Tech Square ribbon-cutting today

By Stephen Baehl
Senior Staff Writer

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Assoc. VP Auxiliary Services

The Technology Square grand opening celebration takes place Tuesday morning. In addition to the community and students, a variety of other groups will be in attendance.

“symbolic crossing of the interchange for the Georgia Institute of Technology.”

If the procession arrives, a ribbon will be cut to mark the official opening of Technology Square.

“This is a huge deal,” Steele said. “Technology Square is the most ambitious construction project that Georgia Tech’s ever done.”

A associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services Rosalind Meyers said a commitment was made six months ago to plan the event.

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Run for Success benefits scholarship

By Laura Maze
Senior Staff Writer

The Run for Success race takes place tomorrow, Oct. 25, at 9 a.m. on campus. The race will benefit the Run for Scholarship Fund which supports high school students in the Tech community.

First place male and female non-NCAA athletes in each category who amass the most will receive gift cards. Students who register before Oct. 22 will receive t-shirts. The race will make its way to the Georgia Tech campus.

RHA upgrades seek to rejuvenate Brittain Rec

By Narayana Varahabhatla
Contributing Writer

After over a year of planning, Tech now offers a program that allows graduate students to publish their work in an online medium.

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Catherine Jannick
Digital Initiatives Manager

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Last week's question garnered 37 responses:

**How will Housing changes affect FE?**

**Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!**

**Health-safety**

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  - LOCATION: Eighth Street Apts.
  - INCIDENT: Report that a student needed medical attention for depression.

**Larceny-theft**

- **10/20/2003 11:14:00 hrs.**
  - LOCATION: 750 Ferst Drive/CRC Construction.

**Recovered**

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From the files of the GTPD...

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Undergraduate House leaders urged members to carefully consider bills at Tuesday’s Undergraduate House meeting.

UHR Treasurer Amy Phuong began the evening with a report of allocated funds to the entire house.

She explained the amount of money spent in previous years at this time last year, and said “we have about the same amount of money that we did at this time last year, it has just been spread out differently due to some different spending trends.”

Phuong urged members of the House to look closely at every bill and consider each one’s effectiveness on the student body.

The Undergraduate House has about $105,251.36 given take a little, left to allocate until the end of next semester.

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Tiffany Turner then gave her report to the house. She also urged members of UHR to carefully look at spending amounts of every bill they consider.

Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lawder, Student Body President Nate Watson, and Student Senate President Adhil Shetty expressed concern while the money left would be gone before the end of next semester if they were not fiscally conservative with the funds.

The first bill up for consideration was an allocation to the Cycling Club for the purpose of competition.

This bill was amended to a smaller amount because of a mistake in the amount of cyclists it was written for. The bill was then passed by the house with little debate.

The next bill up was an allocation to Water Polo for dues and equipment representative, student affairs.

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In a close vote, the measure failed 12 to 13 with four abstentions. The next bill up for consideration was an allocation to the Water Polo team for dues and equipment. According to the organization representative, student government generally funds these items in the annual activity fee budget, but this year the team did not submit its budget on time.

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CS honor society funding bill fails

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Again this week, the Graduate Student Senate meeting was cut short after the body lost quorum. However, senators did manage to deal with eight bills before adjourning.

Senators rejected a joint allocation bill that would have paid the $750 initiation fee for Computer Science honor society. The Association for Computer Machinery requested the funding.

Several senators questioned whether student government should pay when potential members of the society have not been asked to contribute any start-up funds.

“When in the last two years have we paid for initiation fees?” asked International Affairs senator Jim Barnes.

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Allocation to Paul Supawanich for the NCSS

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By Ayan Kishore/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Alan Bakowski raises his hand to vote at Tuesday’s Undergraduate House meeting. Both the House and Senate failed an allocation bill funding a CS honor society.
 During the remainder of the meeting, the House considered allocation to the Association for Computing Machinery, the club Water Polo team, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and the Chinese Student Association.

A bill proposed for GT Coming Out Week, was withdrawn due to the fact that all its event costs had already been paid for. Another bill for allocation to Paul Supawanich for the National Conference on Student Services was postponed due to Supawanich’s absence. The hourly bill of the night not to be approved for allocation was the bill for the Association of Computing Machinery.

Representatives agreed with their graduate counterparts and felt that there is a need for the Computer Science majors to be chartered by its first class without support from UHR.

Turner reminded members that applications for elections committee and chair positions were available. She encouraged members to apply.

Lawder spoke about upcoming events on campus. He highlighted the success of the Yellowjacket athletic teams, including football and volleyball, and encouraged all students to attend games in support of the teams.

He also mentioned the grand opening of T’ech Square today, and said that while there will be music at the event, no group could be secured for the event on such short notice.

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The 50-acre complex, called Georgia Tech-Savannah, includes three building with 25 laboratories and six classrooms.

The campus is designed to support students enrolled in the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program (GTREP).

Under the system, Tech partners with three area universities: Armstrong Atlantic State University, Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University.

Students take core classes at one of these partner schools for two years. They then transfer and become official Tech students. However, instead of uprooting and moving to Atlanta, these students will now be able to take courses from Tech professors who live and work in Savannah.

"Admissions criteria [at the Savannah campus] are the same," Frost said. "This is not 'Tech light' or what they expect as many as 2,500 undergraduates to attend games in support of the teams.

Students and community members paid for the event filled with games and booths set up by various Georgia Tech organizations and the Burger Bowl would be fenced off for a game of "Barnyard Bingo."

There was heated debate on this bill as representatives questioned whether or not the event should be considered to be beneficial for the entire student body.

Members argued that the charity should be excluded from the bill's consideration, while other spoke of the need to send a message that Georgia Tech supports its community and humanitarian organizations. Despite this, the bill went on for quite some time, but it was passed in the end.

The House then looked at a bill for allocation to the Apple User Group. The bill asked for funds to support the upcoming i-Movie fest. The House passed this bill with little debate.

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Courses will combine distance learning and on-campus professors. The campus is equipped with 12 telecollaboration studios that allow Georgia Tech students to talk with Atlanta-based professors during their office hours.

"This room becomes an extension of the professor's office," Frost said.

About 520 undergraduate students will be participants in GTREP. Of that number, around 100 are juniors and seniors studying at the new campus. Nearly 30 graduate students also participate.

"A lot of people wonder, 'Is this competing with Atlanta?' The simple answer is 'No,'" Frost said. "I'm especially proud of the work of what Georgia Tech is changing," he said.

Through collaboration and communication at all levels between Atlanta and Savannah, Frost said he hopes to maintain a consistent student and faculty culture at both locations.

"Georgia Tech is changing," he said.

The new campus consists of three buildings with over 100,000 square feet of space. The campus acts as a hub for students enrolled in GTREP.

"The idea is that they're all part of the same campus," Frost said. The concept of a Savannah campus began to circulate in 1998. A team including Frost came to Savannah in the summer of that year to assess the possibilities. He was then appointed interim director before becoming permanent head. Frost said that in roughly 15 years, he expects as many as 2,500 undergraduates and 400 graduate students to participate in the program.

Frost and Savannah are expected to be permanent residents of the state house of representatives are expected to attend the ceremony.
If we were going to make the expansion work, we had to have them. Financially, it wasn’t going to work with just 11 teams. We needed Boston College to make it work.

With only 11 teams, the conference would not have been able to hold a lucrative championship football game, a venture that can net up to $8 million.

In addition, having captured the large and lucrative Boston market, the ACC will now be in a better bargaining position when the conference renegotiates its television contract in 2005.

In athletics, many feel Boston College brings a rich history and tradition of success to the conference.

Boston College has consistently ranked highly in many sports ranging from football and men’s basketball to ice hockey and women’s basketball.

“It only adds to our league and strengthens our competition,” said Maile Joseph, head women’s basketball coach. “Definitely now we can rival the SEC as the premier conference in women’s basketball without a doubt. Boston College and Miami and Virginia Tech are all three NCAA tournament teams with the potential to beat anybody on any given night,” she said.

In addition to financial benefits, Tech may reap other rewards from the ACC’s expansion.

“Of the reasons I like it is because we can get into the northeast market to recruit,” said Paul Hewitt, head men’s basketball coach. “We’ve always been able to get into it but now we have the opportunity to offer things like the ability to go home. Going into the Boston area to recruit will help us,” he said.

Boston College was one of the original three schools the ACC targeted for expansion last June. Miami and Syracuse University were also targeted but, due to a series of complications, the league invited only Miami and Virginia Tech on June 30. Boston College received six votes at the presidents’ meeting in June.

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only one vote short of the necessary number for acceptance. Duke, North Carolina and North Carolina State voted against Boston College originally.

In the wake of Boston College’s decision, four Big East schools have filed a lawsuit against the ACC, Boston College and four ACC officers. West Virginia, Rutgers, Connecticut and Pittsburgh allege in the suit that the ACC and Boston College conspired to weaken the Big East and gain a larger share of television broadcast revenue. The lawsuit also makes several claims of unfair trade practices, civil conspiracy and breach of contract.

The four schools and the Big East had already filed a lawsuit against Miami and the ACC. Miami remains a defendant in the suit, but the complaint against the ACC was thrown out last week on jurisdictional grounds.

The suit claims the ACC and its new members may be facing lawsuits. “Georgia Tech is not part of any lawsuit at the present time,” Braine said.

