Tech community mourns loss of Ivan Allen, Jr.

By Michael Handelman
Contributing Writer

Ivan Allen Jr., Tech graduate (B.S. Commerce, ’33) and former mayor of Atlanta, died July 2. Allen served as student body president from 1932-33, as well as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, the ANAK society, past president of the Alumni Association and recipient of the Georgia Tech Alumni Distinguished Service award. In 1990, the Ivan Allen College, was named in his legacy. Allen’s death came ten days after the death of former mayor Maynard Jackson, who served three terms as mayor of Atlanta.

While at Tech, Allen was active in student life; following discussions by the Board of Regents to move Tech’s School of Commerce to the University of Georgia, he rallied 490 students marching in protest. In a previous interview, Allen noted, “Georgia Tech has had a tremendous impact on the city of Atlanta and on the whole economy of the South...I can remember living close to Tech alumni for years, and not just the people from my class of ’33, but from other years.” “Ivan Allen is very much like Atlanta, a combination be would like. He is successful, optimistic, young in spirit, and disdainful of anything that stands still. He is the perfect personification of that great American phenomenon, the civic shaker and business mover,” the New York Times Magazine reported in 1966.

As a long-time supporter of Tech, Allen’s contributions included a recent $25 million donation to the Ivan Allen College made in his name by the Woodruff Foundation. According to the director of development for the college in an article published by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, “It’s not just writing a check or his family writing a check but also the extraordinary ability to channel the resources of people who admired him or were supportive of him in the college’s direction as well.”

Nearly thirty years after leaving Tech, Allen served as mayor of Atlanta from 1962-1970. “During his time in office, Mayor Allen made great contributions to the City of Atlanta such as leading efforts to attract the Atlanta Braves and to build Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, to create MARTA, and to establish the first International Air Route.”

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Court sodomy ruling could impact policy

By Tim Atkins
News Editor

On Thursday, June 26, the Supreme Court made history yet again as they struck down a Texas ban on sodomy as an unconstitutional violation of privacy, in the case Lawrence v. Texas.

The 6-3 ruling reverses a ruling from 17 years ago, Bowers v. Hardiwck, which stemmed from a case in Georgia in which the court ruled that states did have the ability to ban sodomy. As recently as 1960, every state had an anti-sodomy law. In 37 states, including Georgia, the statutes have been repealed by law-makers or blocked by state courts.

Of the 13 states with sodomy laws, four, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, prohibit oral and anal sex between same-sex couples. The other nine ban consensual sodomy for everyone: Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

“This ruling doesn’t imply that dedicated gay partners should be treated the same way as marriage, but it brings up the question of why they aren’t. If there is nothing illegal about homosexuality then why treat gay couples differently...”

Scott McRae
Pride Alliance President

Recycle your old computers: July 12

Dell Computer Corporation is supporting the Environmental Protection Agency’s “Plug-In To eCy cling” campaign by organizing a computer recycling event at Tech. On July 12, members of the Tech community, as well as Atlanta area residents, are invited to drop-off any unwanted personal computer equipment at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

Equipment can be dropped off any time between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and the recycling is free of charge. Atlanta is the final stop on a fifteen city tour.
Technique Online  Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue’s poll garnered 26 responses to the question: “What’s your opinion on the expanded cable channel offerings?”

This week’s poll question relates to the ACC expansion. Which team should the ACC pursue as the 12th team in the conference? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

CRIME REPORTS

INCIDENT: Larceny/Theft  7/3/03  10:45 a.m.
Place: Alexander Coliseum
Missing black leather wallet

INCIDENT: Criminal Damage  7/4/03  2:02 a.m.
Place: Caldwell Parking Lot
Report of a damaged forklift

INCIDENT: DUI  7/4/03  4:30 a.m.
Place: North Ave. & Fowler St.
Offender arrested for a DUI

INCIDENT: Criminal Damage  7/4/03  4:51 p.m.
Place: Bookstore
Report that a van was entered and the console was damaged

INCIDENT: Lost property  7/5/03  12:04 p.m.
Place: Student Center
Report of a lost black leather wallet

INCIDENT: Larceny/Theft  7/5/03  5:26 p.m.
Place: Sixth Street West
Report that a 1996 Red Honda Accord was entered and items taken

INCIDENT: Criminal Damage  6/2/03  8:20 p.m.
Place: Peters Parking Deck
Report that the tires on a 1995 Subaru Legacy were slashed

INCIDENT: Larceny/Theft  7/1/03  11:42 a.m.
Place: Tech Square
Report of a stolen computer monitor

INCIDENT: Entering Auto  7/7/03  3:21 p.m.
Place: IC Parking Lot
Report that a 1995 Chevy Blazer was entered

INCIDENT: Entering Auto  7/7/03  5:48 p.m.
Place: Lower Peters Deck
Report that a 1994 Honda Civic was flooded

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Report that a 1994 Dodge Caravan was entered and items taken

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Place: College of Mgt. Lot
Report that a green 2001 Ford Trunk was entered and items taken
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departing from Hartsfield-Atlanta International Airport. This City of Atlanta has suffered a great loss, and Atlanta has lost a wonderful friend, with the death of this exceptional man,” said current Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin.

Remembered for his racially progressive politics, Allen’s political leadership guided Atlanta through the civil rights battles of the 1960’s, giving the city the moniker, “the city too busy to hate.” Allen was “the only Southern elected official to testify before Congress in favor of what would become the 1964 Civil Rights Act…[he] desegregated city government the day he took office. The

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The credibility and relevance of same sex partnerships has already been established by the most recent US census and by the Supreme Court Case dealing with Texas that legal-

ized sodomy (mostly in the case of gay couples)."

"I find it unclear why Tech would

not give benefits to all partnerships within the school. Tech should grant domestic partnership benefits to all partners, opposite sex and same sex."

Davene Wright, a third year

PTCH major said, "In the wake of

the Board of Regents restrictions, those working for some type of recognition from

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Students given highest priority in visa screenings

By Tracy Dang
Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) University of Texas-

Austria—International students re-

turning from a visit home may find

re-entering the country to be a much quicker process. The U.S. State Department told overseas consular offices to give students, professors and researchers first priority for inter-

views that are part of antiterrorism screenings for most visa applicants.

"This has always been problematic, and there’s not a lot we can do,” said Drane Willis, di-

rector of the Uni-

versity of Texas International Stu-

dent and Scholar Services. "Last sum-

mer, [the Univer-

sity] had students coming in a semes-

ter later because of the delays.

College advocacy groups includ-

ing the Association of American Universities, the American Council of Education, the Council of Grad-

uate Schools and the National As-

sociation of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges had been con-

cerned that the interviews were de-

laying too many university students’ and employees’ entry back into the United States.

Current policies are hampering the ability of the world’s best and brightest international students, scholars and researchers to study and work in our country and to contrib-

ute to our nation’s science and tech-

nology enterprise, economy and security,” the presidents of those organizations wrote in a collabora-

tive letter to Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The groups were referring to a

May message from the State De-

partment that required all foreign-

ers and visitors to have in-person

interviews with consular officials before they could receive approval for visa documents.

The Department of State was

hoping the process would prevent potential terrorists from entering the country. "Our

first concern is that many in-

ternational students and scholars are now experi-

encing unneces-

sarily long delays in re-

ceiving visa decisions,” the organizations’ letter said.

“We share this pessimistic assessment and be-

lieve that, without a commensurate increase in resources to accommo-

date the substantial increase in work-

load that will result from this new requirement, there will be even more delays than there already have been for [them]."

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Racial motive blamed in MS factory rampage

Douglas Williams, 48, a worker at the Lockheed Martin plant in Meridian, Mississippi, shot and killed five co-workers Tuesday, wounded nine others and then killed himself. Allegations that the attack was racially motivated have prompted the authorities to conduct new interviews with plant workers. The morning of the shooting, Williams was attending an ethics course. He left the course without speaking, armed himself, returned to the meeting and opened fire. Several of the now deceased co-workers of Williams expressed fear over his racial threats for years, which has prompted authorities to take a closer look at his record and also at Lockheed Martin.

Iran mourns loss of Ladan and Laleh Bijani

Landan and Laleh, 29-year-old twin sisters who were conjoined at the head, died after their separation attempt in a Singapore hospital on Tuesday. It was the first time surgeons tried to separate adults joined at the head. The historic attempt to separate the Iranian twin sisters ended tragically Tuesday when Ladan and Laleh Bijani died within 90 minutes of each other after a marathon operation. Doctors told a news conference afterwards that the twins lost too much blood as the neurosurgical stage of the 52-hour operation, in which their tightly enmeshed brains were separated, was coming to an end.

The team of 24 doctors and about 100 medical staff began the world-first operation at 10:00 am on Sunday knowing that one or both of the sisters might die. But they decided to press on after again being reminded by the twins’ relatives and friends in Singapore of their “wish to be separated under all circumstances. The fate of the twins was closely monitored in their homeland, with millions of Iranians absorbing the minute-by-minute updates provided on state-run television and radio.

