Clough presents vision for new year

By Jody Shaw

In his annual State of the Institute Address, President G. Wayne Clough highlighted Tech’s accomplishments throughout the following week and set a number of goals for the coming year. Clough identified seven strategic goals for the Institute, but focused on three in particular—student-focused education, enhanced research enterprise and expanded local, regional and global outreach.

In discussing his goal of more student-focused education, Clough noted the success of the undergraduate research initiative he introduced in last year’s State of the Institute Address. The Institute has already funded 50 undergraduate research projects.

“Beyond our central initiative, many of our academic units have developed their own outstanding undergraduate research programs,” said Clough.

Another aspect of student-focused learning emphasized by Clough was an improved physical environment for teaching and learning. He discussed the new Learning Resources Center, which the Board of Regents recently placed on its list of construction projects to be funded. It will be adjacent to the library and will include classrooms and labs as well as other academic support services.

“Every freshman student will take their chemistry, physics, biology and earth sciences laboratories in this building, bringing them almost daily into the same space where advising, information access and tutoring services are also there for them,” said Clough. Clough also underscored the progress of the student leadership initiative coordinated by Robert McMath, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, and Lee Wilcox, Vice President for Student Affairs and its role in student-focused education. He also announced the appointment of Dr. