might have one star, two cones, one cube and three spheres with the numerical value seven. The person leading this hand could lead with one star seven, two cone-seven, etc. The other players would have to follow with a one-star or two-cone card. The highest card in the lead suit wins.

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A forgotten film revisited: The Sting

Robert Redford (left) and Paul Newman (right) starred in the Oscar-winning film The Sting in 1973. The film won seven Academy Awards.

By Derek Haynes
Managing Editor

Title: The Sting (1973)
Starring: Robert Redford, Paul Newman, Robert Shaw
Director: George Roy Hill
Length: 129 minutes
Rating: PG

Think of combining the complex personality of Dennis Rodman with the silky-smooth finish of B.J. Elder and the result is The Sting, a twisting classic that doesn’t miss a note.

The Sting, which garnered seven Oscars in 1973 including Best Picture, single-handedly launched the popular Caper genre (think The Usual Suspects). The backdrop is Chicago in the 1930s; the plot is the big con. Johnny Hooker (Robert Redford) is looking for payback after the death of his friend. He looks to Henry Gondorff, a conman who was a major player on the big-con scene but has been laying low after a scam went bad. Gondorff agrees to help Hooker take down one of the most lethal businessmen of the 30s, Doyle Lonnegan (Robert Shaw).

The scam pulled off by Gondorff and Redford is complex; so complex that I wouldn’t recommend a large dinner beforehand. Luckily, the screen magnetism the two displayed in Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid keeps the movie from unraveling. The beauty of the film is that the evil Lonnegan isn’t the only one caught off guard; the viewer is usually just as surprised.

The plot that director George Roy Hill weaves with the film is amazingly smooth even with all the complexities; as with a real con a lot of things have to go perfect for the scheme to work. Even after many viewings, there don’t seem to be any holes in the story. Hill is also admired for his work in the film because The Sting didn’t just ride the coattails of Butch Cassidy, it defined a new type of film.

The Sting has arguably the best poker scene recorded on film with Gondorff and Lonnegan trying to out-cheat the other with thousands of dollars on the line. The scene, set in a train car, is one of the few scenes that doesn’t showcase the expert set design that won the Oscar for Best Art Direction-Set Decoration, choosing instead to focus on the energy created by Shaw and Newman.

“The community support is vital to us adhering to our core mission of ‘Serving your life…heart, mind, and soul,’” said Jackson. Jackson personally ran each focus group while Steiger took notes, and the production team was working hard. Steiger promised, to incorporate the groups’ suggestions into the show.

Jackson, Steiger, and the rest of Jackson’s production team—composed of talented minds from Disney, CNN, and other prestigious cable institutions—have also embarked on a talent search for the right host.

Specifically, the show will have two hosts, one male and one female, with Jackson as the male host until the market decides otherwise. Given that the show deals with women’s issues, both Jackson’s team and the target community have demanded that the female host meet more stringent requirements.

“We really want this woman to be the center of the show. We want her to have a presence. We’re looking for a classy type of look. Intellectual, but on your level still, real. Somebody you look up to but you still want to tell everything about your life to. A warm personality but someone that doesn’t get pushed around,” said Steiger.

The focus groups also debated the appropriate level of attraction and age of the female host (Jackson is currently looking for someone in her thirties or older), although her race or ethnicity was considered unimportant.

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Sense of humor is another essential quality, since Jackson wants to engage in witty banter with his co-host throughout the show. Jackson’s team has been looking far and wide for the right host, flying in women from as far as Los Angeles.

After filming the pilot episode on December 14, Jackson will present the taping before studios around Atlanta. If he negotiates a contract with one of them, he will move the show’s location from the restaurant downtown he used for taping to a professional sound stage, where he can start filming more regularly and push for national syndication of the show.

Between the enthusiastic reaction of Cafe Central’s target audience and the show’s aim to fill a niche that no other talk show currently does, the future of the show looks optimistic. Jackson hopes that the show will achieve the same recognition for Atlanta that Oprah has for Chicago.