When Boston College becomes a full member, the conference will split into two divisions. Tech will be in the same division as Virginia, Virginia Tech, Duke, Miami and North Carolina. Boston College will be in the second division with Clemson, Maryland, Wake Forest, North Carolina State and Florida State.

With a conference that now spans the entire eastern seaboard, the ACC’s expansion plans appear to be complete.

“I think 12 is where we need to be,” Braine said.
A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

**Bush praises Indonesia for anti-terror efforts**

On Wednesday, President Bush concluded a tour of Southeast Asia with a trip to Australia and Indonesia. During his visit, Bush stopped at the site of the October 2002 nightclub bombing in Bali that killed over 200 people. He applauded efforts by Indonesian leaders to combat global terrorism. Earlier in the week, Bush attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Thailand. The ongoing nuclear standoff with North Korea and the war on terrorism dominated Bush’s agenda.

**China launches manned spacecraft into orbit**

China became the third nation, along with Russia and the United States, to successfully launch a man into space last week. A Shenzhou-5 rocket carried Yang Liwei into orbit last Tuesday. He landed safely in Inner Mongolia late the next day. The capsule was carried by train to Beijing, where it will be put on display. Chinese officials plan a second space flight as soon as next year.

**UN condemns construction of Israeli wall**

The United Nations General Assembly passed a nonbinding resolution Tuesday which calls on Israel to halt construction of a security barrier in the West Bank, a barrier some Israelis see as a vital protection against Palestinian terrorists. Despite the resolution, Israeli officials said they would continue construction. The resolution passed with the support of 144 countries. The United States and four other countries voted against the resolution.

**Man survives plunge over Niagara Falls**

Early this week, a man jumped over Niagara Falls without any type of safety device, and survived. Kirk Jones, from Canton, Michigan, is the first person known to survive such an unprotected fall over the waterfall. Jones called it an impulsive decision, but his friends and family claimed that he had been talking about the stunt for years. Jones fell headfirst down the falls and sustained no serious injuries. He will be charged by police with illegally performing a stunt and could be fined $10,000.
This is basically a dream come true for me—coming back here and starting a restaurant. When I was here in 1988 to 1992, there was nothing here. I'm excited to see the changes.
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dents will be similarly excited.

[W ith ETD], they take their work in the format they’ve done it in, take it up to and then submit it. That decreases the time theses and dissertations take to get on the ‘shelves.’ ‘There’s not as big a time block,’ Jannik said.

Since scholarly research is increas-
ingly being published online, the system also affords graduate students the opportunity to dip their feet in the online publishing arena before they ever get a job or start working at a lab.

“It has been proven that if a doc-
ument is available electronically, the number of citations to that docu-
ment increases dramatically. It’s some-
thing that’s very well suited to this campus,” Jannik said.

The system was adapted from a similar system at Virginia Tech.

Students used to have problems when trying to submit samples of their work to prospective employ-
ers or post-doctoral positions. Jan-
ik sees a large advantage of ETD in this respect, as well.

“If [students are] applying for a post-doctoral position, instead of figuring out writing a sample to send, they can provide a link straight into their dissertation. The research is going to reach many more people, she said.

While most students show support for ETD, some still want to have published, hard copy of their work.

“I wouldn’t mind putting it in a book. It’s good to have a hard copy for personal use,” said Kari Sundararajan, a Bioengineering doctoral student.

There are no plans to scan old theses into the system. Some stu-
dents express concern that they will not have access to certain informa-
tion.

“It’s nice to have theses readily available. But more people would be willing to use it if they scan the old theses also,” said Chris Alvino, an Electrical Engineering doctoral student.

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H owever, he advised Shetty and others that if consistency was truly their goal, senators might want to do further research because, he said, he did not think they had all the information. The bill passed with-

out further debate.

Senators also approved a confer-
ence committee version of a joint allocation to the Cycling Club. Sen-
ator Allan M ichaels said the version was no different from the one passed at an earlier session. The bill passed over the objections of Barnes, who said he was not satisfied with the answers organization representatives had given to his questions about alternative sources of funding.

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port the IMoviRest. G in the advice of Joint Finance Committee mem-
ber K as D avid, senators amended the bill to fund only one Telstra advertisement, but choose leave in place funding for several hundred DVD’s.

T he Senate also passed a $1,700 joint allocation bill funding a trip by the M ock T rail Team to a com-
petition in M iam i. T he organiza-
tion representative said that active membership had doubled in the last year.

A second joint allocation bill pre-
sented by the Association of Com-
puter M achinery fared better than the first. T he bill requested money to fund a trip to a competition in Dayton. Senators cut money for van rentals, hotels and meals. T hey also reduced funding for travel from 50 cents per mile to 25 cents per mile after they learned that fewer students were actually going to the event. T hey then passed the bill without debate.

A joint allocation to M OVE was tabled because an organization re-
presentative was not present.

Graduate Vice President R obin B etchel was unable to attend. Sena-
tor Roy F urbank was elected to lead the meeting in her absence.

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ispurchasing couches similar to those in the Student Center— anywhere from two to three. W e were also work-
ing with the Student Center to get the tables replaced,” H oward said.

In addition to the plans for new video games, couches and tables, R HA is working to buy a projector for the hall council meeting room in Britain Rec.

“We’ve already gotten approval from H using to purchase a projec-
tor to put into the meeting room for big televised events. W e can open that area to residents for events like Super Bowl parties,” H oward said.

With so many new additions, security of Britain Rec may become an issue. D an M atz, president of G lenn-C loudman hall council and freshman Aerospace Engineering major, noted the possible problems.

“The main problem they have with putting new stuff in, like a pool table, is people entering,” M atz said. “I’d add a lot of entertainment stuff in there would probably cause a lot of security problems.”

Security is an issue which is still being discussed, along with the pos-
sibility of a W estside market and diner-type venue within Britain Rec.

T he Student Center and Din-
ing are throwing out the idea of putting some type of food or store in there. It’s in the brainstorming process right now. It may or may not happen,” H oward said.

“I would like to see that area used as a campus resource,” H oward said.

“I’d be really excited if I walked in there every night and saw twenty to thirty residents using it as a recre-
ational space and not just a place to do laundry,” T he additions are expected to be completed within a month’s time.

A student shoots pool at Brittain Rec in addition to a new pool table, RHAA plans to add couches and video games to make the space more exciting.

By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Forgive or forget?

The Student Government Association and several administrators have recently begun discussing the possibility of implementing a grade forgiveness policy at Tech. While the details are far from being set, and the project is still in the brainstorming stages, it is absolutely necessary for the decision makers to seriously evaluate what their motivations are for making these changes.

If the primary motivations are to increase Tech’s rankings, then grade forgiveness is a policy that should not be implemented. If, however, the policy is being explored because of its possible benefits for students, then it should continue to be examined.

H.O.P.E. is another issue that needs to be brought up in the discussion of grade forgiveness—how will the effects grade forgiveness will have on freshman GPAs affect the in-state scholarship, especially considering the dwindling financial support the scholarship is facing?

Motivations, the H.O.P.E. scholarship and the many other issues involved in implementing a grade forgiveness policy must be explored before long-standing decisions are made.

Consensus editorial reflects the majority opinion of the Editorial Board of the Technique, but not necessarily the opinions of individual editors.

Grade forgiveness policy needed

In the last Undergraduate House meeting, representatives discussed a system of grade forgiveness whereby students could retake failed classes and then substitute the retaken grade for the original one. I feel that if properly implemented, some sort of grade forgiveness policy would make the adjustment to college life easier for freshmen, as well as making Georgia Tech a more attractive school.

This along with other changes would ease the introduction of freshmen into college in such a way that would increase the freshmen retention rate while at the same time not reducing the quality of our education. I also feel that other changes should be made to make a student’s adjustment to college life smoother.

In order to create a grade forgiveness policy for Tech to still maintain its academic strength, careful consideration would have to be made as to how the policy is implemented. I believe we should keep Georgia Tech at the forefront of engineering schools, so the forgiveness policy would need to be limited to only first year or even first semester freshmen.

Regardless of what type of forgiveness policy is implemented, if it is implemented for upperclassmen, it makes students of Tech think that it is easier to obtain and devalues past graduates’ degrees.

To most of the incoming students at a tough school like Tech, the amount of work required to succeed is quite a shock. This combined with the fast-paced atmosphere of college life, with parties, fraternities, sports and most importantly, no parents, creates a huge learning curve.

I know my freshman dorm was about the rowdiest place I’ve ever lived, which may make getting any amount of work done next to impossible. When we were in high school, we were used to taking seven or eight classes, everyday, every day of the week and constantly being held accountable by teachers and parents to keep on our studies.

But in contrast, in college, we have to learn more material in less time, having class only two to three times a week, while at the same time not being held accountable for showing up to class. While this is a necessary transition of life, it can be a tough one, and grades often suffer.

Instituting a grade forgiveness policy would allow students to get past their freshman year without these mistakes affecting their grades for their entire college career.

I think that a policy limiting the number of hours that a freshman can take would also help out greatly in easing the transition into college life for freshmen.

Policies such as this have been in place for many years at schools of the same caliber as Georgia Tech and have not tarnished the reputation of those schools.

