Katrina drives Tulane students to Tech

By Amanda Dugan

A group of 275 Tulane students and four staff members arrived at Tech Wednesday morning, seeking refuge after Hurricane Katrina devastated Tulane’s campus in New Orleans. “We are doing everything we can to make a very difficult situation more bearable as they are transitioning to different places,” said Richard Steele, director of the Student Center.

The students had been in transit since evacuate on Saturday. “Tulane anticipated the hurricane and their emergency plan has them evacuating resident students to Jackson University. About 500 Tulane students were transported to Jackson University on Saturday morning where they stayed in the gymnasium,” Steele said.

However, when Jackson University experienced a power outage and the airport closed the Tulane students were redirected to Tech and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. “They went two days with no power and no water. The conditions were tough. They had difficulty getting a bus,” Steele said.

Tulane students arrived at the Student Center at 5 a.m. Tech students and administration worked through the night and had pizza, beverages and snacks for them when they arrived.

Tech opened the CRC showers for the Tulane students and had an information desk on the second floor of the Student Center. “The number one thing they wanted to do is take a hot shower,” Steele said.

Marisol Vega-Holthaus, retail manager for the student center, worked at the information desk for part of the day. “We are here to help those in need. We’re doing everything possible we can to help them out. We have airport shuttles, bus runs, showers and food,” Vega-Holthaus said.

Meeting addresses post-storm options

A town hall meeting regarding resources available on campus for Tech students affected by Hurricane Katrina will take place Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 9 to 10 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building. The meeting will feature representatives from SGA, the Dean of Students office, the Counseling Center and Financial Aid. For more information, contact undergraduate student body president, David Andersen, at president@sga.gatech.edu or Counseling Center director, Rupert Perez, at rupertoperez@vps.gatech.edu.

SGA continues Six Flags ticket sales

SGA will continue to sell tickets for the top to Six Flags until Sept. 8 for $15. Tickets will also be available at the park on Sept. 9 for $25.

Parking is included with the purchase of a ticket, but a free shuttle bus is available with a ticket obtained one week before the event.

Over 5,000 students attended the event last year, and over 7,000 attended the event in 2005, its first year. The event marks the start of Ramblin’ Nights.

Pritchett accepts new position

Amy Pritchett, an associate professor in the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, was recently appointed to serve as David S. Lewis Associate Professor of Cognitive Engineering.

In her new position, Pritchett will be able to continue her study of methods and processes that assist human cognitive performance.

NASA presents Young with award

NASA recently presented John Young, an Aerospace Engineering graduate of 1952, with the Ambassador of Exploration award. This accolade honors the efforts taken by astronaut on the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions.

Young was the first to fly six times and launch seven times. He is the only NASA astronaut to have piloted four types of spacecraft.

His involvement in the Apollo 16 mission as commander marked one of his career highlights. It was his second trip to the moon. Young retired in 1984, having worked longer than any astronaut in NASA history.

Young served as chief of the NASA Astronaut Office for 13 years and as an associate director of the Johnson Space Center for eight years.

Student Center undergoes cosmetic changes

By Jameel Khan

As part of ongoing efforts to renovate all three floors in the Student Center, major changes are currently underway to improve the atmosphere on the first floor.

Improvements include new tile floors, textured walls, softer fabric, a newly located courtesy phone and information directory, upgraded electronics and new furniture. A large 61-inch LCD HD-TV will be installed into the wall behind the stairs.

“We are trying to ensure the same aesthetic look as the Student Center Commons while also creating a positive atmosphere for students,” said Rich Steele, director of the Student Center. The Commons area is a 50,000-square-foot expansion of the Student Center that opened last year.

Steel said this progress has led to an increase in the use of the facility. Hosting more than 7,000 events each year and a recorded traffic flow of 25,000 people on the first day of classes this year, Steele said the Student Center has become “the hub of student activity.” According to Steele, students want a school to be proud of, and along with his staff, he is working to ensure that changes to open Woodruff for the first time during the summer, and as a result we’ve had no reported cases of mold growth,” Morrison said.

The Sixth St. Apartments community is a 50,000-foot expansion of the Student Center that opened last year. The building recently underwent renovations.

Morrison also said that previous problems with mold growth in Woodruff have diminished since Housing opened the residence hall for the first time this year during the summer. “The decision was made this year to open Woodruff for the first time during the summer, and as a result we’ve had no reported cases of mold growth,” Morrison said.

By Michael Ikeda

The area around the stairs in the first floor of the Student Center is being renovated to look more like the Student Center Commons.

Mold welcomes 6th Street East residents

By Anthony Schmitz

Returning students found mold in their apartments in Sixth St. East during move-in, despite the building being cleaned and closed during the summer. “When I came in, I noticed dust-like residue all over the furniture. It didn’t take me long to realize that it was, in fact, mold,” said Tim Morin, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major.

Jamila Penn, a second-year Industrial Design major, found a similar problem in her room. “[Mold] was everywhere...all over the furniture, the chair, the footlocker and even the walls,” Penn said. Residence Life Director Dan Morrison said that rare environmental conditions might have contributed heavily to the mold problem.

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Morrison said. “This and the fact that the weather this summer has been unusually damp, produces conditions that are favorable for mold.”
An unidentified student reported a strong odor of propane gas in the commons lobby area at the Student Center around 4 p.m. Aug. 20. The Atlanta Fire Department was notified and a unit was dispatched. The unit investigated and discovered that a pilot light in Pandini’s was out. Once the pilot was relit, the odor dissipated.

A red SUV carrying five female passengers was stopped on 10th and Holly St. for driving with no headlights at 9:32 p.m. on Aug. 20. The driver was sweating profusely. The tag was checked and came back stolen out of Clayton County. She first told the officer the vehicle belonged to her aunt. The driver later confessed that she received the vehicle from a man she knew who offered to rent her the vehicle for $15. She was arrested for theft by receiving stolen property and giving false name and date of birth to law enforcement. A check on her real identity revealed that she was unlicensed and she was also charged for driving unlicensed. She was transported to Fulton County Jail and the other passengers were released.

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Hemphill Avenue and moved some things around. The resident stated that the outer door was locked prior to leaving and that the door was unlocked upon returning. The resident also mentioned that a roommate made a maintenance request about a mold problem and housing may have been in the apartment. Nothing was discovered missing.

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The first weekly assembly of this year’s Undergraduate House of Representatives, led by Saira Amir, passed all seven bills on its agenda. Five of the bills dealt with administrative matters. The meeting began with the process of appointing the newly appointed Undergraduate Judicial Cabinet, consisting of Chief Justice Kevin Flaherty and Justices Hrishik Goel, Jon-Michael Caldwell, Tim Monroe, Melvin Waldrop, Jr., Sean O’Rourke and Brandon Kearse.

Next, the house was sworn in, followed by the appointment of Joint Finance Committee Chair Micah Lucas. During this period, Amir initially proceeded to the next bill without swearering in the house, but quickly mended her error.

The first of two allocation bills, Joint Allocation to Student Government Association, allocated $6,000 from the capital outlay account to SGA for the server needed for the online ticketing system for men’s varsity basketball.

Amir said that the system had already received strong report. There was some discussion as to whether or not the system should ever have been provided in house. However, Amir said that OIT had concluded that going through the company Ticket Return was a strong option. Ticket Return, according to Andersen, has had success at other large schools.

The second of the allocation bills allocated $14,000 from the capital outlay account to Six Flags Night, a project hosted by SGA. Andersen concluded that going through the company was a strong option. Ticket Return, according to Andersen, has had success at other large schools.

