**OUR VIEWS Consensus Opinion**

**Matt Mason for Prez**

This year’s election stirred deep feelings of sadness among the older students on campus. Something, or someone, was missing. Matt Mason has been a continuous figure in recent undergraduate presidential elections—and, unfortunately, lost.

His love of attention and ability to schmooze like no other added a spark to elections that has been extinguished. You always knew when he was in the room. Alas, he had to graduate sometime, but will truly be missed. Here, only a few short months before his graduation, we are able to proclaim: Matt Mason for President. Maybe not of UBT, but of something. Maybe a Fortune 500 company?

**Stop alcohol abuse**

GTstupid has the right idea of how to deal with alcohol abuse on campus. It needs to stop, and waste will not be tolerated. That last bit in the handle? Save it for another visit. That cup you just can’t finish? Put it in the fridge for another day. With the rocketing prices seen in ads, alcohol abuse and waste must cease. Like natural gas, booze must be conserved, and every available bit must be used to meet the need. Do your part and stop the abuse.

**Hazing**

The Technique has taken the challenge and needs to gain immunity. Hazing is the only way to prove who is worthy of being a staff member or editor and who gets voted out of the office. A little water, sewage, or other abuse never hurt anyone. The only task stronger—and better writers. It’s too late to stop it because its TRADITION, and we have rich alumni who will pay our way out of trouble.

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**J.R. Spriggle issues eleventh hour presidential pardons**

By Chris Kavanaugh's Mom
From the 'Lique's Belmont Bureau

As J.R. Spriggle, Commander in Chief, leaves his humble office for the year, the Technique has discovered that he has received several last-minute campaign contributions, and is in the position to consider pardoning a number of parties.

After coming to the conclusion that an official Presidential Pardon holds a value of about $42 (or free nSync tickets for ODK Social Chair Scotty Crowe), he set himself to the daunting task of deciding whom he should pardon.

So far, the list is closely guarded, but the Technique has learned the intimate details of the following entries on the 2001 Presidential Pardon List:

- First, Spriggle has agreed to free all legal entanglements students who have received parking tickets after being falsely informed that the StuCen visitor lot was full.
- Second, Spriggle has learned that an official Presidential Pardon holds a value of about $42 (or free nSync tickets for ODK Social Chair Scotty Crowe), he set himself to the daunting task of deciding whom he should pardon.
- Third, Spriggle has agreed to pardon the Physics Department for the deplorable crime of teaching physics.
- In light of the recent student body elections and after consultation with VP-elect Joseph Nathaniel Watson, Spriggle has agreed to reduce the punishment for candidate Joseph Katzen for, as he puts it, “multi-flasking” during school hours. Instead of the original 10- year exile to Athens, the new order decrees that he shall undergo 15 weeks of GTstupid training.
- As a welcome relief to the student body as a whole, the outgoing GTstupid has the right idea of how to deal with alcohol abuse on campus. It needs to stop, and waste will not be tolerated. That last bit in the handle? Save it for another visit. That cup you just can’t finish? Put it in the fridge for another day. With the rocketing prices seen in ads, alcohol abuse and waste must cease. Like natural gas, booze must be conserved, and every available bit must be used to meet the need. Do your part and stop the abuse.

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**Female stalkers invasion out of control**

Recent issues of the paper have told lies about the true relationship between the sexes on campus. It’s time to tell the truth—together, men can not be afraid any longer.

What I’m talking about is the rampant stalking on campus. Not of females, but of men. Men everywhere are encountering this problem. We walk out of class and the women are waiting to pounce. They follow us to our dorms, promising to buy us computer games and fulfill our deepest fantasies—without forcing us to leave our computers or spend any money.

At first, it was a welcome change.

But this is too much. They have invaded our dorms. I opened my closet door this morning and three of them fell out. I can’t even tell you what they tried in the shower.

In fact, I recently learned that the Tech ratio is incorrect. There are actually three women for every man. My three happened to be in the shower. Do you know where yours are?

Why would they keep this ratio a secret? Is it a conspiracy to make Tech an all women school.

We must fight back, but who can argue with women? Are we doomed to go to U(sic)GA?

**Letters to the Editor**

**Quote of the week:**

“It’s April fools, don’t take anything too seriously.”—someone at some time or another

**Worn out by women**

By The Republican / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After a significant contribution from BPP, Mr. Spriggle has agreed to free from punishment Mr. Chris Young for his part in the mysterious disappearance of several references in the Georgia Tech-St. Joseph’s game last month.

Against the better judgement of his cabinet, President Spriggle has agreed to pardon the Physics Department for the deplorable crime of teaching physics.

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Aerospace engineers poised to take control of campus

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“Remember to pick up both the quote and the picture box when moving this onto your layout.”

Doughnut
Man of the room that’s dark

The The Aerospace Engineering de-

1996, as in December, are written in as a
10th year, the class elected 14 stu-

a member of the Georgia Tech

Spinning cats, speeding trains, and other odd ramblings

Just a few short months ago a story broke in the local papers about a train being built near Shanghai, China. Now, normally I skip any article that doesn’t mention, in some way, dogs, or some sort of free doughnut offer, but this one caught my eye. Apparently the city had signed a contract to build the first operational magnetic levitation train. The line will run between the old downtown to a new airport at speeds of over 300 mph while hovering on powerful magnets just inches off the track. Strangely aside, there were no monkeys dogs, or doughnut in-

was able to reach the Department of Animal Sciences to gain some insight into the failed bid. The de-

sign idea stemmed from a research project topic Professor Hargrove Simpson posed to his Animals in Industry class. The question read, “Is there anything better than a mule with no head?” Although unable to an-

answer the group’s inquiry at the time, several in the class chose to pursue it further. Four students, under Simpson’s watchful eye, spent their final three senior years in intense research. In their pursuit of a better animal, the team stumbled upon a true breakthrough in animal science.