“I literally came to Atlanta with a dream, stood on the highest rooftop and announced my vision for more positive TV that ‘intellectual-ity enters into’, and the response has been unbelievable,” said Jackson.

“This show is being developed from the voices of the community.”

This article was originally scheduled to run in November 2002, so there may be some discrepancies and out-of-date information.

For more information on the show, check out the show’s web site at www.cafecentraltv.com.
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1/20 Ransom/Suburban Love Junkies
1/22 Paytan/Copeland/Robert Burns Band
1/23 Jerry Joseph/Blu Marrot
1/25 The Drells/Pet Rocks
1/27 Spiraling/’The Lackies

Game
Xactika is for 2-10 players. For review, I played in groups of two and four, even including the Applied Mathematics Ph.D. Student, and the game was fun both ways. Nonetheless, it was far more enjoyable in the groups of four. Larger groups are preferable because the game involves competitive bidding to disadvantage your opponents. Additional players complicate bidding to add intrigue to the game. All in all, Xactika is a great diversion. It is simple to learn, yet requires enough strategy to keep the interest of those who want a more complex card game. This one is a must have for any card fanatic.

By Joey Katzen
Staff Writer

Across
1. Hare inducement
7. Summa’s subordinate
12. Scottish hats
16. Operatic form
17. Nazi craft
18. Blind strip
19. Sheriff’s assistant
20. Chaucer leader
21. Zeus’ partner
22. 4th-year’s ailment, elsewhere
24. He has said, to Brutus
25. If twice, it’s a revolution (arcade game)
26. Calm
27. Scarborough Fair space
30. Quarrel
34. Breakfast Club actor Estevez
37. Felt a throbbing pain
38. Used Kazaa, some suggest
40. Pennsylvania college,____ Mar
41. Rows
45. Umpire remark
48. Miami’s 2002 outcome
49. Reject
50. Falls with oxygen
51. Red Badge of Courage penner
52. Illustrate
53. Attends the phantom’s ball
54. Tennis do-overs
56. Loves, to Pierre
61. Back fin
64. Team Buzz giveaway
65. Time of walking across the stage
70. “I am miserable”
71. Courtroom excuse
72. Insignificant
74. Chinese restaurant candy
75. Musical medley
76. Keep caged
77. Devours
78. Swimming competitions
79. Forbade the mention of
Down
1. Engineering tool
2. War god
3. Due to be plucked
4. Repetitious verses
5. Sponge pores
6. Christmas berry
7. Toni Collette film: ______’s Wedding
8. Aid and____
9. Chinese desert
10. Snatches
11. Consumed
12. Team Buzz giveaway
13. British actor Sayle
14. Dolphins Dan
15. Island borough
16. Victor Radio acquire
24. Not living
26. Odorous
27. Flower leaf
28. Acid of life
29. Jeer
31. Forbade the mention of
32. Troupe
33. Drinking horns
35. O.J. Judge
36. Works of art (fr.)
37. Depression
41. Clergy office
42. Fasten again
43. Construct a skyscraper
44. Germany and Berlin sectors, once
46. Sicilian mount
47. Exit
51. Sidewalk edge
53. Puccini opus, with Butterfly
54. Flyer Earheart
55. Voiced sound
56. Crusades
57. Circular currents
58. French coin
62. Hotel prices, by the night usually
63. Short amount of time
65. Choral group
66. Break
67. Edge on
68. Indescribably stone
69. Derby win margin
71. ______ & Hammer
73. Atlanta entrepreneur Turner

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Thai food served up with atmosphere

By Julia Trapold
Entertainment Editor

Name: Jitlada Thai Restaurant
Address: 2329 Cheshire Bridge
Phone: (404) 728-9040
Price: $ - $$
Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

On an evening out with the girls to see a movie at Tara Cinema, we arrived early and were starving. Luckily for us, there were three restaurants in the plaza next door: a French restaurant, a Thai restaurant and an Ethiopian restaurant. We chose the Thai restaurant.