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OIT offers students email aliases

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Beginning Oct. 3, students will have the option of creating email aliases in the form alias@gatech.edu.

Students will be able to change their aliases once during each semester. The aliases will not replace existing accounts; students will be able to receive emails sent to the newly created aliases as well as emails sent to the old accounts.

Beginning next year, OIT will issue account names in the format “gbudrell1” rather than the traditional “go” format. The office will also give email accounts to prospective students in the process of applying to Tech.

Systems Support Specialist Jason Belford said that accounts for currently enrolled students will not change; the alias will simply serve as “pointers” to student accounts.

Students will still log in to Spectrum, Oscar and Buzzport using the usernames and passwords from their current account. However, emails sent to addresses in either of the two aforementioned formats will be sent to the student’s Spectrum account.

The changes, according to OIT, were in response to complaints from both students and faculty. Not only did the office receive frequent complaints about the “go” format for e-mail addresses, but the issue of having different email addresses for different departments was also brought to OIT’s attention.

Many students have responded positively, although some expressed that they are content with their current email addresses.

Akhila Rajaram, a first-year Biology major, said that she finds the current format of Spectrum addresses strange. “I feel like right now, I am known only by a number,” Rajaram said.

Colleen Sherman, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major, said that the change was welcome but not required.

“It will be nice to have a more personal email address, but it’s not absolutely necessary,” Sherman said.

Raymond Wang, a second-year Industrial Engineering major, said, “It will be more user-friendly, but if you are trying to find a friend’s address, you can just look it up (on the directory).”

Michael Brandon, OIT director of Policy and Strategy, said, “For five years, we’ve been trying to figure out why and how to do this. We’ve had pressure from the campus to make this change for a long time.”

Special Projects Manager Bert Bee-Lindgren said that the process of creating an interface for users to create aliases was lengthy and difficult.

“The difficulty was that there were about twelve small to medium-sized issues, which resulted in a lot of work,” Bee-Lindgren said.

“The interface for changing the aliases had to be created and we had to work on our technical issues as well as issues related to rules and policies,” he said.

Ron Hutchins, associate vice provost for Research and Technology, said, “We have been discussing this plan for two and a half years and started the technical work a year ago.

It sounds like a simple thing, but there are a lot of complexities.”

When the system was originally created about twenty years ago, students were issued “go” accounts so that the system would be able to differentiate between students and faculty.

All related applications were built using this technique, and the process of updating the entire system, according to Hutchins, was cumbersome. This system was replaced last February.

Because of the numerous changes made to the user interface, OIT will replace the current password, gatech.edu website with passport, gatech.edu. The new interface will contain several new features. Users will be able to choose “nicknames” by which others can look them up in the online directory.

Users will also be able to choose whether or not to publish the newly created aliases in the online directories.

Brandon said the aim was to allow for self-service — to give users the ability to perform tasks at a remote location, rather than requiring them to make changes by visiting campus departments.

“There is a lot of nervousness when it comes to users picking their own email addresses,” Bee-Lindgren said.

Brandon said, “There are guidelines on how you can set up aliases. You cannot impersonate anybody, and you cannot choose an alias deemed inappropriate by others.”

Hutchins said that the original vision was to create more personal accounts that students would be able to use even after they graduated, or whenever they came back to Tech as graduate students, researchers or employees.

“Right now,” he said, “we are working on laying the groundwork to achieve that goal. (email accounts for alumni). We will continue to pursue it.”

Breaking the Bubble

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

Gas prices soar across United States, Georgia

Hurricane Katrina brought down two pipelines carrying gasoline and jet fuel to the eastern region of the United States, causing an enormous impact on already rising gasoline prices across the nation and the state.

In Metro Atlanta, prices on Wednesday were recorded as high as $4.75 per gallon according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Governor Sonny Perdue enacted an anti-gouging law on Wednesday evening in response to the rapidly rising prices at the pumps. The law prevents vendors from charging “unreasonable or egregious” prices, according to the AJC.

In a public announcement, Perdue told Georgians to remain calm, and limit travel.

“There is no reason to panic,” he said. “There is plenty of gas on the way. The only way we would have problems is if people rush out and try to hoard and try to accumulate gasoline they won’t need for a while.”

Suicide bomber rumor kills over 950 pilgrims

Rumors of a suicide bomber sparked a stampede of Shiites pilgrims as they were making their way across a bridge in northern Baghdad Wednesday.

More than 950 people died in the stampede, the bloodiest day of loss of life in Iraq since the American-led invasion in March 2003. A group of insurgents fired rockets and mortars at the pilgrims earlier in the day, killing at least seven people and wounding two dozen. Fear and anxiety mounted as shots of a suicide bomber emerged, causing the crowd to stampede across the bridge, breaking through its railings.

The majority of the dead were crushed in the crush, while others fell over the railings of the bridge and drowned in the Tigris River.

File sharing continues despite crackdowns

A new study, recently released by internet analysis company CacheLogic, reports that web users continue to swap files despite recent crackdowns on BitTorrent distribution sites. BitTorrent, a technology that allows for efficient distribution of files among multiple users, uses centralized servers to handle tracking of users.

These servers, targeted by lawsuits from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), have largely been taken down.

Furthermore, the MPAA has threatened lawsuits against individuals by using information gained from server logs of the distribution websites they were able to take down.

Rather than stopping file-sharing activity, CacheLogic reports that users simply shifted to using a different peer-to-peer application, eDonkey. According to the study, South Korea ranked as the nation with the most eDonkey users.
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system would be implemented with the online ticket ordering. Johnson responded that the current tentative plan was for a system that rewards patronage by allotting priority points to students who attend more games.

Several senators voiced reservations about this system, as they felt it would hurt graduate students who may not be able to go to more than one or two games.

Johnson said that the system was not yet finalized, however, and that a committee was being formed to discuss the issues.

Senator Ed Greco asked why this

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are made. The first floor renovation will last roughly eight weeks.

Despite the progress, several students complained about the inconveniences of inaccessible ATM machines.

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“Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers and Facilities Associate Vice President Chuck Rode are very generous and supportive for allocating money to improve student facilities,” Steele said.

A new courtesy phone and information directory will be installed directly across from the ATM machines.

Armstrong said that in the past, the location was inconvenient due to high traffic flow.

The entrance on the first floor will feature a more modern look, with matching tile-flooring and ceiling patterns.

Eventually, all the handrails on the stairs will be replaced to meet a life-safety code. Other possible improvements include new vending machines and pay phones for student accessibility.

After the first floor is completely renovated, the second phase of the project will begin in December on the second floor.

“The student center is often a good representation of how colleges treat their students,” Steele said.

By this time next year, he said, the entire renovation project should be completed.

“If there is improvement going on, it is definitely worth waiting for,” Sarolkar said.

Mold from page 1

plex is the second Housing building to have problems with mold growth this year. During the 2005 spring semester, local news station WGCL reported extensive mold growth on the walls and ceiling of a dorm room in Montag Hall. Housing cited the lack of a maintenance request as the reason for allowing the mold growth.

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Mold can accumulate very

quickly if conditions are right... sometimes even within twenty-four hours,” Morrison said.

“It’s a big challenge... There’s a lot of manpower that goes into cleaning and inspecting each building and we do our best to allocate the resources and people that we have. Fourth-year Aerospace Engineer-

ing major Lucas Garza found mold in his room. Housing responded to the problem quickly, but Garza was upset at the inconvenience and lack of thoroughness of the clean-

ing crew.