Crisis in Libera may prompt U.S. intervention

Liberian president Charles Taylor, who controls barely a third of his country and has been indicted for war crimes, has accepted a Nigerian offer of asylum, but he warns that his exit will unleash chaos without outside intervention. The White House is keen to prevent trouble, but wants Taylor out as soon as possible. The United States is under pressure to act in a country founded by freed American slaves more than 150 years ago. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Britain and France would all like to see a big U.S. role.

### Summer Semester 2003 Final Exam Schedule

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**NOTE:** For a class meeting at irregular times, the examination period is determined by the day and hour at which the regularly sequenced class meets.

**EXAMINATIONS FOR COURSES SCHEDULED DURING EVENING HOURS (5 p.m. or later):** Examinations for courses scheduled during the evening hours will be conducted either during the regular evening class hours during the period July 28-31 or during the examination period for a daytime section of the course if one is available and the instructor approves.

**EXAMINATIONS FOR CLASSES MEETING A STAGGERED SCHEDULE:** Examination for classes meeting a staggered schedule should use the examination period for the days of the week that the majority of course meets. Should the exam period be changed to the period for the other days, then it will be the responsibility of the instructor making the change to accommodate all conflicts created.

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OPINIONS
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OUR VIEWS
Consensus Opinion

ACC expansion

The recent additions of Virginia Tech and Miami to the ACC have left the conference in a precarious position, even without considering the lawsuit brought on by the Big East. While the addition of the two new teams has sprouted several benefits for Tech and other ACC schools, it has also wrought a few cons.

While Tech’s competition in conference football will dramatically improve, our hopes of improving our record have been deflated slightly. Our only hope is that the improved competition will bolster recruitment with the promise of playing such a high profile football team as Miami.

Unfortunately, with 11 teams now in the conference, every team cannot play against each other. Not to mention that there is now the same amount of money to spread over 11 teams instead of nine.

And while the national recognition of the ACC as a football conference has improved with the choice of Virginia Tech and Miami as the new additions, the competition in basketball has not improved has it would have with the additional of defending national champion Syracuse. However, these additions do keep the ACC in the same geographic region as it has been. Not to mention the added benefit of south Florida as a potential road trip destination.

In the end, the ACC should not be censured for desire to expand. The threat of FSU leaving to find a more competitive conference was certainly incentive enough. The expansion, though controversial, has kept the conference intact. However, the ACC must find a 12th team in order to qualify as a truly dominant football conference.

Ivan Allen, Jr. (1911-2003)

Both the Tech and Atlanta communities have recently experienced the loss of its former student and mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. Serving two terms as mayor, Allen helped steer Atlanta through the turbulent ’60s. Allen was a proponent of desegregation, despite its critics in the South. Allen also brought the dominant football conference.

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“Chicken McNuggets made me obese”

So I’ve spent most of this summer doing full-time research, which doesn’t leave much downtime. Working around the clock, even I, who can’t stand fast food anymore, have just popped up and gone to McDonald’s on several stressful nights because it was the quickest solution to my hunger when I had only thirty minutes to eat. But if lawyers get their way, it won’t be long before I find McDonald’s responsible for the loss of my girlish figure on those late lab nights.

Apparently, Big Tech was four years ago, and eager young attorneys fresh out of law school are now aspiring to be part of the nation’s biggest health hazard: fast food. About a dozen attorneys and health advocates attended, signing an oath not to reveal what was discussed.

Susan Roberts, a recent graduate of Drake University’s law school who attended the class, commented that “McDonald’s is the new tobacco of the 21st century.” I originally thought that this made a lot of sense, but realized the statement was laced with a bit of sarcasm. That changed when I realized that Robichaud is still up for re-election, and that the lawsuit is over for him.

I’ve been stopped several times this week to give directions to a lost middle-schooler, you know what we are talking about. These campers and other conference visitors seem to be taking over campus, from the dorms, to the dining hall, to the Student Center. While they provide a valuable source of income for TECH, they are not exactly trim and fit to begin with.

After graduation, I was actively involved in my fraternity and have been on the Board of Directors for 38 years. I still have strong relationships with active brothers still in school and alumni who have been out of school many years. We are proud of our lifelong friendships from the brotherhood; we have all personally benefited from the training we received from the fraternity with respect to our personal relationships.