After we walked in, we felt a little underdressed in our jeans and sweaters. The restaurant is extravagantly decorated with various Asian decor. It seemed very fancy to us, considering the places we normally dine at. But no one seemed to mind our attire, and we were seated quickly.

The menu consisted of your basic Thai and Asian specialties: various curry chicken, noodle, and rice dishes. I ordered the Pad See-U (a noodle dish), and my friend ordered Panang curry chicken.

Our food arrived within ten minutes, and one of the entrees was served in a dish that looked like a banana tree leaf, which we thought was pretty cool.

The food was delicious—it definitely satisfied my odd craving for noodles. They used wide flat noodles, which were different from the standard skinny rice noodles I am used to. But they were equally tasty.

My friend enjoyed her curry chicken, and she said it wasn’t too spicy. Overall, I enjoyed the restaurant. The decorations were great—I would like to have some of them for my house. The food was very filling and also affordable.

The only complaint is that the restaurant seemed to be short on waiters and waitresses. We were not offered refills on our drinks until we were finished eating, and we had to flag someone down to get our check. But when we were dealing with our waitress, she was very friendly.

Despite my small complaint, I would definitely recommend this restaurant to anyone who likes Thai food. It’s a little far from Tech’s campus, but if you’re out shopping at Lenox or going to a movie at Tara, stop by for a bite to eat.
FrEsmHMen by Billy Aslaner (THANKS TO MATT DOWN THE HALL FOR HELPING ME OUT)

STEVE 63: HEY MAN, DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THE HOMEWORK WAS FOR OUR MATH CLASS?

CHEESEMAN 32: NO, BUT I HAVE IT WRITTEN DOWN IN MY NOTEBOOK.
STEVE 63: WELL, COULD YOU LOOK IN IT AND TELL ME WHAT THE ASSIGNMENT WAS?

CHEESEMAN 32: DO IT YOURSELF! IT'S CLOSER TO YOU ANYWAY!
STEVE 63: YOU LAZY BUM...

Original Comic FrEsmHMen

sliver box
www.nique.net/sliver

Not even a week goes by and she already is back with the guy she was going out with before me...shenanigans I tells ya

Crap 3 points from a B in calc 2. Looks like I go through another round of hell for a B known as a final

Argh. UGA students scouting the neighborhood for AJC subscriptions.

Wow 3.71 GPA and I am on academic suspension, gotta love this stupid school

Wow, lots of hype surrounding UGA's bowl game and not a damned thing about Georgia sucky ass Tech

Cyberbuzz's website may give power to the students, but I think it's powered by gerbils. Why do some pages take forever to load, others simply fail?

That B e a s tly R o o t has such a cute butt, I'd do him anytime.

Thanks for my Cookies :)

Wow, the Atlanta Vicks won a playoff game...I'm cold

Girlfriend dumped me for a Star wars guy. It's like she dumped me for a Georgia Tech student

muuuhahahaha

wow, calc 3 is way easier than calc 2

Say uh yeah when I said, "we would be having dinner," I meant we would be having sex. When I said, "and a movie," I meant that I would be taping it

Braves had a good run, all good things must come to an end...especially when you trade your best pitcher for a minor league catcher

can you get a medical redshirt for c league intramurals?
Two Bits

Well folks, we’re back for another exciting semester of work at Georgia Tech. If you’re like me, you typically find out about two weeks after drop day that the term is going to involve a lot more work than you bargained for.

As my favorite crafty criminal, Martha Stewart, would point out, this is a bad thing. Fortunately, this is turning out to be a very lucky term. Unlike most semesters, my professors have graciously pointed out in the very first week that this spring is going to kick me in the buttocks. Aren’t the professors here wonderful?

So, with this exciting news, I get to prepare for the joys of fifteen weeks of pure hell. That being said, I feel that I should devote this issue of Two Bits to surviving the agony of 2003. With my step by step approach, you too can get that 2.0 GPA that you’ve always desired.