“When I went down to the Hous-

ing office, they told me to go online and fill out a maintenance request, but I didn’t want to hook up my computer... I didn’t want to touch anything,” Garza said.

“When they came in, they cleaned

for only twenty minutes... they got

most of it, but I had to spend thirty to forty-five minutes and use three bottles of Lysol to get all of it off the couch,”

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steps to reduce the problem.

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Most of the mold growth was in the second floor. After the first floor is completely

renovated, the second phase of the project will begin in December on the second floor.

The event is being supported by a

variety of organizations on campus, including Auxiliary Services and the Student Life Fund. The second passed bill appointed Micah Lucas to chair the Joint Finance Com-

mittee.
McGuire appointed Ivan Allen College Associate Dean

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Peter McGuire, a professor in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture, was appointed to serve as the Associate Dean in the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, effective Aug. 15.

McGuire joined the Tech faculty in 1973 and, along with teaching, has served in a variety of administrative positions over the course of his time here.

“I’ve been teaching here for 30 years and I’ve gotten to grow with the college,” he said.

One of his most recent accomplishments was the creation of the Computational Media degree, a joint effort with the College of Computing. He said he is looking to apply the lessons he learned in that endeavor to his new position.

“A lot of my teaching has been on the more technical side, so a big part of what I’m doing is trying to show if you are an engineer or scientist that your marketability and promotability are enhanced by the fact that you can understand how technology moves in the world,” McGuire said.

McGuire hopes to get more students into liberal arts minors.

“You end up with a person with a bigger view and who can see the big picture. That goes on a transcript and is very important,” he said.

“We need more professors. There is a growth plan. The key is finding the resources and finding the money,” he said.

McGuire also plans to invest resources in undergraduate research.

“As more resources become available, right along with that are ways to support the students who can work with them. We can start offering undergraduate scholarships and research,” he said.

His major goal is to help Ivan Allen College gain recognition both inside and outside Tech. “There are still a lot of people who don’t understand what we do. We have a terrific product. The key is to show it to people,” he said.

Richard Barke, the former Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College, will return to the Public Policy faculty.

By Charles Pray/STUDENT PUBLICATION

New Orleans evacuees Ling Yu, Mingquan Yan, and daughter, Junru Yan, watch the nightly news on a post office television.
Hurricane Help

As young adults in college, we walk around with a sense of invincibility. We are certain that there will be a tomorrow, and that tomorrow will be pretty much okay. We go on day-to-day without much thought to the instability that is life. However, natural disasters and other personal tragedies bring us to a sudden stop, a stop that makes us wonder at the fragility of our existence.

The gravitas of such a devastating event such as Hurricane Katrina is impossible for most of us to imagine. But for our guests from Tulane, it is very much a reality.

We at the Technique wish to extend the warmest sympathy to the refugees fleeing the destruction of Katrina, especially to the approximately 80 international students who will be staying with us for an extended period of time. Your resilience in the face of tragedy is inspirational to us.

To all Tulane students and faculty, we know that your future is precarious uncertain at the moment. There are many unknowns in the aftermath of the hurricane that may take a great amount of time to resolve. But we do know that your spirit is still strong, and that you will return to New Orleans and facilitate its rebuilding.

To the Tech community, we are particularly proud of the way volunteers came out in support of our peers from Tulane. The volunteer effort was successfully pulled together at the last minute, with no appointed leadership. But it was successful due to the willingness of our community to pull together in aid of those in need. Volunteers came together from all segments of Tech, from graduate students to Greeks. People came out of the woodwork, neither vying for distinction nor recognition, but for true service and community.

The volunteer corps worked from 1 a.m. Wednesday morning to prepare for the buses of Tulane students and stayed throughout the day, helping them get hot showers, food and rest. Perhaps it was the empathy we felt as fellow college students, or perhaps it was because many of us have friends and relatives from New Orleans. Regardless of its motivation the Tech community really pulled together. We showed that despite our many grumblings, we possess a strong community spirit.

Let us not forget the Tulane community as a whole, and especially our long-term guests, will need continued aid in the weeks and months to come as they embark on the long rebuilding process. We need to keep them in our thoughts and continue with the momentum developed this week in the aid effort. If you see a Tulane student looking lost on campus, take the time to introduce yourself and help them feel welcome.

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Study U.S. before going abroad

The recent wave of students who studied abroad this summer has returned home and has now readapted to life on campus. Those students return with suitcases full of souvenirs, a lifetime of memories and a hard drive full of pictures.

After talking to many of my own friends, I’ve heard one comment come up time and again: the people of other countries can’t stop asking about life in the United States.

The question I ask is this: Do most students have a comprehensive understanding of this country? Personally I answer no to that question. Just as people from the Atlanta area may be ignorant of what life is like in a small-town in the Midwest, it is an ignorant of most regional cultures around the country.

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The skirmishes I’ve seen between a friend from up-state New York and another friend from central Alabama highlight just how diverse the people of the United States are.

We live in a country that rivals the size of Europe and is renowned as being a melting pot of all cultures. For someone to learn all of the intricacies of the United States requires intense travel and instruction in an academic setting...two things that the study abroad programs do very well.

That is why I would like to see a new study abroad program created, not one that ships kids off to a different hemisphere, but one that indeed explores our own country.

The program would fit in well with the Office of International Educations (OIE) mission statement to advocate programs of study that prepare students to be globally competent.

Before students can truly understand another country, they must first understand their own. As Socrates implored, “Know thyself.”

I find it unacceptable that a student would cross the English Channel before crossing the Mississippi, that a student would explore the Swiss Alps without seeing the Colorado Rockies or that a student would walk the streets of Beijing without strolling through avenues of Washington D.C.

This new OIE program could be perfectly tailored to freshmen. After completing the first two semesters of college, most first-years aren’t comfortable spending the summer in a foreign land. But spending the summer months exploring the United States is a reasonable alternative.

Maybe the program’s motto would be, “See U.S. First.” The knowledge the students would gain of their own country with the “See U.S. First” program would substantially enhance the experience of later study abroad programs they attend.

This course load of the “See U.S. First” program could easily be tailored to the freshman curriculum. For English requirements, students could read Twain while traveling through the Mississippi Valley, Steinbeck while in California and so forth.

For history, students could be in Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Washington D.C. while learning about early American history.

Earth and Atmospheric Sciences classes could experience firsthand the climate and weather patterns they study in class.

For international students, the “See U.S. First” program would offer an excellent forum to see more of the United States than just the Atlanta area.

Upper level classes in geology, urban and regional economics and modern architecture, among others, could all be easily designed to a program that roams around the United States.

The “See U.S. First” program, like the counterparts in foreign countries, could partner with other universities to provide students places to stay. Also, just as OIE partners with local residents and hotels in other countries, a similar system could be implemented in the United States.

As for travel plans, Amtrak offers discounts for all students, and Delta could be a natural ally.

A United States study program would enhance the study abroad experience for each student, and it would help complete an international education at Tech, because discovering your own nation is a prerequisite for discovering another nation.
Media loses sight of responsible reporting

“"If journalists...took no risks to find the truth, there would be no reform, no social change.”
Haining Opinio

Cell policy merits change

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been the subject of heated debate,
and last week Iowa became a
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began an advertising campaign
in the Des Moines area on Aug.
25, criticizing Sen. Majority
Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who
recently announced his support
for expanded embryonic stem-
cell research. Frist has in the past
stood quite close to the Christian
right, but its members’ ingrati-
ty with the senator has attracted
a good issue to dissent on.
Frist, whose views usually align with those of President Bush, deviated from the presi-
dent’s stance on stem-cell research by adding his support, with some reser-
vations, to the Stem Cell
Research Enhancement Act of
2005, a bill that would provide
a needed expansion of federal
funding for embryonic stem-cell
research.