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Bosh Gets Big Bucks
Though Chris Bosh’s departure from Tech last summer was an uphill battle, congratulations are in order for his becoming the number one pick. Bosh was drafted by the Toronto Raptors as their first-round pick, and signed a three-year contract with a reported $40 million per year. Best of luck Bosh!

Benefits of Fraternities
To all entering freshmen: I know you have a lot on your minds as an entering freshman. I was in your shoes in the Fall of 1953. You have many things to consider: money management, girls, a rigorous study program, alcohol, and social life.

I was a member of a Tech fraternity, and want to express to you the importance of the Greek system in life at GA Tech, and the importance of being in a fraternity vs. not.

I was able to make more contacts, both among students (I was the IFC representative for the Beta Theta Pi chapter), and alumni (Theta Chapter). It also helped me in money management, being a resident assistant.

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Why do we stress about so many choices?

Choice. I use that word so often. I work with pro-choice organizations and am prepared to make any argument for choice. Choice. Why isn’t it that easy?

I have been reading young adult fiction dealing with abortion for my senior thesis. Choice. I am graduating in a month. Choice. Sometimes I find it hard to decide what I want to eat for breakfast. How am I going to decide what to do with the rest of my life?

I have been wondering about all those choices I have made on a whim. Hey, Lauren, let’s go to Washington DC when we graduate? This weekend the panic set in and I was planning my backing off speech. Then last night, as I tossed and turned from a summer cold, I realized that I really wanted to be in DC. Yeah, I do not want to leave Atlanta but DC is going to rock.

Making a choice to do something means making a choice to not do something else. I had forgotten that and when I remembered it, I cried to my mom. Remembering choices that add up to great big choices without our realizing it. I used to track my life back down to one little choice; maybe it was silly but it worked in my head. Even past that one choice, I had so many chances to step off that path but I stayed on it and am glad I did.

What would have happened if I had selected the Air Force Academy over Georgia Tech. Who would have ended up in something similar. I’m sure I would have been just as happy as I am now.

Those big life changing choices are not the be-all of our lives. Both paths will create a version of you that, if you live a life that you want every day, will always be the right version of you.

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Compact disc sales are dropping so not because of Internet downloads, but because of increased prices for a product of declining quality. Why should a listener be expected to pay close to $20 for a pop disc with one or two good tracks? In their rush for sales and money, labels are forcing artists to crank out albums back-to-back-to-back, leaving little time for the oh-so-important planning, writing and composition stages.

People will buy CDs if the quality is there. Witness the recent bluegrass “revolution”: artists like Alison Krauss and Ralph Stanley have sold blockbuster albums with very little marketing or fanfare for one reason — they make good music.

Additionally, artists like the White Stripes have ridden low prices on recent discs (see “White Blood Cells”) to astounding sales and international acclaim and popularity.

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Tech’s international population grows despite restrictions

By Michael Handelman
Contributing Writer

Tech’s incoming freshman class will have the most international students in the history of the Institute. The class will include 104 international students; currently, Tech has 2,825 enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. This is a 57% increase in the number of international students from last year. The majority of international students this year come from India, with China and South Korea following. This increase in students arrives with the visa processing. Sheila Schulte, director of OIE, said in a press release, “It’s nice to see that the high caliber of our reputation was able to outweigh any difficulties they might have with the visa process.”

Ingrid Hayes, interim director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, said, “Diversity doesn’t just apply to African-American, Hispanic-American and Native American students…having a truly diverse campus means that you have students from all over the world, with vastly different backgrounds contributing their ideas, culture and way of viewing the world to your campus.”

Supporting these efforts, the Georgia Tech Cable Network is providing 24 new international channels to its standard lineup as a component of its recent upgrade. Money is also being raised to fund a planned International House. “The new facility would house the Office of International Education, student groups and activities and a kitchen,” according to a press release by Ingrid Hayes, interim director, Admissions of the Institute. Also, Tech is looking to broaden the entire student body’s horizon by offering a wider variety of foreign language classes. Courses in Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and German classes are offered. BCIS, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, under the newly formed Department of Homeland Security, administers the new laws and regulations for international students that were implemented following 9/11, as part of the USA Patriot Act of 2001.

One of the most notable restrictions have been special reporting requirements for students from international students.
North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, or Yemen. Among these countries, Tech admitted seven students from Pakistan.

In addition to these specific requirements, the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information Program) provides new tracking requirements and guidelines.

According to the BCIS, “the system will reflect international student or exchange visitor status changes, such as admission at Port of Entry, change of address, change in program of study, and other details”.