I think that a policy of making all freshmen classes graded on a Pass/No record basis, whereby no grades are assigned for freshman courses, and instead the course is only recorded if passed. This does take a great deal of the burden off of freshmen, but I think that it is still important for freshmen to be held partially accountable for grades received, which is why I feel that the grade should be recorded, but not counted in a student’s GPA.

I feel that a grade forgiveness policy that does not reduce the quality of education at Tech would make the Institute a more attractive school, while at the same time increasing our freshmen retention rate, not to mention the benefits this policy would have for the students.
Jewish opposition to new movie unwaranted

I have mixed feelings about Mel Gibson’s newest movie, The Passion of Christ—especially regarding the fact that a human being will be trying to portray the feelings, thoughts and emotions that Jesus felt over 2,000 years ago. I do not believe any human can play the role of Jesus without contaminating it to some extent. However, I believe the message the film will represent will still be conveyed.

Gibson’s film, expected to be released next spring, portrays the final 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ. The film’s limited dialogue is filmed entirely in Latin and Aramaic with English subtitles.

While the producer’s choice to limit dialogue and use a foreign language might create a problem for those of us who do not like to read and watch at the same time, Gibson believes it will make the film “more real” and will force him “to transcend language barriers with filmic story telling.”

The Passion of Christ will demand that the audience focus more on the actions rather than the words of the actors because of the foreign language. This constraint will make adequately portraying the character of Christ even more of a challenge for James Caviezel, the actor chosen for the lead role.

Gibson does not want his film to be like other “sterilized religious epics.” I’m trying to access the story on a very personal level and trying to be very real about it.” He adds, “I am already chagrined for the film if it is seen as preachy.”

Despite his reservations, Gibson feels that the film is “a true representation of publicity—mostly from members in the Jewish community. Their strong opposition to the film will destine the positive message it is meant to convey. They argue that the film paints them as “bloodthirsty and vengeful,” and many are afraid that it will harm Christian-Jewish relations across the globe.

I can appreciate why some Jews feel this way, especially since most do not accept Jesus as the Son of God. However, I think their argument is invalid, because they are mainly concerned about the Christian representation of Jesus. As a Christian, I already realize that the Jews were largely responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. However, the Christian faith is based upon the belief that we are all equally guilty for the death of Jesus. The foundation of the religion is the belief that Jesus came to this earth for the sole purpose of sacrificing His life for the sins of the entire world. It does not endorse or agree against the Jewish population living today for their ancestors committed 2,000 years ago.

Because this view is accepted by almost the entire Christian faith, the Jewish opposition is unwarranted. Anti-Semitism is not only contrary to my personal beliefs, it is also contrary to the core message of my movie,” Gibson said. “The Passion [of Christ] is a film meant to incorporate a film meant to instill hope in the faces of thousands, perhaps millions of people.

There will not be any additional strain placed upon Jewish-Christian relations due to this movie.”

Justin Partio
Managing Editor

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Hot or Not

Cameras rejoice! RHA has announced that it is planning to give East Campus’s Britannia Rec a face lift in the coming weeks. Their improvement project will include the addition of several arcade-type video games and possibly a food market similar to what we have at the Metro. What this means for those of us who have forgotten (as I am sure many do) the excitement and the comforts of the game rooms at the Metro. Comfy couches are sure to be the highlight of this promising project. The security of the game room and the comfort of the couches from then need to be addressed, though.

WHERE’S THE MUSIC? If IFC raised money and planned to have a concert/ball party tonight, yet somehow they managed to drop the ball. Even though the charges were expected to be small, I’m sure they were counting on IFC to shoulder the load, IFC should have had a back up plan just in case something went wrong. The lack of a block party type event leaves students without much to do at the Technique Square opening ceremonies. Unluckily, of course, you’re looking for some free food.

No Cookie For You

O n Wednesday, the campus College Republicans held an affirmative action bake sale. While this positive nod in their direction is commendable, Stanford found that the football season is a disappoint- ment, especially considering the success our team has had this season and the fact that Stanford is a Division I-AA football team.

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Inider Singh, BIOL Undergrad

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John Simmons, CM PE junior

“THey help students maintain awareness of their academic performance”

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“It’s useless.”

Photos by Lauren Griffin
Give spammers a taste of their own free Rx

Through the looking glass

By ALAN MICHAELS

Credit card companies are one of the terrors of our generation. They know your address, social security number and save scam lists sold under the table. I receive a stack of pre-approved credit card offers every time I visit home, and a bad side-effect of earning four degrees is that I receive not one, but four requests from the Alumni Association for money I don't have. Not too long ago, my mother won a $400 men's suit in a community raffle—she clearly had no use for it, so I was quite happy when $30 dollars in alterations later, I had a nice new three-piece suit.

Ever since, I have received mail and mailed brochures telling me of bad prices, and why, as a poor college student, I need yet another dress suit. I simply protest by clicking the REMOVE button and trash the written materials unread. Then there's a maker of old-fart cars that insists on sending me emails even though I do not own filled for half the cost.

How many times have I received their list three times. I simply protest by clicking the REMOVE button and trashing the suit. I simply protest by clicking the REMOVE button and trashing the email—no work at all to figure out who sold my name to Visa for the REI Visa card or who made it their business to inform companies that I am a recent college grad.

With email, more thought is required: use a list of aliases such as email_companyX@yahoo.com under bogus names and let them all funnel into your well-guarded private account—the next useless offer you receive, you'll know exactly who sold your personal data.

The bottom line is that theimpleboy-cott and trash routine is no longer effective; it's time to unleash an acan of cyberwhoop-de-dees. There's no fun in boycotting a company when they don't know you're doing so, so let them know you don't appreciate their invasions.

In place of asking the government to levy fines on violators, we simply create socially imposed fines to every company that wastes our time with telephone calls, responses to Mrs. "Out of Area" can be庄getged murders or "what ya wearing darlin"?

Fringing their email servers once every micro-second is probably considered rude, so sign up the customer service department for Viagra supplements and inkjet replacements. Find out who is legally registered on offending domain names and toss them in the rest.

My personal favorite is to encourage my absent-minded son to unleash a can of cyber whoop-de-dees. There's no fun in boycotting a company when they don't know you're doing so, so let them know you don't appreciate their invasions.

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Israel

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rum. Many Egyptians still hope that the Palestinians will succeed where Egyptian might fail.

You asserted that the Middle East struggles not about terror, but about land and legitimacy. You asserted that the Bush administration has given up neutrality by regarding the Middle East struggle as part of the struggle for terror. That is wrong.

Hamas' constitution calls for Israel's destruction openly and trains children and teenagers to deliberately kill civilians.

If that is not terror, what is? It is anti-Israel hypocrisy to call terror everywhere else, but not when directed against Israelis.

What do you advocate the US do? Push Israel into unilateral gift of the West Bank to Arafat or similar leaders? If his will not bring peace, it will simply accelerate attacks.

The Palestinian leadership and most of the Arab world is riven with more terror. They are prepared to sacrifice millions of their own to do that, something Arafat and others have repeatedly stated publicly. 70% of the Palestinian populace just voted (in a poll) for suicide bombs.

If you appease terror, the US and the West will be rewarded with more terror.

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Tech explores grade forgiveness options

By Joshua Canoe
Senior Staff Writer

If Don Kang and David Andersen of SGA’s Academic Affairs Committee have their way, students in the near future may be able to completely replace a failing grade from their transcripts if they retake the failed course and earn a better score.

Kang, a second-year Industrial Engineering major and co-chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and Andersen, a third-year student and SGA representative, are heading an investigative committee to research such a grade substitution policy for Tech.

They presented their tentative findings at a recent SGA meeting about grade substitution—or grade forgiveness, as it is more commonly known.

“This effort is the product of an administration eager to improve Tech’s national rankings to a level comparable to that of its peer institutions, such as Stanford and UC Berkeley. A grade substitution policy offers the potential of better rankings by helping students maintain higher GPAs. “Our ratings will go up if we have more students getting into grad school,” Andersen said. “Often all [grad schools] care about is GPA.”

A grade substitution policy would also offer other distinct advantages. According to Kang, Tech’s 90 percent freshman retention rate is another problem area hurting Tech’s rankings, and the policy would encourage students to stay.

“We’ve just lost 10 percent right after two semesters of Tech,” he said. “They are all very well qualified. If they were not, they wouldn’t have gotten accepted to Tech. Some students just need more time to adjust.”

“Grade substitution will kind of help those students,” Andersen said. “It may just have been a bad semester for them.” In addition, a substitution policy may also help emphasize learning over GPA. Students may retake a class “to improve their grade,” Andersen said, “but in the process, they’ll actually learn the material.” The committee has several versions of the policy under consideration. One possible approach would be to average a student’s new grade with his original and present the average as a single grade on his transcript, instead of as separate grades and credit hours.

Another option would be to un-purge the original grade completely and replace it with the new one. This is the least probable implementation, Andersen said, because it would likely prove unpopular with the faculty.

A compromise would involve replacing the failed grade with an R (for “repeat”), which would not be factored into the student’s GPA, but would indicate to future university and employers that the student failed the course in his first attempt. The committee must juggle other issues as well as they piece together their proposal to the administration.

“There are a lot of other variables,” Andersen said. “For instance, ‘Is it retroactive? If so, how far back?’ The committee is currently surveying the input of the faculty, the administration and the student body and using it as the primary criteria for evaluating the best approach. The administration has demonstrated support for the policy, and Kang and Andersen have the backing of prominent administrators such as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs Bob McMath, Dean Gail DiSabatino and Special Assistant to the President Gary May. All agree that a more restricted version would be in the best interest of the students.

“In my opinion, a limited grade substitution policy…would be positive for Georgia Tech,” May said, citing the version of the policy that substitutes failed grades with an R; the integrity of a Tech transcript; the safety of students who are going to be…getting a job, and for the sake of employers looking at our students, you need to be able to work with a transcript and see everything that a student’s attempted,” McMath said. “One of the things that makes me supportive of the plan is that the whole point is that we have a complete record of every attempted class.”

Word of the proposed policy is still spreading among the faculty, though there have been questions with regard to the policy’s impact on academic freedom.

“The faculty really does not want…to have their word not count,” Andersen said. “They feel they have the right to give people grades.”

Developers work with students to produce real-life results

As part of Architecture professor Charles Rudolph’s studio class, developers from the Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance are working with students’ designs to help build a south Atlanta community.

By Clayton Holmes
Contributing Writer

Ever wondered what Architecture majors do all night in studio while the rest of the world sleeps? The students of ARCH3011 are designing suburban Atlanta as we know it.

This junior-level design studio in the College of Architecture is collaborating with developers in Atlanta to help preserve the natural environment of a 40,000-acre plot of almost completely undeveloped land located in south Fulton County, between the city of Palmetto and the Chattahoochee River.

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nearly 80 percent of the land untouched, and provide its residents with a dense, yet rural living environment 45 minutes from downtown Atlanta.

Specifically, the students in the studio are designing Nygren’s 1,000-acre Serenbe property, dubbed Horseshoe Village.

Currently, they are working on the hamlet containing the restaurant and spa, both in the same upscale design frame as Nygren’s Peasant restaurants.

This collaboration benefits both students and developer: “The students get a view into the process of development and the role of design, [while] the developer gets to see 50-plus visions of a portion of the development, at no cost,” said Charles Rudolph, one of the four professors teaching the course.

“I am confident that our students will focus their talents to improve our environment and our quality of life,” Rudolph said.

Student Maria Tiliakos also believed that the partnership between education and developers was a positive thing.

“The students receive guidance from their professors to some degree, but for the most part they are working independently.”

Charles Rudolph
Architecture professor

“[Nygren] is bringing a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and vision for this project.”

Maria Tiliakos
Architecture junior

Rudolph, however, expresses the confidence of the College of Architecture in Nygren and the Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance.

“We took the project on because it does represent current efforts to create alternative ‘smart growth’ development projects,” he said.

“Atlanta is a great laboratory for urban design, period,” Rudolph added.

However, there are aspects of the project that must be taken into consideration.

“There are several issues regarding the proposed plan that will need to be addressed when the project does get designed,” Tiliakos said. These issues center on the concern for a community well-integrated into Atlanta.

While the final design selection will unlikely be taken from any single student, it will undoubtedly draw elements from many of the projects.

So when you see an Architecture student lugging around a huge portfolio late on a Saturday night, remember, there might be a piece of Atlanta in that bag.

For more information about quality growth and the Chattahoochee Hill Country Alliance, visit www.coa.gatech.edu/cqgrd or www.chattahoocheecountry.org.

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Environmental engineers find new way to clean old water

Associate professor Kurt Pennell and a team of collaborators from the Universities of Michigan and Oklahoma have developed a two-step process to purify contaminated groundwater that is both quick and cost-efficient.

By Haining Yu
Contributing Writer

Dr. Kurt Pennell, associate professor for the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, along with environmental microbiologist Dr. Frank Loeffler, also an assistant professor for the school, collaborated with researchers from the University of Michigan and the University of Oklahoma to develop a two-step technique that efficiently removes highly toxic wastes from groundwater sources.

The results of this research may greatly increase the efficiency of environmental cleanup, help maintain the safety of drinking water, and most importantly, help preserve the environment.

Research towards the development of this process has been sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Great Lakes Mid-Atlantic Center for Hazardous Substance Research. The end result is the fruit of upwards towards 10 years of ongoing research.

Most of the contaminants that Pennell’s research deals with are organic solvents used in cleaning. For example, two of the main pollutants studied are tetrachloroethene, which is used in dry cleaning, and trichloroethene, which is used to wash off airplanes.

These contaminants enter the groundwater supply as a result of spills or improper disposal. One site that the team worked at was a “mom-and-pop dry cleaner,” said Pennell, that “sometimes…just threw [chemicals] in the backyard.”

According to Pennell, before the 70s and 80s—when increased environmental awareness brought about legislation that regulated the disposal of hazardous products—there were many cases like the drycleaner’s.

Now, however, there is a “cradle-to-grave” policy that ensures the return of the same amount of toxic substance that was originally procured by a business. These contaminants are not an immediate hazard to public health, especially in city areas like Atlanta, where all water is treated. However, they are a potential threat to rural areas, where well water is the main water source for both drinking water and irrigation.

“You would not want to ingest any of these chemicals, and you do not want it to be watered onto your food.”

Kurt Pennell
Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering

Since current environmental regulations set the safe drinking limit of such contaminants at five parts per billion, the potential of these contaminants is very large. According to Pennell, “one gallon of these contaminants can pollute hundreds of gallons of water.” For example, a single 55-gallon drum of one of the compounds can contaminate thousands of gallons of groundwater.

The two-step procedure involves injecting surfactants, which are soaps like shampoo that are often also used in food, and pharmaceuticals, to push out the contaminated water in order for the water to be treated. At the same time, these surfactants also reduce the density of the toxin, preventing it from sinking further into the groundwater.

This new procedure is called density modified displacement, and it greatly increases the efficiency of environmental cleanup by reducing the time required for the process. It also decreases the volume of contaminated water needed to be cleaned, since, as time goes on, the contaminants spread.

Current existing techniques lie in the category of “pump and treat,” in which large amounts of contaminated water need to be pumped...
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Last week’s Tech Up Close:
Time capsule plaque in front of the Student Center

Last week’s winner:
Juan Camilo Archila

email: focus@technique.gatech.edu

By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Grades

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They don’t want to give somebody an F and have the administration say, “Well, that doesn’t matter. I’m going to override that person’s ruling and have the F taken off the record.”

“Faculty members are very concerned about academic freedom and their right to choose what to do and what not to do,” Kang said.

However, many students have echoed the sentiment that students deserve a second chance.

“There is always a possibility of having a bad semester…and, in addition, the school is still getting its money’s worth in terms of students paying for classes,” said Jeremy Duvall, a third-year Computer Science major.

Brittany Meriwether, a third-year Nuclear and Radiological Engineering major, agreed. “There are…any number of things that can affect how well a student performs in the classroom, and these things are rarely deserving of a hardship withdrawal,” she said.

“I don’t think a person should be penalized for the rest of their career here because something like this may have happened,” she said.

Many of the students who support grade substitution have either experienced, or have friends who have experienced, trying academic situations where a grade substitution policy would have been a blessing.

“I made a D in linear algebra here at Tech,” Meriwether said. “However, I really have no incentive to retake it, seeing as how it won’t get rid of that D, so I’m just going along…not knowing linear algebra, whereas if it did replace the D, I would’ve taken it over a long time ago and actually learned it by now.”

Meriwether added that her boyfriend, who attends another university where an grade substitution policy is in place, will be able to keep his HOPE scholarship by retaking a failed history course. On the other hand, there is also opposition from some students. At the SGA issue meeting, some representatives expressed concern that the policy would lead to a level of grade inflation damaging to Tech’s rigorous academic reputation. They insisted that Tech should take pride in not offering such a policy.

Other opponents feel the policy may offer failing students an unfair advantage.

Some people are opposed…because they feel that people who failed [a class] the first time should be penalized for failing,” Kang said. “A lot of students are mad because some one can take the class and get a B and someone who failed the class the first time can retake the class and get a B and get [the failing grade] replaced.”

Andersen pointed out that the new system might be too restrictive for that kind of abuse to become common, saying current GPAs may be influencing some student opposition.

“I think the opposition we’ve had so far has been primarily from people with solid 4.0s,” he said.

Still others resent that the policy will benefit future students more than themselves. “Why shouldn’t the new students suffer through what we had to suffer?” asked Charles Wang, a third-year Computer Engineering major.

“Although Wang acknowledged that the system might work "as long as no favoritism is applied," he pointed out that "the system does not happen,” and there are no checks and balances.”

Citing two classes where the professor was willing to improve his final grade based on demonstration of his effort, he said that “since merit was shown to me, I think it should be shown to others without inflating the grade market.”

Furthermore, some students—including those who favor grade substitution—have voiced concerns that the policy may be abused. For example, there is the question of whether a student should be required to retake the class with the same professor or be able to take the class with a different, and possibly easier, teacher.

“I’m in for it, [but] I’m just worried about the policy getting abused,” said Krystian Alberciak, a second-year Computer Science major.

Another potential abuse would involve overuse of the policy to make up for too many failed courses, especially if the courses were failed due to laziness.

“If everyone is able to just simply retake the classes that they failed, then that would reduce the prestige of the jolly old Shaft,” Duvall said.

Kang and Andersen promise that the system will be vetted under consideration.