Embryonic stem cells, which
can develop into any kind of tis-
ue in the body, are important
to the research and treatment
of many diseases. Currently,
federal funds cannot be used
for research involving newly
destroyed embryos or the
creation of human embryos for
research purposes: Only the 78
stem-cell lines in existence on
Aug. 5, 2001, when Bush’s policy
went into force, are eligible, and
contamination has rendered them
limited usefulness in research
in any use at best. These restrictions
must be loosened if scientists are
to make any substantial progress
in research that may lead to treat-
ments for Parkinson’s disease,
diabetes, and a variety of heart
conditions. Federal funding is
needed to further this research,
because private funding cannot
do the job alone.

Private companies, such as

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pharmaceutical and biomedical corporations, are not restricted on the money they can provide for embryonic stem-cell research. However, this type of funding is rare, because private companies want to see immediate results and benefits of the research they fund. This is not possible with embryonic research, because it often takes years and years to make the kind of progress private companies want instantly. As a result, embryonic stem-cell research is left underfunded and its potential unrealized.

Despite the possibility of treatment for numerous diseases as a result of expanded embryonic stem-cell research, Bush has vowed to veto such a bill should it reach his desk. A veto would send the bill back to Congress, and two-thirds of both the House and Senate would need to vote in favor of the bill to override the veto. Should it come down to that vote, Democrats and Republicans will need to come together in order to enact legislation that will potentially help millions of Americans suffering from debilitating diseases.

Frist’s change of heart is a welcome development, and we hope that his leadership will help this bill become law. If scientists are to make the advancements needed in the treatment of such diseases as Parkinson’s, they are going to need appropriate funds. Without help from the federal government in supplying these funds, the benefits of embryonic stem-cell research may never be realized.
Tech student gives keynote speech at United Nations
Sejdefa Dozic addresses United Nations on 10th anniversary of Bosnian Genocide

Sejdefa Dozic, a second-year at the Institute detailed the experience of growing up in Srebrenica in front of the United Nations.

“Entering the United Nations is like entering a whole different country. It was ninety-five degrees in the shade, they didn’t have the passes for us and then we had to go through all the security stuff by the time we actually entered the UN we were all wiped out,” she said.

“The townspeople got together and the men and boys under a certain age were forced to head to safety. So by the time we actually entered the UN we were all wiped out,” she said.

“The Ambassador from Bosnia said to me, ‘Look at that young woman. She is the hope, she is the future of our country.’”

Marilyn Somers
GT Director of Living History

Looking toward new Vision for Islam and the West
A glance at complexities of integrating traditional Muslim values into modern society

Although focusing primarily upon the socioeconomic aspect of Islamic assimilation with the west also spoke about the cultural factors involved with the issues at hand. According to Rauf, incorporating

“The...community is now on the cutting edge of evolving something which we have to call an American Islamic identity,” Rauf said.

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This is U.N. pass given to Marilyn Somers in New York on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide.

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ever since she came to the United States and even before she came, I thought I knew her really well and yet at that moment I didn’t even begin to know the depth of her suffering that goes into her story.”

Dozic went back to Sarajevo to visit her mother, grandmother and brother after her U.N. speech but she was not prepared for what she found there. She was a national celebrity.

“The Ambassador from Bosnia said to me, ‘Look at that young woman. She is the hope; she is the future of our country. Someday she or someone like her will be President and that will be the only way there will be peace and forgiveness in my country,’ Somers said.”

That is a lot of responsibility to hang on a pair of shoulders, especially for someone so young.

Dozic, unlike many of the young-sters in Bosnia of her age group, wants to take all of her energy and focus it on positive things and making a difference in the world. She does not have any political intentions but she realizes now that everyone is watching her, and as Somers put it, “she had better make everyone proud of her.”

“I’m sure anyone that would hear the story would be proud of her for what she did,” Somers said.

Dozic chose Tech because of its technological focus and for someone whose first language is not English, traces her love of mathematics and sciences because of their similarity in all languages.

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When’s she not under the gun with classes, she’s fun and funny,” Somers said revealing a lighter side of Dozic.

“She is making a lot of personal sacrifices and certainly has a load on her back. But she stands up straight,” Somers said.

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The summer of MCATs, chopsticks and caffeine

By Uzma Ansari
Contributing Writer

Summer— a time when most students are able to breathe a breath of fresh air and escape from the confines of the day-to-day Georgia Tech grind.

Some of us had the privilege of studying abroad in exotic locals, while others worked summer jobs or decided to catch up on exciting infomercials while mooching off of parents.

However there were those seemingly unfortunate few, myself included, who stuck around for the summer semester.

While the rest of you were partying on different continents or watching endless episodes of "Saved by the Bell" and loudly singing about the religion or its adherents...with world events the way they are, it falls more on the shoulders of Muslims to dispel rumors and misunderstandings.

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"If we as a community try to understand where we're coming from than we might imagine," he said.

Various organizations around campus are taking this approach and are attempting to educate others on Islamic culture and customs.

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Other organizations such as the Pakistani Students Association also encourage this kind of education.

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Vast Muslim community.

Considering the size of the Muslim world, (over one billion people), and the fact that this is an ever-increasing number, this generalization is both ridiculous and dangerous.

Herein lies the problem: Who can non-Muslims turn to in order to better understand this seemingly confusing faith at Tech?

As INTA Grad student Vince Pedicino states, "At Georgia Tech, a lot of people know that we have Muslim students but know nothing about the religion or its adherents...with world events the way they are, it falls more on the shoulders of Muslims to dispel rumors and misunderstandings.

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Running with Bulls in Spain

By Jamal Ashraf
Contributing Writer

While studying abroad with the Oxford program in England, my friend Ben and I decided to take a weekend trip to Pamplona, Spain to attend the world-renowned San Fermin festival, otherwise known as Running with the Bulls.

The festival takes place every year from July 7 to 14 with the run starting each morning at 8 a.m. I went into the run knowing only a few of the basic principles.

The participants, consisting of mostly young men and a few brave women, run in front of bulls which are let out of a pen and led through the confusing streets of the city and into the local bull ring.

Half asleep and ready to pass out, we dragged ourselves off the bus and into the streets of Pamplona. To our amazement, there were thousands of people roaming the streets, like zombies, at 6 a.m. in the morning.

Logically, we followed the police officers thanks to my horrifying driving skills. Anti-climatistically, I did manage to make it to the test center in time and do the best I could during the test. I had been living with MCAT stress for months, and I was determined to make it to the test center in time. I was pretty calm at this point, not really realizing the significance of the event that was to come. Ben and I split a can of Red Bull to make sure we would be on our feet. The run was drawing closer and people in the streets could be seen stretching their muscles.

I said good luck to all the runners I had met and we went to go find our spot to begin the run. After arguing for a bit, we decided to start at the end of the first street before the first turn. We settled on this mainly so we could see the bulls come out of their pen at the bottom of the street and make their way up towards us. There was about five minutes until the first shot would be fired, which let everyone know that the bulls would be let out of the pen. Standing there looking down the street waiting for the shot to be fired I now started to think about the importance of what I was about to do.

The runners started chanting a traditional song; the mood was absolutely terrif. Seconds remained, and I said a short prayer under my breath, asking for the very least to be alive after the run. Crowds of people started to walk up the street, away from the pen, and then suddenly the first shot was fired. Everyone picked up their pace and were now jogging. Moments later the second shot was fired and I was waiting around to get an actual glimpse of the bulls that were now running.