The first step to just squeaking by is to get a ’good night’s sleep.’ Sure, people always tell you that you should get a “good night’s sleep,” but that’s a bunch of hooey. Time you spend squashed into your pillow is time that you could otherwise spend doing meaningful things like sorting your enormous collection of Pez dispensers or walking around campus dropping miscellaneous objects into the beds of strangers’ pickups.

Those less resourceful than you will be wasting time dreaming at 3:30 a.m., but your commitment to mediocrity will bring a smile to someone’s face when they go outside to find a six-pack, a harmonica, or the complete unabridged works of Dr. Seuss sitting in their ride. Those who yearn for that doubtfully attainable 4.0 don’t give a rat’s pa-toot about bringing joy to others, but your forced insomnia is a rare form of heroism.

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Secondly, take some notes in class. Why not listen to the professor, odds are better that he’ll take notes if he can just copy yours right off the desk. If you were selfish enough to use a ballpoint pen, none of the professor’s eloquent statements would bleed through your paper, and Mr. or Ms. 1.6 would be stuck sans notes. Be advised that you should only take notes in permanent marker. The administration frowns on your writing test answers on the desk in marker. They might actual-ly reuse that test when the 1.6 student retakes the class, and that would make both of you look bad. Looking bad is also a bad thing.

In addition to those ideas, I suggest that you only use your cell phone to log onto AIM in non-major classes. Since I believe in academic prudence, I only check my email and use AIM during the one elective I have this semester. Clever, huh? Likewise, for those of you geek types who have the latest in browser technology on your phone, make it a point to save your porn browsing for after class. You don’t want the nude Internet population to make you one of the—dreaded 1.4 crowd! I think that if you follow my three easy steps, you can get the 2.0 that you’ve always desired. Until I get completely burnt out this se-mester and throw myself to the sea, this is the Two Bits Man wishing you good luck on fulfilling all of your academic dreams.

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Lady Jackets suffer tight loss to No. 1 Duke Blue Devils

By Finny Turner
Contributing Writer

In front of an atypically large crowd of 3,592 in Alexander Memorial Coliseum, the Lady Jackets fell to 11-4 and 0-3 in the ACC, after a hard fought battle to No. 1 Duke Blue Devils.

The Lady Jackets hit on three three-point field goals, with six blocked shots and 11 turnovers. The game was tied 11 times with 13 lead changes.

Fallon Stokes led the Yellow Jackets with 21 points and Megan Isom scored 13. However, Stokes and Isom were the only two players in double figures for Georgia Tech. The duo combined for four of 18 field goals in the final half of play.

All five Duke starters scored at least 10 points a piece. At the half, the Jackets had the lead at 35-36 and held on until Duke’s Alana Beard, a national player of the year candidate, had a spurt of energy early in the second half.

Beard, who only scored two foul shots, missing all six of her attempted field goals in the first half, came back in the end and scored 19 for the night. Tech’s second-leading scorer for the evening commented, “We played hard as a team, but didn’t sustain for the long haul.”

Georgia Tech has lost 19 in a row to the Blue Devils who are on a winning streak of 27 ACC victories in a row and dropped to 0-5 against top-ranked teams.

“We’re getting there. For 37 minutes we were with them, and that’s improvement. I do not believe it was a 20 point game. But that’s what the scoreboard says.”

Agnus Berenato
Head Coach

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Junior forward Fallon Stokes scored a team-high of 21 points against Duke. Stokes ranks second in the ACC in scoring in conference games.
Beyond the White and Gold

Make it or break it: New year, new start, new body... Can it really be done?

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

Ah, January, the month of new beginnings and resolutions. A time for turning over all of those new leaves. For finally getting on that road to becoming the great and wonderful person we all meant to become but never got around to.

We’re two weeks into the new year, and I bet 90 percent of those resolutions have already fallen by the wayside. Smokers are back to smoking. Drinkers are back to drinking. The disorganized are back to losing things. The overweight have already stopped working out and have healed their guilt with comfort foods. Well, not all of them.