The Office of International Education at Tech, whose responsibilities include international student concerns, has actively been working on implementing SEVIS at Tech. According to Sheila Schulte, the director of OIE, “The implementation of SEVIS resulted in OIE’s hiring two temporary staff members just for data entry of the necessary documents into Banner, which is connected with SEVIS. It also meant that we needed to rethink our business practices, since these practices are now tied to SEVIS.”

However, some schools such as Rutgers University have faced difficulties, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. The network itself can be painfully slow; the SEVIS software is idiosyncratic and error-prone.

At Rutgers, it has saved completed files as drafts, not official documents, refused to print out forms, and befuddled administrators with its counterintuitive design.

One of the more visible protests of the immigration reporting requirements occurred from the submission of a resolution to the Student Government Association condemning then recently imposed guidelines. Recent biology graduate Srikantha Banerjee, author of the resolution, sought to send the resolution to members of Congress and heads of Federal agencies responsible for enforcement of SEVIS. Although the resolution ultimately failed the Undergraduate House, the ensuing debate called into question potential violations of privacy and academically detrimental provisions of the international student reporting guidelines.

In spite of these new requirements, Schulte says, “I don’t think that SEVIS has created a radical shift in behavior for the students.” Her office has also conducted workshops with faculty, students and staff to increase awareness about the SEVIS system.
Up a short flight of stairs is the essential Starbucks, with dozens of tables and chairs for studying and socializing, a diverse menu and hours that run later than the rest of the store for late-night studying. In the back is a separate concession store, stacked with a larger variety of drinks and snacks than Burdell’s.

Either of two escalators takes the customer up past a hanging model of a Schoenbrod rowing shell used by the Georgia Tech Crew Club in the late 1980s (the shoes of the last riders are still inside) to a strip mall of specialty shops. Against one wall is the electronic shop, where students can browse shelves of CDs and DVDs in addition to PDAs and other technological toys.

Behind the shelves is hidden another lounge area equipped with a screen to broadcast movies, play games or hold conferences. And tucked away from the commotion of the rest of the store is a small, bare corner that sticks out of the building, affording a lofty view of the rest of Technology Square.

Against another wall is the text-book and supplies store with its own rows of shelves allowing the store to stock far more books than its predecessor, and in the back are the office supplies.

This store is hidden behind a wall that showcases the products of the dorm shop, a special selection of products for residents of Georgia Tech that includes everything from laundry baskets to carpets.

Opposite this is another collection of lounge chairs, this one surrounding a floor-to-ceiling, 360-degree gas fireplace for the winter months. This setup sits before a wall of windows that look out into the outdoor plaza in the center of the building. Double doors nearby provide direct access to the new Dupree College of Management complex.

Dupree College of Management

Management majors can look forward to working in one of the most technologically advanced buildings at Tech next year. The classrooms come outfitted with multiple dry-erase boards, screens and state-of-the-art projector equipment. Motion sensors flip the lights on as soon as one enters the room, and the lengthy tables are tiered and come with individual, professional-style rolling chairs. Mounted on each table between chairs are small domes, each with two power sockets and two Ethernet ports for laptop users.

Students, employees, and visitors can also enter the College through its front glass double doors that open into a glass-lined lobby. Staircases on either side lead to hallways lined with floor-to-ceiling windows and plush chairs and tables overlooking the central plaza. Also at hand are myriad conference rooms and offices of all sizes. The floors, walls and ceiling are all decorated in shades of blue and gray to give the entire facility the most modern feel possible.

Rest, Research and Retail

The other buildings at Technology Square include the Global Learning Center for Continuing Professional Education and Systems Learning and a corresponding hotel, the new Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

“The hotel has 250 sleeping rooms, a club room, which is really a bar and lounge area, a dining room, and all of their meals are served buffet style, since they’re going to do a lot of conferences there,” said Meyers.

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The Square has also leased 17,000 square feet of retail space to a number of companies. For eatery, students can look forward to a St. Charles’ Deli, a Tin Drum Asian Café, a Fifth Street Ribs and Blues, and a Marble Slab Creamery, among others. A day spa, an LA Fitness and a Copy Club will also be at hand, and a salon, a smoother and tea shop, and a pizza parlor are presently under negotiations. For students 21 and over, Fifth Street Ribs and the Asian Café will serve alcohol, and many of the stores and restaurants are presently in talks for accepting Buzz Cards as payment.

Georgia Tech research is also expanding into the new space. The Advanced Technology Development Center and the Technology Square Research Building will both operate out of the Square.