People attempt to dodge raging bulls in Pamplona, Spain’s most exciting bull-running fiesta honoring a patron saint, San Fermin.

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in the street.

Seeing the rush of people pass me; I finally felt the fear that people spoke of, overpower me and I zoning out everyone around me. This was just between the bulls, the cobblestone streets, and me.

Before I knew it, I glimpsed the mammoth creatures everyone was running away from. I started in disbelief at the massive bulls as they ran along side me.

I couldn’t keep up with them and was blocked from running behind them with the heavy police barricade. This is done as the bulls are distracted by those running behind them, and they can turn around wreak havoc.

A horde of people started congregating near the blockade, some jumped the fence and left, and others just started to disperse in every direction. I was totally confused, but assumed it was over.

All of the sudden, hundreds of runners pushed up against the fence, crushing my knees against one of the planks, while a second herd of bulls just rammed through the crowd, creating panic and chaos everywhere.

The street was cordoned off, so where all of these people supposed to go?

Luckily, the gates were lifted, and the bulls and runners ran out. I jumped and started running behind them, no longer scared, but excited.

I made it out alive as the bulls were long gone. Soon, I heard the third shot go off, indicating that the bulls were now in the ring.

Avoiding being trampled, dodging the bulls at the precise moment, and basically evading death itself, all within a few minutes—what an adrenaline trip.

I discovered that bull running and Tech were pretty similar. Even though I survived the run, unscathed and fully intact, I can’t say I’d do it again. Atleast for sometime.
ENTERTAINMENT

Best in business gets back in game

Photo courtesy Twentieth Century Fox

By Eric Reid
Contribution Writer

In Transporter 2, Frank Martin (Jason Statham) is a driver by trade who becomes mixed up in an elaborate kidnapping plot involving a young boy named Jack, whom Frank has been driving to school for the last month.

On Frank’s last day of service he takes the boy to the doctor’s office. Upon following Martin realizes something is wrong at the office and manages to foil a kidnapping attempt.

For readers who have not seen the first movie, Martin, a mercenary, is more of a bodyguard than a “driver,” and is charged with the Jack’s security during transport.

Those who underestimate the plot, unnamed Martin in this movie tend to be incapacitated soon after.

Two tight scenes and a car chase later, the villains trap Martin and the boy and capture both of them. This result in Martin being wrongfully implicated in the kidnapping plot, causing problems for Martin because the boy’s father is a high-profile government drug enforcement official who is also worth over $100 million.

As a result he must pull double duty by saving the boy who he promised to protect and evade the police at the same time.

The viewer’s first impression of Martin comes in the form of his obsession with his car and his steely, “by-the-rules” demeanor. He initials Jack his three rules a person must follow upon entering a man’s car which include gripping the driver, keeping your feet off of the seat and buckling up.

The car itself is a beautiful black Audi A8. The growl of its W-12 engine made the car chase scenes that much more delightful.

Transporter 2 is an extremely entertaining movie and is so fast-paced that the frequent comic relief gives you a chance to realize that you’ve been holding your breath.

This movie is overpowered by its fantastically unbelievable action scenes and jaw-dropping fights.

The fact of the matter is that unrealistic is the operative word when it comes to Transporter 2.

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The Cave falls flat as horror thriller

By Uzma Ansari
Contribution Writer

The Cave

Morris Chestnut explores an underground cavern and finds much more than he expected, only in a very “hasn’t this movie been done before, and wasn’t it much better the first time?” sort of way.

The plot is predictable, moments meant to be dramatic are so ridiculous they end up humorous, and the acting is dry at its best.

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The only positive element worth mentioning is the role played by a mythical half-goblin/half-hu continuing from previous text...
Gilliam disappoints with lackluster Grimm

Heath Ledger and Matt Damon play the titular Brothers Grimm in Terry Gilliam’s new film reinterpreting the historical characters.

By Christina Cataldo
Contribution Writer

Terry Gilliam’s Brothers Grimm begins with a clear plot of a band of brothers attempting to destroy the evil spirits who have been wreaking havoc and murdering innocent children in a remote village, but soon, the plot spirals into a convoluted and incoherent combination of mystery, comedy, horror, adventure and love. While the premise of Brothers Grimm proves compelling, ultimately the execution fails, leaving the audience at once bored and utterly confused, as if left out of Gilliam’s inside jokes and quirky antics.

Gilliam’s oft misplaced attempts at comic relief cause confusion as to whether the film is truly a farce or to be taken seriously. Much of the humor used feels more immature and undeveloped than well placed or amusing, highlighting the lack of comedic timing and chemistry within the cast.

Gilliam haphazardly throws in several hackneyed stock characters to provide comedic relief but, in doing so, discredits his abilities to understand people as a director. The main villain in the film, played by Peter Stormare, proves to be the most perplexing, yet one dimensionless of characters. Mainly Stormare’s character is a portrayal of the stereotypical bumbling villain with a ridiculous Italian accent. Mid-film, however, the character inexplicably, and with no apparent character motivation, transforms into a protagonist, leaving the audience with the sense of an ill-planned and chaotically illogical movie.

The lackluster cast, including the sad duo of Matt Damon and Heath Ledger, is practically painful to watch. The forced attempt at chemistry between Damon and Ledger only highlights the lack thereof.

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Monica Bellucci, as the mirror queen, turns in one of the top performances in an otherwise underwhelming The Brothers Grimm.
The Two Bits Man battles unruly roommates, towering trash heaps, local law enforcement

Over the summer, your very own Two Bits Man decided to stay on-campus and make lots of money by co-oping. Something the Professional Practice office doesn’t tell you about these jobs is how little work you have to do while being paid at least twice per hour what your burger-flipping friends from UGA make. That was the good part of the summer.

There was an unforeseen pitfall, though: my decision to go in for random roommates. In my infinite cynicism, I probably should have found three to five well-known but evil roommates. However, I went for the three to five unknown but still evil roommates, all in the hope of scoring one of the (comparatively) spacious apartments in which I could have an entire room all to myself, with no roommate who can’t be bothered get up from playing World Of Warcraft for more than ten minutes in a day. I mean, this guy didn’t even get up to bathe—he did it right there in the chair. My eyes still burn when I think about it. But I digress. These new roommates were interesting. At first they seemed reasonably worthy of my greatness—one even threw interesting parties, a quality sorely lacking here at Georgia Tech.

Then the faults came out, slowly but with great insidiousness. First, they stopped taking out the trash. In my wisdom, I tried not taking out the trash to discourage this. We had trash piled up almost to the ceiling balanced in a precarious pyramid of refuse before I finally gave in and took it out myself. Then they stopped washing the dishes. This, too, was disappointing, but tolerable.

Finally, the fruit fly infestation came. Those little buggers can make housing pretty miserable. They’re large enough for you to see them, but small enough to take away the joy of killing small animals, primarily because they’re so damn hard to swat.

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I never taught you anything. It gets worse though. Apparently one of those roommates had it in for me. This wasn’t pretty roommate hate, which is entirely normal, such as in the case of World of Warcraft Dude. That was a healthy amount of hate, especially after he wouldn’t share his beer.

No, this was the pure type of hate, the kind of hate that kills kittens, the kind that makes people buy SUVs and large trucks, the kind of hate that makes you blame video games for all the world’s ills. So, to all you haters out there, you’ve got nothing on this guy. This guy took vengeance issue with everything I did. He didn’t like the way that I said hello to his girlfriend. He didn’t like that I offered to take out his trash. He didn’t like that I offered him food. He didn’t like the fact that I used knives when I cooked.

He also lacked a sense of humor, which is not very good when you are the roommate of the illustrious Two Bits Man. Apparently, he thought it would be funny to call the cops on me because he didn’t care for me as a roommate. That’s right—the cops. Thus, today’s primary lesson: do not call the police on your roommate. I assure you that it will be very inconvenient for the roommate in question, and the cops usually aren’t too big on it either.

However, there are many other ways of dealing with out-of-line roommates; you could try talking to them, or asking for help from housing, but what’s the fun in that? There are plenty of more amusing ways to get even. Laxatives in his milk while he’s sleeping, paper over his door with the Technique and plenty of duct tape, anything involving hot sauce. A Google search will reveal plenty of creative ideas. Just don’t hold me responsible if anything unfortunate happens to you in return.

So if you, my loyal readers, were paying attention, you learned to pick your roommates, and then prank the annoying ones that slip through. If you weren’t paying attention, you’re going to prank your roommates anyway, just without that special Two Bits aplomb. Either way, you win.
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Martin’s car proves impermeable to any bullets, concrete walls, hard landings and even appears to be scratch resistant. This may prove to be a turn off to those who enjoy at least a little realism in their film—going experience.

One scene has Martin flip the car in an outrageous maneuver to save his own life from a villain’s bomb and another scene has him crash a jet ski onto a highway to jump onto a bus and catch a fleeing bad guy. All the while, Martin stays as immaculate as his car, keeping extra ouths and cell phones in storage compartments in his car.

“One aspect of the film that may make the film more accessible...is the low bodycount.”

Car buffs will not be disappointed, especially if you prefer cars of the European persuasion. The movie seems at first like one long commercial for Audi, but a visit to the Italian villain Gianni’s fantastic garage dispels that perception.

The final scene takes place in a twelve-cylinder Italian beauty but you have to see the movie to find out more.

One aspect of the film that may make the film more accessible to the general public is the low body count.

Dozens of people are beaten up and injured in this movie but very few die and the few deaths that occur are off-camera. This makes it much easier to enjoy.
ACROSS
1. Yearned
6. Staircase in Sorrento
11. Soft spots
16. In a docile way
17. Freightier’s route
19. Judaic writing
21. Ready to plow
22. Alchemist’s quest
23. He played Lawrence
24. SISTERS
27. Strips
28. Rich man in Rio
29. Job-seeker’s submission
30. “M.A.S.H.” surgeon
31. Nemesis
33. One of the media
36. Flinches, with “away”
38. Sleepytime mattresses
40. Like a racker
42. Twitches
43. Bill provider
46. Draft classification
48. Gardener
49. Salon creation
51. BROTHERS
58. Ties together
59. Reporter’s greeting
60. A Solo
61. Outback jumper
62. “Metamorphoses” poet
63. “Titanic” transmission
65. Tavern round, perhaps
67. Carrot, e.g.
68. McCourt memoir
69. Dolt
70. AUNTS
71. Saudi shipment
72. UNCLES
73. Recipe instruction
74. Bus. degrees
75. Bus. degree
76. Femur, e.g.
77. Bury
78. New day
79. The two
80. Fashion’s - Chanel
81. American rival
82. “Titanic” transmission
83. Way to digitize
84. Commuter’s option
85. City near Teapot Dome
86. Office-taker’s recitation
87. Long hike
88. Putin’s address
89. Malicious looks
90. Talk show guests
91. Mushie
93. Peed Piper’s quarry
97. Go wrong
98. Gore nameakes
99. Same: Lat.
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101. AUNTS
102. Commuter’s option
103. AUNTS
104. Essayist - Lamb
105. Office help
106. Home of the Bruins
107. “O’Hare to JFK” heading
108. Won in November
109. Won in November
110. Teamed up
111. Bothersome bedmate
112. Like some glasses
113. Photos
114. Give a spin to the facts
115. Separately
116. Weed

DOWN
1. FedEx delivery
2. Pictured mentally
3. Hubble targets
4. NYC harbor island
5. Textile worker
6. Table talk?
7. Gung-ho attitude
8. Winged
9. "Arsenic and Old -"
10. Over again
11. Milkman’s seat
12. Quaker product
13. Conformists go with it
14. Of a tiny parasite
15. Bemurches
16. St. Petersburg’s Bay
17. Juan Carlos’ kingdom
18. Tapering off
20. Aegian island
21. Wipes out
22. Sandwich order
23. The b in r.b.
25. Placeholder
26. Regretful one
27. Crucifix inscription
28. Ruin
29. Faithful sound
30. Pans for stir-fry
31. Pain
32. Monastery VIPs
33. Facts, but hardly useful
34. Philosophical system
35. Crucifix inscription
36. Filling for cracks
37. Spell, of sorts
38. Tribal symbols
39. Sudden movement
40. Office-taker’s recreation
41. “Novum organum” author
42. Lodge brother
43. Monastery VIPs
44. Amtrak, et al.
45. Philosopher’s system
46. Dos Equis
47. Naples neighbor
48. Ivan or Peter
49. Ivan or Peter
50. Held’s title
51. Like one sock
52. Yellowfin
53. Yellowfin
54. Not ours
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mentioning involves the sets. The majority of the movie takes place in shadowy caves that house underground rivers, lakes, unknown ominous creatures, etc. The darkness and mystery created via the sets produces a sense of anxiety in the viewer, just where the plot and acting fail to.

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I actually caught myself marveling at the aesthetic quality of the set design more so than following the story. With an increasing amount of violence in films, moviegoers are becoming more and more desensitized to gore, thus making it increasingly difficult to scare viewers.

Actress Lena Headey spelunks her way into poorly contrived horror in Sony Picture’s lackluster film, The Cave.

But sometimes it is possible to leave your brain at the door and simply enjoy the experience of the film. However with movies like The Cave, stopping all brain processes does not make the film any easier to sit through.

Generally, the film seems to aim at being a summer blockbuster. Because of this unfeasible goal of attracting all audiences, Gilliam forgets his true aim and creates a film that deviates in a million different directions, alienating audiences and proving both inappropriate for younger audiences and far too sophomoric for more mature viewers. He becomes too interested in pleasing all and ends up pleasing nobody, with an uninspired, convoluted, and disjointed film that truly is a chore to endure.

The audience is left wondering if either has ever acted before and with the sense that this is more of a high school production than a major motion picture. The acting feels both stilted and unrealistic, making it unclear as to whether Gilliam forgot to attend to directing his actors and became bogged down with the wayward story lines and gratuitous sets, or maybe he just forgot to think about character motivation while writing the screenplay.

The only saving grace of Brothers Grimm is Malena’s Monica Bellucci, who plays the dark yet enchantingly beautiful princess of centuries past. Her performance is at once realistic and intriguing, making her hard not to enjoy watching. As she manipulates and mesmerizes the protagonists into attending her evil means, she adds interest into an otherwise dull movie. All in all, though, no matter how amazing of a performance Bellucci gives, she cannot save the film on her own, as there were too many problems with the acting, the screenplay, and the directing.

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Exciting season looms for ballet

By Beth Dahl
Contributing Writer

Excitement runs high at the Atlanta Ballet as they prepare for the 2005-2006 season. Entering their seventy-sixth year, the ballet is the nation’s longest continually performing ballet and should not be taken for granted. The company consists of 21 members, six apprentices and 15 fellowships. During each demanding season the 27 female members wear out over 2,000 pairs of pointe shoes and this season should be no exception. The sheer dedication and focus present during rehearsals indicates this will be an amazing season that should not be missed.