Andersen added that some institutions have a very liberal policy, allowing students to "retake up to 16 hours. Other options are to only offer grade substitution to freshmen or sophomores, or only offer it to 100-level classes.”

“There probably will be a lot of constraints put on it,” he said.

What do you think about grade substitution? Voice your opinion in this week’s online poll at http://www.nique.net.

One at a time

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out of the ground. The water is then treated to be rid of pollutants, and eventually pumped back into water source.

The cost of these existing procedures is very high, since the treatment of contaminated water is very expensive, and these techniques require that a large amount of water be treated. Another drawback is that current techniques only contain the contamination; rather than get rid of the contaminants. However, the approach developed by Pennell and his team gives engineers the ability to directly address the problem of contamination achieving over 90 percent pollutant removal.

Our approach is to aggressively treat the source zone where the actual spill occurred and remove the compound, then separate and treat or recycle it above ground,” Pennell said. “We are trying to remove the long-term source of groundwater contamination in a manner that will produce the most results for the least cost. It’s generally not economical or feasible to treat an entire aquifer.

“Most [environmental problems] that are easy and cheap to cleanup have already been done in the 70s and 80s,” explained Pennell, what’s left now is both difficult and expensive to remove.” Because the cleanup of contaminated groundwater is “now largely driven by economics,” he said, “we are trying to make the process more efficient.”

The technique looks like a promising choice to fulfill this criteria. Because the surfactants used in cleaning the water are produced in large volumes for other purposes, these materials can cost as little as $1.50 per pound. The technique is currently patent-pending.
Global Learning Center connects Tech to rest of world

Unbeknownst to most students, the Global Learning Center is home to 32,000 square feet of meeting space, a 12-panel video wall, the Distance Learning Program—and technology that broadcasts it all internationally.

By Kristen Kerns
Contributing Writer

With Tech Square’s grand opening this weekend, all eyes are on this new area of campus that will serve to bridge the gap between Georgia Tech and Midtown. For alumni, it marks a new era of Tech expansion as the campus slowly creeps over the interstate. For students, Tech Square holds many restaurants that are accessible to campus and new buildings to house the DuPree College of Management.

However, there is yet another new building in Tech Square that deserves the same amount of attention as these other buildings. It is the brand-new Global Learning Center that was just recently completed on July 15. Although the programs that call the Global Learning Center home are not new to Tech, few students are aware of the influence that the Center and its programs carry.

The Center is so important, in fact, that President Clough delivered his State of the Institute Address there last Tuesday.

The Global Learning Center, which is located next door to the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center, houses the Distance Learning and Education Program.

It also houses more than 32,000 square feet of meeting space, five amphitheaters, four computer labs and a 12-panel video wall.

The Global Learning Center puts on about 20 conferences a year and hosts companies and groups from all over the world.

“The new Tech Trolley system makes it even easier for visitors without access to a car to reach the Center as well.”

Michael Coleman, the Marketing Manager for the Continuing Education Program, said, “It is important for Georgia Tech to have a physical presence in Midtown.”

“There are millions of meeting spaces in Atlanta,” Coleman added. “What really sets us apart is the technology. A meeting can take place in one of our conference rooms and be broadcast all over the world.”

Besides renting out conference rooms and meeting space, the Global Learning Center also provides many educational services. “About 15,000 people a year take our short courses,” continued Coleman. “They are usually between one to five days in length and do not count towards a degree.”

For professionals who wish to work toward an advanced degree, 

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Aristophanes’ *Lysistrata*, presented by DramaTech and intended for mature audiences, opens this weekend and continues until Nov. 8. The play is a satirical comedy about a Greek woman who, fed up by the ongoing war, convinces all other women to go on a “sex strike” until peace is declared.

“We do a lot of live classes by live video conference to GTREP, the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program... We have strong connections to Savannah and Armstrong Atlantic.”

**Chris Lindsey**

Media production manager

The Global Learning Center’s Distance Learning Program provides a technology-oriented way to do so. This program, which is in its 25th year here on campus, allows the student to take classes at home or work without even having to set foot on campus.

“Our distance learning program, per se, is usually for master’s degrees in engineering,” said Coleman.

“Those students are all over the world,” he added.

Currently, degrees are available in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

Chris Lindsey, a media production manager in Distance Learning, is in charge of recording classes in one of the nine classrooms across campus that are specially equipped to handle video classes.

“We deliver classes through video conferencing, on DVD, not necessarily in live format. Most students would rather watch the class at their convenience than rearrange their schedule to accommodate a course,” said Lindsey.

“We do a lot of live classes by live video conference to GTREP, the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program.”

This program connects Tech to other campuses around the southeast. “We have strong connections to Savannah and Armstrong Atlantic,” Lindsey said.

GTREP’s new campus just recently opened in Savannah, and many of the classes offered there are taught through Distance Learning. Most students would attend the Savannah classes until the beginning of their junior year, when they would transfer to Tech.

Savannah facilities. Burch is glad that he can earn a Georgia Tech diploma without having to deal with the hassles of living in a metropolitan area, like Atlanta.

In addition to providing classes for students all over the world, Distance Learning broadcasts some classes on the Georgia Tech Cable Network. They also make some tapes available in the library. Eventually, however, they want to make all classes available digitally, on the internet.

Recently, Distance Learning has been trying to broadcast programs to Singapore and Georgia Tech Lor­raine. Computer networking bandwidth overseas are making this a difficult task. In the near future, however, live classes in Lorraine may very well become a reality.

Besides the Continuing Education and Distance Learning programs, the Global Learning Center is starting a new program called Tech2Nite that will host a series of classes at night. These classes will be on less demanding subjects, such as real estate and wine tasting. The classes will take place from 6:30-8:30 and will be available for a small fee.

For more information about the Global Learning Center, visit http://www.glc.gatech.edu. Or you can get a look at Global Learning Center for yourself—they will be offering tours this Friday, Oct. 24, at the Tech Square Grand Opening.
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**Hooebastank Enthralls Crowd at Tabernacle**

By Kimberly Rieck
Sport Editor

In August, guitarist Dan Estrin suffered a serious head injury after a motorcycle accident at a gas station in Myrtle Beach, Estrin was riding around on a motorcycle in a roped-off area around the tour busses when he got caught in the rope and fell on his head. After recuperation time, Estrin is back on the road with his band Hooebastank.

"My head's doing a lot better. I had a blood clot right in my brain and they had to do surgery on me. They had to cut like the whole left hand side of my head open and I had 30 stitches," Estrin said.

Hooebastank came to Atlanta last Friday apart of the Nokia Unwired Tour with D'Fuser, Ozo(matli and All-American Rejects. Although Hooebastank is a band that loves to constantly tour, Estrin found it hard to come back at first.

"It's the hardest thing was leaving home because I had gone home and I had 30 stitches," Estrin said.

To make it even better, one of the band's favorite spots to tour is Atlanta. "I love Atlanta. I haven't gotten to much out here but Atlanta seems like it's always going to be good to us. Every show we've had here has felt really good," Estrin said.

Since 2001, the band has performed in Atlanta over six times, including performances opening for 311, Incubus, at U.S. McIntire, the Big Rock and the Ottomans Rock. "We'd have amazing shows. My last memorable shows...are from Atlanta. It's weird because usually it's all back home like. Shows are killer or New York shows are killer. But you guys have the Atlanta U.S. McIntire downtown Festival which we did and did not know what to expect. Seriously, itsawisensine: it was the most amazing thing we've everdone. Anything was going to be here we're like 'we'll do it.'" Estrin said.

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Guitarist, Hooebastank

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**Oozing Slabs of Ribs**

eats creates new dining experiences for students. Fifth Street Ribs & Blues stands out.

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**Cow Chips Make Good Philanthropy**

Partake in philanthropic event unlike any other. Contribute $10 that will go to the Brain Tumor Foundation for Children and enter to win a laptop computer. A well-fed cow is released into the burger bowl, where players have purchased any number of tickets in which the cow deposits a chip wins the computer. Contributing also counts as an hour of philanthropy. The event takes place Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"I am your daughter...ahhhhh!"

The Ward Al of cinema returns with the third Scary Movie installment. Expect masses of gore and a few laughs. It's unapologetic in its style and adds to the possibility that it may have some merit, unlike the first two duds in the trilogy.

**Atlanta Steps Up a Notch in Fashion**

New York-based Bloomingdale's has arrived in Atlanta. New stores are now open in Lenox mall and Perimeter Mall. The stores offer food options that enable a full day of browsing.

**Vertical Horizon Performing in L5P**

Seasoned Vertical Horizon is playing at the Variety Playhouse on Saturday, Oct. 25. "It's true. The issue will be there, so should you. Tickets are only $15 and are available through Ticketmaster. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts 8:30."

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**Peter H edges teaches how to cook up chaotic Thanksgiving**

By Jessica Luza
Contributing Writer

I was the last journalist to meet with Peter H edges, writer and director of the upcoming Pieces of April, at his hotel suite at the Four Seasons in Atlanta. He seemed exhausted from having to do press interviews all day to promote his film, yet there was a sense of ease about him.

Dressed casually in jeans, sneakers and a simple shirt, he was very down to earth and did not have the stereotypical personality of a big shot director. He was down to earth and did not have the stereotypical personality of a big shot director.

You may not recognize his name yet, but you have heard of his work. Hedges is the son of actor and director of stage and film, director of stage and film.

When he felt that he did not do the stage justice, he switched from the stage to screenwriting and began writing for his friends to perform. Upon graduation, he moved to New York City and began a humble theatre company consisting of eight actors, all of which performed the twelve plays that he wrote within three years. After he wrote H's Eating Gilbert Grape, Holly

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Q.E.D. Original Comic Strip

by Brian Lewis [gtg043f@mail.gatech.edu]

- Check her out...
- Oh!
- You guys can't be serious!??
- What?
- Yeah, we're just looking.
- Yeah, that's sick!
- Wendy, you have completely grossed me out!
- Yeah, that's sick!

Technique
Making Friday lectures more interesting
Derek Luke from down apartment in Greenwich Village moved away from home and now lives in a run-down loft studio at the King Plow Arts Center which houses Luxe. He was anything but disappointed. It was as if I’d filled an entire space with my own wish-list of goodies, except... the prices were no longer of Nnamdi Marcus or Saks Fifth Avenue instead, the prices were quite affordable for a Tech student. In fact, Ripley claims that much of her business comes from Tech ladies who frequently buy out her jeans; she even has a Tech student working for her who she says is “joyful being able to keep up with the trend” without their exorbitant budget. Ripley keeps very well-balanced shop, you will be able to find formal wear as readily as casual wear or business attire. Luxe has been featured in Vogue, Women’s Wear Daily and The Atlanta Journal Constitution and has even catered to various media talents, CEOs, celebrities and stylists.

With this sort of resume, I can honestly say that Luxe is an Atlanta-based exclusive shopping locale and fashion event vehicle that features authentic designer clothes, shoes and accessories for women from 50 to 85 percent off original prices.

Luxe owner Jennifer Ripley uses her connections in the world of fashion to bring Atlanta amazing deals on designer names like Gucci and D&G.

Turkey

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er encouraged him to keep writing and felt like “it was a story [he] was supposed to tell.” It was her idea that thereason April, played by Katie Holmes, is cooking Thanksgiving dinner is because the mother has cancer.

Although Peter gives credit to his mother for her encouragement, he is adamant in saying that the movie is not a portrayal of his life but a witty and hilarious comedy about a dysfunctional family and when you first encounter the turkey, when her family buries a hit squirrel on the way to New York (the mother smokes weed with her daughter in a gas station bathroom) trying to come together for holidays. You will laugh when April drops the turkey, when her family buries a hit squirrel on the way to New York, and when you first encounter the nutty neighbor Wayne, played by Will & Grace’s Sean Hayes.

This is a lightweight and fun movie which will put you in a great mood to start off your holiday season!
Ribs, blues and beer just down Fifth

By Jody Shaw
Associate Editor

Fifth Street Ribs ‘n Blues, located in the new Tech Square complex just across the interstate from East Campus, may quickly become a new favorite dining location for students who seek a relaxed atmosphere and downright delicious food.

A family-owned barbecue joint, Fifth Street opened its doors to the public on Monday, Oct. 26. Started by the Brooks family, it was the dream of Bret, a Georgia State graduate. He spent over two years discussing the idea with his parents and wife, who are now his business partners, while also looking for the perfect location to start his restaurant. That opportunity came with the Tech Square project.

The Brooks’ first foray into the business of owning and running a restaurant will surely be a hit. Though Fifth Street’s menu is not expansive, it offers the barbecue basics without overwhelming the customer with choices. It fits conveniently on the wall near the cash register, where customers place their orders. Customers then find their seats and wait for the Ribs ‘n Blues staff to bring out the overflowing plates of sweet meat. The price of these generous portions of barbecue match a student’s budget; the size of the half slab of ribs, at just over $8, compares to full slabs at some restaurants and may leave enough for leftovers. At the low price end, a chopped pork sandwich and chips combo goes for under $5.

Ribs, however, asthenomewould suggest, are the staple of Fifth Street. One can choose from a half slab, full slab or a combination platter that includes a quarter slab and a quarter of barbecued chicken. Barbeque novices should note that these are spare ribs, which differ from the loin or “baby back” style served by many establishments. Spare ribs come from a different part of the pig and they offer juicier meat than the loin variety.

Fifth Street’s ribs arrive from the kitchen perfectly cooked and served with a side of hot homemade sauce. The same can be said for the chicken, which is also served up juicy and well seasoned. Fifth Street does not offer combination platters that include side items with its plates, but one can add a heaping portion of any of the traditional barbecue side items—chips, cole slaw, potato salad, beans or Brunswick stew—for under a dollar. Though none of the sides are as outstanding as the ribs themselves, they serve as a good complement to the meat. If you prefer, you can also order a nice beer to go with your meal.

Adding to the Fifth Street food is the overall ambiance and convenience. Portraits and paintings of famous musicians line the walls of the indoor dining area, and gentle blues music fills the air. The Brooks intend to provide live blues in the future, but until then, they will host karaoke, open mic nights, and trivia for the fun atmosphere for students. No matter what goes on inside, however, until the air gets cooler, the best attraction may be the sidewalk-side dining, and the sweet smell of barbecues making its way across the interstate.

Getting to Ribs ‘n Blues could not be easier. In addition to making the short walk or taking the trolley, students with a parking pass can park in the hotel parking deck for free. After 5 p.m., the restaurant keeps its doors open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon through 8 p.m. Sundays.

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stood “Remember Me” and waited until the center crowd got back on their feet.

After asking if everyone was okay, Ritter told the audience “that right there” is why Atlanta is the band’s favorite place to perform. Estrin and Robb more than made up for the stage jumping up and down all over the place. Robb had a gripping stage presence. Chris had enough light up infinity symbol, Hoobastank’s logo, at the end of his drum kit and illuminated it whenever he made a killer note.

Besides playing fan favorites such as “Crawling in the Dark” and “Pierce,” Hoobastank performed three songs from its new album. Estrin wrote all of the music to the new album while Robb wrote all of the lyrics.

Comparing The Reason to the previous album, “it’s similar but it’s also different. Our heavy songs are a little heavier, our light songs are a little lighter,” Estrin said. Judging by the crowd’s enthusiastic response and the dozens of crowd surfers, the appearance seemed to enjoy the new material.

Unfortunately, Hoobastank’s set ended after a brief 40 minutes to make room for the last band. However, before the band left the stage, Robb did a cover of Cyndi Lauper’s “Girls Just Want To Have Fun.” It was an ironic gesture considering the large numbers of teenage girls that were patiently awaiting the last band — All-American Rejects.

When All-American Rejects took the stage, the crowd had been revved up from Hoobastank’s set. However, the crowd failed to take advantage of the momentum for most of the early songs.

The pop-punk band’s songlist didn’t inspire large waves of crowd surfers or moshing until the band played its radio hit “Swing Swing.” For the encore, All-American Rejects brought back Duffer to join them on “The Cigarette Song.”

On the final song, lead singer Tyson Ritter tried anything but singing. While singing the band’s “The Last Song,” Ritter climbed on top of two huge speakers and continued singing while dangling from the Tabor-Nacle’s railing.

While he kept one foot in the air and one on the speakers, numerous panikid and teenage girls came rushing over to the area to hold on to him in case he fell. To the crowd’s amazement, Ritter was able to get down without injury.

After the show ended, Hoobastank hosted a meet and greet for their fans who had preurchased their new album. The other bands also stayed on for autographs outside the venue. Look for Hoobastank when they come back to the Tabor-Nacle Nov. 11.

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Check out www.Luxeatlanta.com for more information.

Anthony Bell, Trey Clark and Eric Parker dine outside at the Fifth Street Ribs ‘n Blues, a new family-owned barbecue joint located at Tech Square.
Maroon 5 headlines stellar lineup, gives insight about its roots

By Elizabeth Deems / SPECIAL TO THE NIQUE

Maroon 5 headlined the lineup last week at the Roxy. Each of the bands took time out to speak with the ‘Nique before the rocking concert.

By Jennifer Schur
Opinions Editor

Gavin DeGraw and fellow up-and-comer Mar Brousard opened for headliner Maroon 5 last Wednesday night at their sold-out show at the Roxy Theatre in Buckhead. Fans started arriving as early as 3:30 in the afternoon for the eight o’clock show, and by the time the doors opened, the line wound its way around the block.

Before the show, Brousard, DeGraw and two of the members of Mar 5 took the time to sit down (or, in DeGraw’s case, stand outside the back entrance to the venue) and comment on their lives, their music and the world in general.

Gavin DeGraw

With the first few plucks of his guitar strings, he has you entranced. DeGraw has the ability wrap his gentle words around your heart and tug softly with his melodic, emotionally charged voice.

DeGraw’s response was a solid, straightforward statement: “I guess I just want to make records. Shortly thereafter, he met a person from Columbia Records, an executive who ended up turning him down because it felt his music was good but not marketable. When DeGraw found out Columbia’s decision, he said, ‘I said cool, it’s not like you’re going to stop playing music. I am’ kind of a shake at this thing. It’s what I loved to do.

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That last sentence is a bit of a morbid statement because his_ present_ impeccably. Even on stage, he makes the audience,” Levine explained to the audience that, “This song got me laid.”

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When he was a baby—"whatever that sounded like at the time," he joked.