Transportation

Students and visitors to the Square can park in the new parking deck equipped with 1,500 spaces and full police security. A new program called Smart Park will allow students to pay for all-day parking with their Buzz Card at only $4.00 per day—half the price of other campus parking—with a $20.00 permit that will also allow students to park in the deck on evenings and weekends.

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Grand Opening

Many of the restaurants plan to open for business by the beginning of fall semester, and the new trolley service is scheduled to begin at the same time. The Square will have its grand opening in October when most of the stores have finished moving in. The date is designed to coincide with the weekend of the Tech vs. Maryland football game.

The Cyber Cafe, the Hair Cuttery, STA Travel, College Optical and Burdell will remain at the old bookstore location. Many improvements are being planned for the remaining space.

Construction begins this summer and is expected to be completed by January 2004.
Dante’s Down the Hatch certainly a unique experience

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Dessert? As Dante’s manager informed me, the chef prepares a mild cheese fondue, one that is most likely to appeal to most of their audience. Should a diner prefer a stronger or milder version, all he has to do is ask and his request will be honored. I found this very nice, as many high-end restaurants for some reason offer a standard meal, without allowing their diners to have any real input as to how strong or mild they would like their dish.

When you are paying so much for a dining experience, it seems that more restaurants should adhere to the customer code of dining practiced at Dante’s. Following our appetizer, we experienced the Mandarin Fondue.

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Tech’s mens basketball coach signs on for more years at the helm after finishing third season. Page 20

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**Not so square anymore?**

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**Austen’s Pride and Prejudice remembered as timeless classic**

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Contribution Writer

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**Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen**

Witty, vivacious and in possession of a cruel, biting sense of humor which almost mirrors that of her father, Mr. Bennet, and Austen herself, she is a very intelligent young woman who understands people rather well and almost never makes an error in judgement. And then there is Mr. Darcy. The man who, in my opinion, would make every woman sigh with wanting. He is an extremely rich, handsome and intelligent young man who, alas, eternally despairs of making just one true and be desired by the second-guessing mind games that preys on the follies and crassness of people, is most endearing. Also, most of her leading characters have almost always been able to laugh at themselves, which only adds to their charm. “Mr. Darcy must be laughed at,” cried Elizabeth. “That is an uncommon advantage, and uncommon I hope it will continue, for it would be a great loss to me to have many such acquaintance.” I dearly love a laugh. (Eliza- beth Bennet, Pride & Prejudice) Something so utterly true amazes me about Austen’s books is how contemporary they are.

Her books are almost a journal of human nature, and I doubt there will be any radical change in that for some time to come. She wrote Pride & Prejudice in England, in 1813 and yet, I am able to draw parallels between the characters from the book and people I know.

At this point a brief introduction of the characters may be appropri- ate. Elizabeth Bennet is the heroine, the second of five girls, the adored daughter of Mr. Bennet of Longbourn.

Dumplings.

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In this newest installment, the guiding hand of Terminator creator and visionary James Cameron is entirely absent, and it’s sorely missed. With his absence, the film loses direction, writing, effects, scope, story, character development and pace.

In his place is director Jonathan Mostow, directing a film written by three people who give us lines like, “Talk to the hand.” — coming from Arnold — and situations where the once-intimidating screen presence is made to wear Elton John-esque, star-shaped glasses. Nothing is off-limits for this writing trio’s disgusting use of self-parody.

Then there is the new, female Terminator. Why is the T-X a woman? It’s nice to see sexual equality existing in science fiction, but the T-X exists, only to satisfy the wet dreams of nerds and geeks. This character could have easily been a male and accomplished the same aim as is accomplished with Loken — nothing. The idea of a female Terminator is an interesting one; a bunch of action-oriented fantasies.

We meet them, stuff happens, they give in and accept their fate. The T-X and the T-1000 — obsolete compared to the T-X — seemed very willing and able to take the necessary steps to locate the future head of the human resistance against the machines. The T-X must be really lazy.

One of the targets on the T-X’s list is Kate Brewster (Claire Danes), a veterinarian who, in the future, is Connor’s wife and second-in-command. It turns out that she sent the T-101 back through time to protect herself and, in the process, sets into motion the events that lead the two young freedom fighters-to-be on the path of love. Nothing good, half-assed paradox to get you through the heat and humidity of the summer.

In the process, they became more dimensional as one-dimensional gets. We meet them, stuff happens, they give in and accept their fate. The previous two films were all about characters that had a burden of fate thrust on them and how they dealt with that burden internally and externally. The previous two films were gigantic things that echoed reality. Here, that approach was thrown away to spend more on the special effects, which are, surprisingly, horrendous.