The season kicks off with Carl Orff’s Carmina Burana. The inspiration for this popular work comes from 25 poems written by a group of ex-priests from the Middle Ages, the Goliards, about drinking, pleasure and gambling. Through this extravagant production the audience will be treated to the skill of the Michael O’Neal Singers. Carmina Burana will be performed from October 27-30 at the Fox Theatre.

This December the Atlanta Ballet’s classic Nutcracker creates a great outing for the holiday season. This 19th century Russian classic comes to life with over 200 young dancers and the talented Atlanta Ballet Orchestra. The dreams of a young girl materialize into a series of dances in which her nutcracker prince combats a giant rat king. The performance includes a Christmas tree that grows from 13 to 38 feet, eight tons of scenery and the eight-foot Rat King exploding from a furnace. Each imaginative scene is painted on a 300 pound canvas that stretches 50 feet tall and 70 feet wide. The scenery is complemented by the costume which includes a 75-pound gown made from 25 yards of fabric and the Nutcracker’s two-pound mask. The Nutcracker will play from December 9-30.

Set in Nagasaki at the end of the nineteenth century, Madame Butterfly chronicles the love between a U.S. Navy officer and a young Japanese girl....

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Navy officer and a young Japanese girl and the subsequent betrayal. Cio-Cio San, Madame Butterfly, is a geisha who marries Lieutenant Pinkerton and becomes devoted to his love for him. Even after Pinkerton deserts her and goes back to America she believes he will come back for her. Puccini’s masterpiece will play February 9-18. Premiering in April next year is Beauty and the Beast. This fairy tale chronicles the love between an enchanted prince. One disaster upon another leads Belle to be imprisoned with the Beast in a castle where she discovers who he truly is beneath his outward appearance and attitude. Beauty and the Beast will play April 6-9.

This year the Ballet is also making an effort to introduce ballet to the youth in Atlanta. Toy Castle and Peter and the Wolf are both aimed towards young children. Toy Castle is an educational ballet based upon a famous Canadian children’s series. Performed at the Cobo Center for school groups, the Atlanta Ballet is bringing their culture to the students in Gwinners County this September. Peter and the Wolf is a one-hour ballet designed for the family. Prokofiev’s tale of a young boy and his encounter with a wolf on his grandfather’s farm is a classic children’s tale. Peter and the Wolf will be playing at the Fox Theater on February 18 and 19.

The ballet is a great way to experience the culture available in the Atlanta area and without putting a big hole in your pocket. Starting this season it is now possible to get single tickets for a little as $10. By redesigning the pricing and seating structure even more ballet enthusiasts, especially poor college students, can enjoy the ballet. Tickets are available online (www.atlantaballet.com or www.ticketmaster.com), at the Fox Theatre Box Office, Ticketmaster outlets, and through Ticketmaster Arts Line (404-817-8700). The best seats will go early so make sure to mark your calendar and get your tickets as soon as possible.

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Thompson loses in second round

Tech graduate and golfer Nicholas Thompson lost to Davie Van der Walt of South Africa in the second round of the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship. After 15 holes of the 18 hole match, the two golfers were all square. Thompson bogeyed the 430-yard par-four 16th to give Van der Walt the one hole advantage.

Each golfer parred the par-three 17th, which made Van der Walt dormie going in to 18. Thompson and Van der Walt tied with bogeys on the last hole to give Van der Walt the 1-up victory in the match.

Van der Walt won his next match to advance to the quarterfinals, where he lost to the eventual champion Edoardo Molinari from Italy.

Last year Thompson advanced to the round of 16, which was the furthest a Tech student had advanced since 1997 when Matt Kuchar won the title.

Auburn rivals UGA as Tech foe

By Patrick Odneal

I didn’t believe it myself when I found out that there was once a day when Tech students actually rooted for Georgia.

Here’s the story. The year 1892 was the inaugural year for football in the Deep South. That season Tech’s entire season consisted of just three games that were played throughout the month of November. Tech lost all three.

Earlier that year, in the month of February, Auburn played Georgia, and Tech students showed up to root for Georgia. Then in November, Auburn beat Tech 26-0. So from the very beginning, Auburn and Tech were never on the same side.

That first Tech vs. Auburn game in 1892 was the beginning of a long and storied rivalry between the Jackets and the Tigers, a rivalry that few students today are aware ever existed.

By 1894 Tech and Georgia had developed “Clean Old-Fashioned Hate” for each other in football. (The baseball rivalry with UGA pre-dates the football rivalry). The Auburn and Georgia rivalry coupled with the Auburn and Tech rivalry would lay a foundation for many years of battle to come for the three teams.

The 1896 game between Auburn and Tech was highlighted by one of the most amazing acts of buffoonery I’ve ever heard of. It’s unfortunate that Tech students were the victims, but I applaud the Auburn students’ creativity.

Auburn students, the story goes, greased the railroad tracks the night before the Tech team train was due. The next morning, as the train tried to stop, it slid all the way through the city of Auburn and only stopped about five miles later. The Tech team had to walk back to Auburn, and Auburn won the game 45-0.

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Dennis Davis has been given a second chance at his senior season and is determined to make the most of it. Davis was ranked as the No. 14 cornerback in the nation out of high school, where he played on both sides of the ball. Whether it’s football, track or academics, Davis strives to make the most out of life.

After dislocating his right shoulder twice during last year’s Clemson game, Davis has been given a second shot at his senior season. Davis opted for surgery after the North Carolina game and was granted a medical hardship by the NCAA. “It means everything,” Davis said. “It was after the second game that I was mad at myself because I thought that I never was satisfied, he has never been. It meant that I didn’t do well enough. I didn’t win. Second in the ACC, was something that I never was satisfied with. I was mad at myself because I thought that I should have won the race if I would have run the race better.”

When Davis was at Edgewood Regional High School in Sicklerville, N.J., he won the state championship in the 100 meters, and he was also named the New Jersey sprinter of the year on two separate occasions. “As far as Georgia Tech is concerned, track is a second thing for me,” Davis said. “I wanted to run an outdoor season, but it’s conflicted with the spring. Anytime that it’s time for football I can’t run track because I’m on a football scholarship.”

Despite the experience of Coach Gailey and the rest of the coaching staff, Davis’s father remained concerned about whether his son would play this season, because the NCAA doesn’t make a ruling on medical hardship cases until all games have been completed. “I wasn’t really worried about it, but my dad was the one that was nervous,” Davis said. “He doesn’t calm down until he gets something on paper.”

In addition to being in his final season on the flats, Davis is also in his final semester as an undergraduate. He is currently taking his final five classes and is expected to graduate in December with a degree in Management. The players selected and voted on a motto for the upcoming season, “Team/Me” (pronounced, “Team over Me.”) The team unveiled the motto last Saturday at the Fan Photo Day.

Davis mentioned that the motto reflects a new mindset of the football team. “In the past years, we talked about being to this many straight bowls, but we’re not accepting that this year. We’re definitely trying to get to the National Championship and the ACC Championship,” he said.

“When you set your standards that high, then it becomes a team thing rather than an individual thing. It’s no longer about stats. Now it’s just about helping the team win.”