“Childhood is so magical, my parents are musicians, and my brother and my sister were all playing music also, so it wasn’t a surprise. I got a little more competitive as I got older. I was like, I want to be better than them. I was doing pretty well in a peer-pressure situation. I got a little nervous. Playing music also, so it was sort of a fallback. I was doing well in school, like at the time,” DeGraw said.

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Theme Crossword: Self-Doubt

By James Barrick
United Features

ACROSS
1. The maid of Orleans
5. O.rg.
10. Place
15. Polynesian M- Arquises
19. - facto
20. Bingo-like game
21. Arroz con -
22. Swearword
23. Talcum relative: 2 wds.
27. Go wrong
29. Adjust a piano again
30. Saree wearer
31. Cache
32. New Zealander
33. Region
34. Appurtenances
35. World’s largest democracy
37. Part of a quilt: 3 wds.
38. Thesaurus entry: abbr.
39. Adjust a piano again
41. String of pearls: abbr.
42. Ending for penta or hexa
43. Used to be a common form of the English language:
44. Like some rolls
45. Part of a quilt: 2 wds.
46. Start of a quip by screenwriter W. H. Keene: 3 wds.
47. Optimistic
48. Sing a certain way
49. Architectural element
50. Remain
51. Rabin’s predecessor
52. Put forth
53. Rests
54. Debatable
55. Hebrew month
56. Fateful day
57. Bring together
58. Like some rolls
59. Mrs. - Flintstone
60. Like some rolls
61. Wriggling
62. Heyday
63. Fawning one
64. Broker’s advice
65. New Zealander
66. Brahman
67. Equine animal
68. Body of poetry
69. Vaulted area
70. Inadequate
71. Two-legged support
72. Um ling
73. Us
74. Prominent
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103. Handle: Lat.
104. Arab VIP
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106. Legal matter: abbr.
107. End of the quip
108. Column pedestal
109. Exercise system
110. Term of endearment
111. Japanese drama
112. Legal matter: abbr.
113. - fixe
114. Engaged: 2 wds.
115. Of gold
116. Perry’s creator - Stanley
117. An anesthetic
118. "When you wish upon a star"
119. Explosive stuff
120. Word in proofreading

DOWN
1. Is in agreement
2. 1960s-style paintings: 2 wds.
3. Ankle bone
4. Japanese drama
5. "It’s - -!"
6. Stitched
7. Ornamental
8. Undivided
9. Eaten away
10. Three-dimensional
11. Bean curd
12. Form of “H ello”
13. Food sensitivities
15. The Awkward State
16. Grassy tracts
17. An aesthetic
18. Brake and tennis
19. Old interjection
20. Chimp c.o.s.
21. Ambler or Clapton
22. Like an altruist
23. Overhaul
24. Llama’s milieu
25. Aesop’s fable
26. Heavens
27. Get away from
28. Cut
29. - canto
30. Bitter drug
31. Fateful day
32. Sit tight
33. Bedtime wear
34. Overshot
35. Table scrap
36. Three-dimensional
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At 21, Marc Broussard is the youngest performer on the tour, yet you would never guess that based on his calm, soulful demeanor.

Broussard was “discovered” by Leah Simmons in Lafayette, Louisiana, after several people told her that she had to hear him play. Since his dad is also a musician, Broussard was “in front of an audience at age five, and I realized the power I had over other people and realized at a pretty early age the responsibility I had to give everything on stage put on the best show that I possibly could.”

Perhaps because of this early musical upbringing and his sense of responsibility to his audience, “I try to make it an optimistic positive outlook; just be honest, and I can.” Broussard talked about wanting to “put out something that was going to promote some positivity and not cause consternation. I can still be sexy and talk about a woman with respect without calling her a ho.”

And sexy he was, pouring his heart out on stage, drawing the audience to songs that most people hadn’t heard before. With Broussard’s stage presence and his attitude to “always just be nice to everybody that comes across—just get you along with, just being a nice person to be around. It will open a whole lot of doors for you,” he’s sure to find his career growing bigger and better.

We think he was dropped on his head as a child—perhaps several times—and that’s why...
Championship games cap off first phase competitions

By John Parsons  
Staff Writer

The first phase of intramurals is over and all the champions have been crowned. Many of the usual suspects are took home championships yet again, such as Lambda Chi in ultimate and Backfield in Motion in A-League flag football.

In the co-rec league, the BGDs won the flag football championship after shutting down TKE Co-Rec 27-0. BGD was led by quarterback Neal Baker. The team had three touchdowns in the first half.

TKE Co-Rec had previously defeated Sigma Epsilon and the undefeated No. 1 seed Spongebobs in the quarterfinals. BGD went undefeated this season and had playoff wins the week before against Cloudy Glennmen and FIJI Co-Rec.

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Golf trio leads Tech to first place crown

By Kimberly Rieck

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Jackets face hard times on court

By Kimberly Rieck

Over the past week, both the men’s and women’s tennis teams faced tough competition at the South Carolina Fall Invitational and ITA Southern Regionals respectively. The championships were held at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex at the University of Georgia’s campus.

Last Monday, the women’s team concluded its play at the ITA Southern Region Championships with a win from sixth-seeded Kelly Anderson.

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The Jackets will compete in the ITA Region II Championship in Chapel Hill, N.C., Oct. 24-26.
Ramblin’ with Hal Higgins

By Katie Neal

Senior Punter

Technique: What has been your favorite memory in football while you’ve been at Tech?

Higgins: My favorite memory would have to be the first time I ever stepped on the field to play, the opening game of the 2001 season in Giants Stadium against Syracuse, although my first punt this year against BYU was a pretty special feeling.

‘Nique: If you could play any other sport here, what would it be and why?

Higgins: I always dreamed of playing basketball at Tech when I was a kid. Basketball is my favorite sport; God just didn’t think that was in my best interest!

‘Nique: What teammate or coach has taught you the most—or have you learned the most from—about the game?

Higgins: Coach Wilson has brought a lot of creativity to the game, but I learned the most about me and how I play the game and how the game affects me from my daddy.

‘Nique: Do you have any pregame rituals, and if so, what are they?

Higgins: I wouldn’t really call it a ritual, but I always go throw around with Dan Burnett about an hour and a half before the game starts. This helps us with the weather conditions!

‘Nique: What’s your favorite pre-game meal?

Higgins: After 5 years of the same meal, I would have to say chicken parmesan with lasagna on the side.

‘Nique: What do you want to do after graduating from Tech?

Higgins: After 5 years here, I thought I would know the answer to that question. It looks as if I don’t want to do anything, but that’s not true. I would like a job dealing with sports and television (some type of commentator or something) or I think I would like to pursue a career in real estate.

‘Nique: Do you think football players are regarded differently than the other athletes at Tech?

Higgins: No I don’t think so. We just might be more recognizable…except us kickers!

‘Nique: How do you think your time away with Hodgkin’s disease affected your work ethic and view of football?

Higgins: My illness changed my life completely. I really try not to take anything for granted, yet on the other hand, I don’t stress myself on anything either. It really taught me what’s important and what I don’t have to sweat.

‘Nique: If you could only tell next year’s freshman recruits just one thing, what would it be?

Higgins: Listen to the upper-classmen.

‘Nique: How do you think most of your teammates would describe you?

Higgins: I’d say as a humorous fellow who loves sports but has a problem combing his hair!!

‘Nique: What is something that most people would be surprised to learn about you?

Higgins: I have extremely flat feet and I can only breathe out of one side of my nose!

Sliver Box

Somebody help. I’m too lazy to study for Accounting test this Thursday. I wonder if osmotic will help if I sleep over my notes tonight.

Anyone want to go with me to the pre-screening of “Intolerable Cruelty”? :)

Tech sux. what we actually need is for girls starting to ask guys out. That’d surely enhance gender equality here.

Life is like a box of chocolate elsewhere, but here life is like a box full of chocolate wrapper.

Thank you ‘Nique for helping me to procrastinate the study of Accounting test. Your sliver box rocks!

What’s the deal with the paper shortage in the ME computer labs??

The school has 3,564,444 sheets! That’s about 8.5 times the amount currently stocked P

I had a sliver stuck under my fingernail once.

I am not witty enough to get into the Vent… lucky for me the Technique will print ANYTHING!

And at least five people will read it!

Radiohead

Hey daniel: c.s.d. is really not that funny, it’s dangerous queer eye for the straight jacket if your hair is long and gross, cut it - don’t run your fingers through it. and please. longer shorts. please.

Robin Hood

Red Sox and Cubs go to game 7 of the World Series and Armaged

Decimoprimer mandamiento: NO DAR PAPAYA

Hey, gimpo. I LIVE at the beach. So shut yer mouth.

Whew, Falcons got the CRAP beaten out of them, AND the Braves lose early in the playoffs once again…it seems that all is right with the world once again

One player does make that much of a difference….on the bright side, the Falcons will get a nice draft pick out of this season.

I thought it was a joke that the falcons would lose less than tech….now thats scary, two crappy ass teams and tech would have more wins than the falcons…Im cold

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Georgia Tech 24, Wake Forest 7

Tech wins faceoff with Deacons

By Andy Holt
Contributing Writer

The Yellow Jackets’ offense continued to find itself against the Demon Deacons, piling up 441 yards in a decisive 24-7 victory over Wake Forest.