The fights between the T-X and T-101 are poorly created, and anyone with a functional handful of brain cells can tell when these scenes become fake. T2 had real fights between the two Terminators. They made the film more real than it would have been by just seeing a liquid metal guy running around and shape shifting.

In T3, however, the geniuses who thought the film was a good idea in the first place have again shredded the playbook from the previous films and opted to go with lackluster CGI effects. And, given the astronomical budget, the film had, the special effects should have been good enough to be a saving grace. Instead, they’re salt in the wound.

The anger and resentment that T3 will churn up in fans of the classic T2 has no bounds. Everything about it is bad. There is no redeeming value.

Ultimately, the film seems to exist only to create a “T4,” yet another unnecessary entry into the series. How dare these “creative forces” take the “Terminator” films and defile and exploit them, simply because Hollywood is creatively bankrupt and caught in the throngs of sequel and prequel madness?

Where T2 had scope, story, characters, effects and action so good that we never dipped off of every frame, the only thing that drips off T3 is the three-week-old cheese you get with those overpriced nachos at the concession stand.

Arnold Schwarzenegger stands in front of a “wasted” vehicle, a common sight in the Terminator series. Apparently, this Terminator did not quite add up to the ones previous, often times lacking an engaging plot.
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The fruit for the desserts is hand picked at market, and the Swiss honey-bay chocolate is hand-folded for eight hours. Fresh strawberries, cantaloupe, pineapple, bananas, honey dew, and marshmallows are among the chocolate’s buttodowns. On the menu, Dante suggests that you finish your meal two to three hours before having the chocolate fondue, as the chocolate fondue is a gorging experience that will cost you at least 2 hours.

However, do not plan to come on any given night and expect this dessert. Because of the “complexity of preparation,” only one of these platters is prepared nightly. Of course, this means you have to make a 2-day advance reservation, and it cannot be made for a Friday, Saturday, or any holiday. If you are content with a “normal” dessert, Dante’s offers the standard choices of New York style cheesecake (limited availability), pecan pie, chocolate fudgecake, and ice cream with or without liqueur on top.

If you find yourself at the point of salivation, it might be a good idea to pick up a menu and give it a good read before making reservations. Certain items are only available on certain nights, and there are quite a few menu items to contemplate. Overall, the food is obviously very high quality, and the service is exceptional.

Make note that Dante’s may not be a good location for a family gathering, as hot pots of boiling oil and cheese can be very dangerous to small children. Also, be prepared to dish out something in the range of $25.00 for your entrée and $20.00 for your dessert…for each person, that is. It will be significantly more if you choose to order drinks as well as an appetizer with your meal. All in all, Dante’s is a wonderful location for a memorable dining experience, a dining experience that will be all the more meaningful if you pick up a menu and do your research.

Pride from page 13

This book is dear to me, even the odious ones. And of those there are plenty. Perhaps it is cynical of me, but it seems to me that it says a lot about Austen portrayals only a handful of her creations in this book as more “good” than “bad”. However, even the villains and semi-villains of this book are a treat to know.

There is the initially white as the driven snow and ultimately a prawn why woudn’t you, who almost ruins a family and never earns enough, Mr. Wickham. Austen’s portrayal of how Elizabeth allows herself to be infatuated with him initially, when he flatters her, is very honest and humbling. It is touching that Elizabeth is not so self-de- luding as to not see the fact that he was merely amusing himself and had no serious intentions when he courts another woman for her money. Of course, this means you have to be with them and follow the book to the end. A lot of people I know didn’t like the book. Perhaps they read it at a wrong time in their lives, perhaps they just didn’t give it the time or thought it deserved. I would like to think that if given a fair reading, this is a book that probably most people would enjoy. I hope that others enjoy this book as much as I did.

Other books by Austen include Sense and Sensibility, Emma, and Mr. Darcy’s Daughters. Emma and other books have been made into major motion pictures.
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Recently the Atlanta Journal Constitution published two articles on Georgia and other Southeastern Conference schools upmao over their ticket allotments at rival schools. The schools are crying foul over what they claim to be unfair seating practices.

My first instinct when I read the June 13 article on Georgia fans being miffed about being given “nosebleed seats” at Tech was to laugh. At last year’s Georgia game, I sat with most of the Tech fans in the very upper deck of Sanford Stadium. Did I whine or call the AJC? No because I understand Georgia doesn’t want their team seeing anything but red and black while they’re on the field.