Dennis Davis
Senior cornerback

This isn’t high school where I have the season to dedicate to football and this to dedicate to track. I enjoy it almost as much as football. The football team opens their season tomorrow at Auburn. Davis, at cornerback, will be a part of the Jackets renowned defense. The last time the two teams met, Auburn didn’t score a touchdown.
them takes after an All-American that left in their own way but creating a new All-American at Georgia Tech at the same time.”

For 2005, Head Coach Bond Shymansky has brought in Tech volleyball’s most highly touted recruiting class in his three years as head coach.

This year’s freshman recruiting class includes six players: Laura DeMichelis, outside hitter from Aurora, Colorado; Allie Niekamp, who is slated to take over the setter role in her coming years at Tech; Callie Miller, a 6’1” middle blocker from Toledo; Michelle Kandell, libero and defensive specialist; Talisa Kellogg, a 6’1” outside hitter; and finally, walk-on Stephanie Robbins, who has gotten rave reviews from Laband in practice.

Commenting on the size of the recruiting class, Laband said, “It’s so much fun to be a part of that, and me helping them out is really just trying to make that ball perfect for them technique-wise so they can get good technical swings in every time, mainly since they’re all hitters.”

Part of Laband’s role on the team in practice is to act as a mentor to the younger players, which includes teaching the players who will replace her next season.

Niekamp could be Laband’s replacement a year from now. “She’s so much further along than I was my freshman year. She has perfect hands and I wish I had her hands.”

As one of two seniors on the squad, Laband assumes a leadership role with classmate Jennifer Randall, who Laband is happy to have anchoring the backline. “She started every single game since her freshmen year and she deserves more credit because I look to her and I’m like, ‘I need this ball. I need a perfect pass’. I’m always yelling ‘Serve, Jen, serve!’ She’s such a gamer and when she gets on the court, she’s always 100 percent focused.”

The team will open the season on the road in Arizona against three tough teams in Northwestern, Arizona and Winthrop, all teams that could jump out to an early lead on the young Tech squad.

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Lindsey Laband
Senior setter

Despite a team that is still developing a feel for game-like intensity, Laband feels that team chemistry is where it needs to be to compensate for the lack of experience on the team. “Having this love for the game and having this passion to go for every ball is the cornerstone of Georgia Tech volleyball. Bond talked about how there’s choices and there’s effort in practice. You’re going to choose to do something or you’re going to do it. ‘We just do it,’ Laband said. The success of the team in the past few years as shown the success of having such a mentality.

The Jackets home opener is Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. against George Washington.

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The Tigers are trying to continue a 15-game winning streak. The team will have to replace three members of their secondary as well as having to initiate a new quarterback in Brandon Cox. Cox was limited to mop-up duty last year behind Jason Campbell (below) and completed 22 of 34 passes for four touchdowns with two interceptions. This team is coming into the game after feeling slighted for the national championship game as well as being ranked lower than an undefeated team should.

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Tommy Tuberville
Auburn head coach speaking on quarterbacks

AUBURN VS. GEORGIA TECH
By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Four Key Questions

• Will Cox overcome injury and get into a rhythm at the helm of his Auburn offense?
  After being held out or limited in several practices this fall, the sophomore QB enters Saturday’s game as the starter. Cox almost had his playing career come to an end because of poor circulation problems in his throwing arm. The Auburn coaching staff has resorted to having him throw a Nerf ball between series to keep their quarterback’s arm from stiffening up.
  If Cox is able to find his rhythm early, the Jackets could be in for a long day. Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta must keep Cox off balance and make life difficult on the new quarterback. Auburn’s offensive line must play a solid game to keep Tech’s front from racking up some sacks, and not allowing Cox to get in a throwing rhythm.

• Can Tech hold on to an early lead for the entire game?
  An Achilles Heel for the Jackets has been the propensity to play not to lose once they get a lead on an opponent. Look no further than the Florida State game in 2003 and last year’s Thursday night Virginia Tech game. The Auburn squad, with a 15-game winning streak, knows how to play a complete four quarters.
  If the Jackets go up early, the offense must not become conservative, but instead do the same things that got them the lead initially. If the Jackets have a lead they need to be able to go in for the kill instead of relying on the defense to hold a lead.

• Who gains the advantage when one team’s strengths are another team’s weaknesses?
  Tech has an experienced quarterback in Reggie Ball and great receivers in Calvin Johnson and Damarious Bilbo, both with big-game experience. They will be facing three new starters in the Tiger’s secondary.
  Auburn has one of the best front seven lineups in the nation, but the Jackets have an inexperienced, though talented, offensive line. The Tigers must unveil a new quarterback and backfield against a seasoned Jacket defense that has been together for a few years.
  Auburn has the tallest defensive back in Calvin Johnson, who is six inches taller than Auburn’s tallest defensive back. With all the attention that will be on Calvin, another wide receiver must step up and take advantage of being under the radar screen. If no receiver does this, the Tigers will be able to concentrate solely on Johnson and will be able to win the game even with a young and inexperienced secondary.

• Will someone in Tech’s receiving corps step up and take advantage of Calvin Johnson being double teamed?
  Calvin Johnson will get his yards as he is around six inches taller than Auburn’s tallest defensive back. With all the attention that will be on Calvin, another wide receiver must step up and take advantage of being under the radar screen. If no receiver does this, the Tigers will be able to concentrate solely on Johnson and will be able to win the game even with a young and inexperienced secondary.

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Eye on the Tiger

Students can gather today to send off team.

The Jackets try to upset the Auburn Tigers, winners of their past 15 games, tomorrow night, under the lights, as both teams begin the 2005 football season. The team leaves today, and students are invited to gather by the north entrance to the stadium on Bobby Dodd Way, giving up Freshman Hill. The bus will leave at 3 p.m., and students are encouraged to start gathering at 2:30 p.m. See Football Preview, page 31.

Volleyball returns to action

Young team heads to Arizona to begin season.

By Vishal Patel
Staff Writer

Looking to start the season off on the right foot, the women's volleyball squad will open the season today away from home for the second straight season in a challenging tournament on the road. Last year, they came away without wins until returning to friendly confines of O’Keefe Gymnasium.

This year, looks to be different through the voice and hands of senior setter Lindsey Laband, who anchors a talented front line with returning starter Ulrike Stegemann, a sophomore middle hitter from Germany.

"It's different than any other year with so many people and different people playing different positions. We definitely intend to lay out the new face of Georgia Tech volleyball and definitely prove people wrong because a lot of people don't know anything and they don't really understand how we're going to do it again, I think that's the fun part," Laband said.

Laband doesn't talk about personal goals as individual ambitions. For her, personal goals are team goals. On the court, Laband concerns herself with leading the team vocally and making sure she's doing her job setting up the big kills for the front line.

This year's team is much different from last year's veteran squad led by All-Americans Lynette Moster and Lauren Sauer, who now plays a critical role on the women's basketball squad, as well as Jayme Gergen, who was recently hired as an assistant coach in Blacksburg for Virginia Tech. Losing such soon-to-be-legendary talent doesn't scare Laband, who banks on the combined talent of the underclassmen to come together to continue the success of Tech volleyball.

"I think they have the potential to create a new kind of All-American at Georgia Tech," said the star setter who led the nation in assists per game in her first full season last year and who also earned her first All-American honor.

The team can get back something different for what they bring to the table. Lynette (Moster) was really quiet but really focused and determined and made sure she got it done. Lauren (Sauer) was just so powerful and Jayme was quick and had a lot of heart. And that's one thing in that each player this year has something different and each of them is a star in their own right.

Sophomore Ulrike Stegemann goes for the spike in warm-ups. She returns as middle hitter for a young Tech team.

See V-ball, page 29.