This overweight guy actually started his program last year, and I am happy to report I am still going strong. Heck, I’ve beaten cigarettes, and I’ve defeated the bottle. Why can’t I be as happy? I’ve beaten cigarettes, and I’ve defeated the bottle. Why can’t I be as happy as they are? I’ve defeated the bottle.

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The big thing is recognizing that it’s not just about running a few laps, lifting a few weights and eating a few carrots. It’s about lifestyle change.

That’s evolution, baby, and that’s not something you suddenly wake up and do on January 1. It takes time, and it takes help. It takes a village to do anything these days.

My parents have helped by keeping my fridge stocked with healthy food that I could prepare for myself. Ah, the joys of microwave cooking.

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My trainer is a psychotic Polish guy who makes bad jokes and never lets anyone perform less than their best or he’ll give them hell. Basically, Wojcik’s a lot like me, only strong and healthy. I joined the Barbell Club, one of the best clubs on campus. It’s an old-school gym in the basement of O’Keefe. There are weights and machines everywhere. There’s also this smell. My guess is that it’s from fifty years of sweat. I love it. The place is like a big dungeon, and I hope to slay all the weights and machines and come out a big, strong hero.

I’ve lost twenty-five pounds in the last year. That’s net. There’ve been some setbacks, some bad days (ok, weeks) of fast food and ice cream.

Being a sports writer means free food at sporting events, hardly any of it healthy, and an open invitation to sit in one place for two to three hours at a time.

Heck, you can go to almost any Tech function and find yourself awash in a sea of pizza and sodas. Temptation is everywhere, my friends, everywhere.

What’s the point of all this? It’s simple really. You want to change yourself? Do it.

But get as much help as you can. Understand that you can’t change one part of you all at once. You have to change all of you over a long period of time.

And be prepared for setbacks. There will be failures, but that doesn’t mean that you should pack it in and give up. It’s a gradual process. You do a little bit every day, and one day you look up and realize you’re on the right road.

I’ve given up smoking. I’ve given up drinking like I used to. I’m giving up being unhealthy, overweight and sedentary. Now, if I could just find the things I love in this house! I give up!

By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

One of the biggest surprises of the weekend was the Crimson Tide’s defeat of the Tigers. Roll Tide! Roll Tide! Roll Tide! Roll Tide!

The Crimson Tide defeated the Tigers, 160-124. The Yellow Jackets women lost by 182-106. With the losses, the men are now 2-5 and the women are 3-4.

The Tech’s swimming and diving teams faced ACC rival Clemson and No. 19 Alabama at Emory’s Woodruff P.E. Center over the weekend.

SwimTeams

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Silicon Valley “Mud Bowl” disappoints

By Clark Nelson
Contributing Writer

Georgia Tech came into the third Silicon Valley Football Classic hoping to end the year on a high note; the outcome was far from that.

The Jackets turned the ball over seven times in a muddy, disappointing 30-21 loss in San Jose.

The Fresno State Bulldogs came into the game with an 8-5 record, finishing third in the Western Athletic Conference. Earlier in the week, they had lost five starters due to academics and only suited 45 for this bowl game.

Behind Rodney Davis’ 153 yards on the ground and a defensive touchdown, Fresno State chalked up their first bowl win in 10 years.

It was a disappointing day for Tech all the way around. In front of a sparse crowd of mostly Fresno fans, the Jackets needed to come out and play well after having a month off from their last game.

Fresno State kicked a field goal on their first drive, but Tech responded with a 35-yard pass from A.J. Suggs to Kerry Watkins to take a 7-3 first quarter lead. However, Suggs completed just 2 of 7 passes in the first half and threw an interception with 14 seconds left on a questionable coaching decision that gave Fresno a 13-6 halftime lead.

Redshirt Freshman Damarius Bilbo started the second half, but did not fare much better.