Sure all but 785 of Georgia’s 8,500 tickets are not in the upper deck, but the upper deck of our newly expanded stadium is a helluva lot closer than most visitor’s tickets at Sanford Stadium. So where was Tech’s pity party in the AJC last year?

Poor Scott McLaren. He’s made out to be a villain in the article when really he’s just doing his job. We desperately need a home field advantage which we haven’t had at many of our big games. Florida State’s vantage which we haven’t had at Sanford Stadium simply wasn’t big enough to shift visiting teams’ fans into anything considered nosebleed seats.

Although I realize there are other factors to look at as well. Freddy Jones, Georgia’s ticket director, mentioned that he was disappointed for the elderly fans who are going to have to climb up stairs. Jones should make a deal with McClaren to hold aside seats in both stadiums for the elderly fans who may not be able to climb up the stairs. Since nothing can be done this year about the arrangement, Jones should give the 339 seats in the lower deck not reserved for the Red Coats Marching Band to all of the Bulldog Nation’s elderly fans and not the ticket holders who give the most money to the school.

In a separate article in the AJC from the Associated Press on July 1, ticket arrangement practices at all the SEC schools were detailed. Basically every team in the SEC is now sitting in the upper decks, further up than ever before.

I’m a big fan of the golden rule but I understand though that in the high stakes world of college football, the golden rule and southern hospitality doesn’t always apply. If you give the visiting teams too much power on your own turf, it can become chaos and the visitors’ cheers can overpower the home crowd. With millions of dollars and reputations on the line, let’s give our teams every advantage possible.

Earleywine named interim coach

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Ehren Earleywine, an assistant coach on the Georgia Tech softball team for the past two seasons, has been named the interim head softball coach. Kate Madden resigned after five years as head coach to pursue other interests. Madden had compiled a record of 161-143 in five seasons and was the ACC coach of the year in 2002. She was also the program’s first full-time assistant coach before she became head coach.

During the past two years as Tech’s top assistant, Earleywine helped lead Georgia Tech to its two most successful seasons ever. The past two seasons have seen the Jackets make its two first NCAA Tournament appearances and capture the school’s first ACC title in softball in 2002. The team won 90 games the last two years, including 52 wins in 2002, a school record. In 2002, the team came within one game of reaching the Women’s College World Series.

As an assistant coach, he worked with the Jackets’ batters and infielders and coached first base. After batting .213 as a team before his arrival, the team average rose to .263 in his first year. Individually, shortstop Tara Knudsen tied the ACC season record with 16 home runs. Knudsen lead the quad with a .374 average and the ACC in home runs in the spring with 13. Additionally, catcher Lindsey Wood set a conference mark with 27 doubles.

Earleywine’s previous coaching experience includes three seasons as head baseball coach at Westminster College, an NCAA Division III program and his alma mater. At Westminster, Earleywine had a 65-44 record. He also spent three years as an assistant coach at Westminster and one year as an assistant at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Besides coaching, Earleywine has been a standout in major men’s fastpitch softball. He was a member of the USA men’s fastpitch team in 1998-99 and 2002-03. He earned a gold medal at the 2002 Pan Am Qualifier. Earleywine is also a six-time All-America and was an All-World selection in 1999 by the International Softball Congress.

Earleywine has been tapped to head the Jackets’ softball program.
An expansion to 11 teams will also add two play-in games to the conference tournament, upping the number to three. It will be the bottom four (instead of the bottom two) playing it out on Thursday night of the tournament to decide who plays the top seed on Friday. It is uncertain whether the new alignment will have any impact on the ACC tournament sites, since they have been chosen through the 2011 season.

One of the initial perks and drawing points of expansion was having a conference title game every year in football. But since it resulted in an 11 teams, it will now take a little extra to get that coveted match. The NCAA has a rule that allows a championship game for leagues with 12 members or more. The ACC will look to appeal this rule as soon as possible. And as for now, commissioner Swafford says that the league would be divided in football only if a title match exists. This implies that either the NCAA must overturn its rule or the ACC must add a 12th team. The $10 million in profit that would accrue from this match would provide more than half the amount needed to ensure that this 11-team setup will be as profitable as the former 9-team setup.

However, the ACC has no plans at the moment to add another team. “We’re not in any rush at this point. We think we have got too many great new members and we need a little time to bring them into the fold and get going with our two new members before we jump to any other conclusions,” said Wayne Clough, Institute President, at the press conference.

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It’s Official: Miami and Virginia Tech are in

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