In a day of career highs, P.J. Daniels rushed for his best total ever, 174 yards, and Jonathan Smith continued to outdo himself, catching 194 yards worth of passes from Reggie Ball.

Ball completed 12 of 24 passing attempts with no interceptions and two touchdowns. Daniels set the high mark for rushing yards in the ACC so far this season.

The Yellow Jackets also put in a sterling effort on the defensive side. James Butler had an interception and a blocked field goal, and defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta brought his usual excellent preparation and game plan to the field, putting a stranglehold on Wake’s tricky flex-bone offense.

“With only two more wins necessary to become bowl-eligible, a postseason feature for the Jackets now seems well within reach.”

Men’s crew competes at the Head of the Charles

Last weekend, Tech raced at the world’s largest two-day rowing event when it competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston last weekend.

The event featured over 6500 competitors and had crowds of over 350,000 people. In the men’s lightweight 8+, Tech was No. 18 out of 24 boats with a time of 15:30.026.

Justin Steigerwalt finished third out of 33 entries in the men’s lightweight single with a time of 18:27.177. Steigerwalt defeated many current and former national team rowers at the regatta.

Crew teams win medals, trophy in first race

In the season opener, Tech’s crew teams defeated teams from the University of Georgia, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Georgia State, among others to win the team points trophy at the Chattanooga Head Race Oct. 11.

GT Crew took home ten medals—three gold, six silver and one bronze in the men’s and women’s races. The crew team will have a home race tomorrow at Lake Lanier.

GT Paintball takes first place in championships

Tech’s club paintball team defeated Clemson, Southern Poly, Emory Riddle, Purdue, Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Georgia at the NCPA SACC Championships.

The preliminary rounds of the tournament placed Tech at the top of the roster after the team gained a substantial lead with zero losses. In the finals, Tech had two wins and one loss. The next tournament will be Nov. 8 in Winder, Ga.

Tech Hockey triumphs over Mary Washington

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Rabbitt shows the tortoise isn’t faster as he racks up wins

By Billy Sayer
Contributing Writer

Opening this season with a fifth place finish at the Wake Forest Alumni Invitational, Kyle Rabbitt proved that he could help guide this year’s cross country team. Rabbitt fell only a few seconds behind now-injured teammate Neil McDonagh.

In high school, Rabbitt was a cross country and track standout at Landmark Christian School in Tyrone, Ga. He earned all-metro honors from the Atlanta Track Club on five separate occasions in his prep career.

At the 2001 NCAA South Region Championships, he received all-region honors and a sixteenth place finish.

Rabbitt followed the high Wake Forest finish with an incredible performance at the Auburn Invitational.

Rabbitt cruised to victory as he broke away from the pack with one kilometer remaining in the race, finishing in 24:47 and beating a field of 259 runners. Rabbitt was named ACC Runner of the Week for his performance at the Auburn Invitational.

“Kyle is a good kid who does a good job leading by example. He trains hard and can balance running and school really well. Most kids couldn’t do what he could,” said Alan Drosky, Head Cross Country Coach.

“Kyle is focused on running well every weekend and the first indoor 5000,” Rabbitt said. “When you are running the race you just hope you can hang on, because there is lots of pain.”

Kyle Rabbit
Runner

Acc standout Kyle Rabbit has proven that Tech’s cross country team can compete with the best ACC teams after placing first at the Auburn Invitational. Rabbitt has placed in the top five in all of his events so far this season.

“For me, the biggest challenge is running a race and being able to come for the runner. Kyle has several goals for himself and his team,” Drosky said.

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Meanwhile, the Georgia Tech women’s cross country team will be one of the top contenders in the ACC and in the national spotlight.

“We are looking to finish top three in the conference,” Rabbitt said.

Although Rabbitt has done well thus far, the most important meets of the season are yet to come. “The true test for Kyle will come up in the conference meet. If he runs well he has a very good chance to win. It depends who has a good day and runs well. Even though he has only run in two races this year, he has yet to disappoint,” Drosky said.

Rabbit’s preparations for this season and the indoor track season have not even reached full potential yet.

“My focus this time of year is track, so I’m still not training to my potential. I still believe I will improve coming into the track season and the first indoor 5000.” Rabbitt said.

Drosky agrees that the best is yet to come for the runner. “Kyle will continue to improve throughout the year. The only thing that could stop him would be a possible injury. He has done a great job figuring out what he needs to accomplish and what he needs to do accomplish these goals,” Drosky said.

If Rabbit and his teammates are successful, Tech’s Cross Country team will be one of the top contenders in the ACC and in the national spotlight.

Sliver Box

Don enus... don’t say I didn’t warn you
Shay is on a love song download rush, damn fall love.

rb-sorry to hear about the “i with the gf... give me a c if you need a h being grown up isn’t half as fun as growing up :-/

Eh! Just what is this exactly?

i want to work in an m&m’s factory shake ya tail feather!

To 90% of the people on the DVR machine: It’s called DANCE DANCE Revolution not STOMP STOMP Revolution

sket sket....nothing like the good ol’ sliver in da box

The Falcons have gone from Suck...to Blow!

New creed on life, I don’t give a ****, **** all of you and screw you guys, I’m going home

Kerry Wood! The hell! Marlins had that game...

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The players credit their coach as helping them get to this record-breaking point in school history. “Coach Shymansky is good at finding ways to motivate us and maintain our focus, and he always has a positive take no matter the situation,” said Jayme Gergen, middle blocker.

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“After sweeping the first two teams, Tech took part in a colossal battle against a Cornhusker squad that had not lost at home since 1999. In the first big test of the program, Tech defeated Nebraska in five games and took over the No. 5 spot.

Without any time to celebrate or soak in the accomplishment, the Jackets turned right around to play a very tough and then No. 25 Wisconsin the next Friday. Tech went down two games to none in the match, but produced a great comeback to beat the Badgers in five games.

Nebraska may have been the toughest match but the battle against Wisconsin has been the defining moment of the season.

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Volleyball Player

“Coach is honest, prepares us well, and lets us know exactly what to expect from each match,” said Kele Eveland, setter.

With so much going on around the record-breaking early season run, one of the biggest problems could be maintaining focus throughout the not-as-difficult second half.

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The team has only lost one game in ACC action while compiling a conference record of 8-0. One of the biggest matches will be when Tech faces Maryland at home. The Terrapins gave Tech its sole loss.

Szymansky and his defending conference champions will then face-off against the University of Georgia on Nov. 11, in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

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Before the team competes against the Bulldogs, the Jackets will play North Carolina tonight at 7 p.m.
**No. 4 Tech makes history**

By John Scaduto  
Contributing Writer

It seems as if the accolades and accompanying expectations will never end for Tech Volleyball this year. At about the midpoint of the season, the Jackets are 20-0 (8-0 ACC) while having lost only five games of any consequence. The team has shown no signs of slowing down.

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After a successful 2003 season that ended in an ACC championship for Tech, the baseball team is starting the 2004 season with the annual White & Gold series. The team showcased its highly ranked recruiting class there.

**Baseball hosts fall preview series**

By Kimberly Rieck  
Sports Editor

Tech’s nationally-ranked baseball team concluded its four-week fall practice with the annual “White & Gold World Series” this week at Russ Chandler Stadium. The series was a best of three games intraquad event and was free to the public. Fans had the opportunity to “tailgate with the baseball team” and get an early look at the defending ACC champions before the Tech-Maryland game.

It was also Tech fans’ first opportunity to see the baseball team’s freshman class. The class has been ranked as the fourth best recruiting class in the nation by Baseball America’s annual rankings. Tech’s recruiting classes have been ranked among the top 16 in the country for competitions. Find out how several of our top teams fared. Page 33

**For the love of the game**

On the other side of the spectrum, Tech’s club teams have been traveling across the country for competitions. Find out how several of our top teams fared. Page 33

**We are the champions**

After months of blood, sweat and tears, flag football and whiffleball intramural seasons have ended. Find out who took home the gold. Page 30

**Griffin, Duvall receive honors**

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**Tech to take on Samford in ‘04**

Tech’s football team has added NCAA Division I-AA member Samford to its home schedule for next season. Samford will receive $175,000 for traveling to Atlanta. Head Coach Chan Gailey once coached Samford as well.

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Tech’s women’s basketball staff will host a coaching clinic on Oct. 25. The clinic will feature a number of keynote speakers, including high school coaches from around the Southeast. The clinic will also give a question and answer session with Yellow Jacket players and coaches.

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By Charles Frey  
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Last week’s winner: Nick Bendler

By Christopher Gasley  
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Junior Marisa Aston goes in for the save during one of the team’s victories at home. The team has made school history this year with 20 straight wins overall and eight straight wins in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

**By the numbers**

4  
Number of times quarterback Reggie Ball has been named ACC Rookie of the Week this season. Before Maryland’s game, Ball had completed 45 of 84 passes for 616 yards, four touchdowns and two interceptions.

8  
Number of consecutive years Tech’s recruiting classes in baseball have been ranked among the top 16 in the country. Baseball America has ranked the 2003 freshman class as the fourth best in the nation.

2002  
Number of years the men’s swim team has finished in the top four at the ACC Championships. The team begins its season tomorrow at home against N.C. State.

11  
Number of wins for the Yellow Jackets against SEC teams. Last year the Tech golf team captured a first place team title. Tech captured first place earlier this week at the Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate in Tampa.

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