Bilbo led the Jackets to two touchdowns, but he also threw four interceptions. The Jackets were down 23-21 with three minutes to play on a fourth down and one to go, but a miscommunication between Bilbo and fellow freshmen Lekeldrick Bridges led to the sixth interception of the day for Tech.

Bilbo was ready to take the blame for the loss square on his own shoulders.

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GT Quarterback

“T’d be disappointed with the execution,” said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

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“I put the blame on myself. As a quarterback, you have to take the game and the blame. I take the blame for that one.”

“T’m disappointed with the execution,” said Head Coach Chan Gailey.

Obviously, you have to be able to stop the run and you have to be able to execute on offense, and we didn’t do either well.”

This game leaves many questions for Tech as they head into the off-season. The one to get the most attention will most likely be the quarterback position.

“You always remember your last game,” Offensive Coordinator Bill O’Brien said. “And obviously this game meant a lot to the [quarterback] situation.”

Gailey also went on to say that all starting jobs would be open this spring.

Bilbo struggled in his most significant action since early in the season, but he was limited to certain offensive sets by the coaching staff.

Fresno dominated the time of possession, holding the ball for 38 minutes.

A bright spot for Tech was the play of Jonathan “Freddie” Smith. Smith caught a 42-yard touchdown, ran seven times for 35 yards, and returned 4 punts for 59 yards.

Smith was filling in on punt returns for the injured Kelly Rhino.

The Jackets return 14 starters next season and also hope to get All-American Greg Gathers and speedster running back Tony Hollings back from injury.

Senior placekicker Luke Manget kicked three extra points, extending his streak to 160 consecutive PATs, but he finished his career one shy of the NCAA record.

Georgia Tech is now 20-11 all-time in bowl games. They came into the bowl game tied with Penn State for a .667 bowl winning percentage.
Finishing football for 2002

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

Tech lost to the other FSU 30-21 in front of about twenty people who probably asked for a refund. The Silicon Valley Classic was anything but classic.

I guess it was appropriate that Tech came out in all white for the first time since a 1994 loss to UGA. It was clearly time to lose to bulldogs wearing red.

The Jackets quickly became coated in a layer of mud and were unrecognizable by halftime. The seven turnovers, six by interception, jogged my memory.

7-6 was a disappointment, but there were flashes of life from the team this year. Maybe next year.

As I was getting ready to watch this year’s national title game, I couldn’t help but think about the 1986 Fiesta Bowl. Yes, that means I’m old and watch too much ESPN Classic.

Anyway, in that game, Miami came in with an air of invincibility and an overhyped quarterback. A defensive-minded, ball control team from the Midwest came in, stopped the run, forced the Hurricanes to pass the ball all night, and tricked Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde into five interceptions on their way to the national title.

Ohio State stole that blueprint from Penn State and won this year’s title in incredibly dramatic fashion. The Buckeyes were the kind of team that confounds experts every year. You look at their stats and watch them play and you have no idea why they never lose. Then, you realize that the one thing they do well is find ways to win, like the old Bill Parcells Giants.

The Atlanta Mike Vicks overachieved this season and were lucky to make the playoffs. Then, they went out and surprised everyone (including themselves)—be honest, fellows—and absolutely whipped the Green Bay Packers on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field.

Three things: the Packers had never lost a home playoff game, Brett Favre had never lost a game with the temperature below freezing, and tundra is by definition frozen so “frozen tundra” is redundant like “wet snow.”

Too bad the Mike Vicks crashed to earth in Philadelphia last week. It was a fun ride while it lasted, and I can only hope that they fire Dan Reeves, bring in a GM, a head coach and an offensive coordinator.

Oh, and that they make sure that they bring in three separate men to do to the three separate jobs.

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Bonus NFL prediction:
Eagles avenge their Super Bowl XVII loss at the hands of the Oakland Raiders, by the same score, 27-10.

Hey, I was a little Polish kid who loved to wear green. How could I not be a Ron Jaworski fan?