The group focused on Grac’s Fall’s “Feline Feline” theory that states, “A cat will always land on its feet unless it’s dead or has head failures.” Based on that idea, two cats were glued together back to back. When dropped, the cat combo hovered in mid air. The students quickly realized the possibili-

I am at a loss for words. On a recent visit with some friends in Athens. I personally chal-

enge each and every student on this campus to reconsider their views with an open mind. Together we can change the awful treatment that UsC has received. So the next time you plunder the Dawgs in ath-

letics, please don’t hurt the hedges. And if you are a drunken UsC football fan slash the inflatable buzz, treat him with love and respect. Re-

member that he might have designed your ride home.

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The “most important reason we are going to take over campus can be summed up in four words: We’ve got the bombs.”

Rita Skeeter
AE addict

The will take out all of the heavily armored GT police cars with its twenty foot long cannon with 33 mm shells, and it will cripple all possible vehicular resistance.

Once we have ensured our au-

tomatic brake system in place.

The first step will be to convert the Cam-

panile Fountain into a landing pad. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, we are going to launch the Shaft. It will be the First Shaft in Space, if you will. While we’re at it, we may launch several other buildings, after all, if you can lift a large enough engine on it you can make anything fly. The first Tech tower in space might be our next objective.

The next step will be to clear out the land stretching from the Burger Bowl to SAC fields. This will be used for a landing strip so we can bring in our multiple squadrions of attack aircraft can be positioned stra-

degically at our home base for their eventual conquest of the world.

That’s right, we’re moving on to the conquest of the world. From Georgia Tech we will mount a glo-

al attack force. You know all the construction over by the baseball field. We’re really having missiles placed along.

Of course, wars aren’t won by Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles alone. We will research our attack squadrions. So when you see an Osprey (after all, we do specialize in rotorcraft here) hovering over your house, just smile and wave. We will not gun down your house if you paint a giant Buzz on your roof.

The next step will be to launch all the other campuses opposite us in space. We’ll put them in a Progress supply capsule, launched from the former Soviet Union. They’ll be aimed at the spot in space where Mis used to reside. Of course, since Mis is now at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, their module will keep flying into space. Or it may not escape Earth’s gravity, then they, too, should could wind up in the Pacific Ocean.

Aerospace Engineers don’t know the definition of failure. We set 20% on a midterm, and still be on the top half of the curve. Most oth-

er programs require a 40% to be in the top half of the curve.

All this pacifism stuff I’ve spout-

ed in previous editorials, that was just a front. We don’t have a peace agenda as part of a master group of aerospace engineers plotting to take over the world. We’ve already started right here, with our influence in editorial board of the Technique. Consider this our notice, from now on Technique will be all AE, all the time. Welcome to our brave new world.

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Letters to the Editor

CoC building guilty of human brutality

I have a serious concern about a recent change to the College of Computing that has negatively impacted almost every CS major here at Tech. No, it’s not the watering down of CS231 30 or the decision to switch from pseudocode to Scheme. It’s those damn “ergonomic” keyboards and mouse trays that they’ve attached below every workstation in every lab!

It’s not at all uncommon to hear a barrage of swearing from the unlucky student who just slammed his or her knees into those crappy contraptions. I have yet to meet a student who actually uses the device and everyone I’ve talked to about this has expressed these same angst-ridden feelings. As a result of the stupid things, all the keyboard and mouse wires now stretch from underneath the desk, over the side, and up on top to the proper location of these devices. This causes a painful restriction on our mouse and keyboard positioning liberties!

So I’m asking every CS major to UNITE! Let us throw down our ‘ergonomic’ chairs and upstream at 1 a.m. on April 10, 2001!

Get degrees before graduation, even with finals

The push for senior finals has resulted in a lot of talk about an issue that can easily be resolved. While the exams mean that the graduation ceremony cannot include the giving of actual diplomas, there is another ceremony whose purpose could be tweaked to make all parties happy.

Freshmen Convocation has traditionally been the first meeting of the entire freshmen body in one place. In years past, freshmen were told to look to their left and right because only one of the three would graduate from this institute.

The obvious solution is to hand diplomas to one third of those present at Freshmen Convocation.

So I’m asking every CS major to UNITE! Let us throw down our ‘ergonomic’ chairs and upstream at 1 a.m. on April 10, 2001! Show up to the first floor. As popular and convenient as they are, everyone who has spent more than 2 hours sitting on the benches knows how much of a literal pain in the ass they are. So, with the proceeds we can bring in from the sale of over 100 keyboard trays, we shall purchase the most comfortable cushions for the benches that our budget will allow. If we have the means to purchase those vibrating chair covers that everyone loves to sample at Brookstone, then it will be so. Picture yourself entering the picnic area only to find a sea of smiling geeks and the low hum of 40 vibrating bench cushions set to the wave massage mode.

Let’s put an end to our CoC discomforts, no matter how slight they may be. We have the best computer equipment at Tech. We spend a huge amount of time working on them. So why not have the best workstation environments as well?

I’ve got better things to do than argue with every wrong-headed crackpot with an ignorant opinion!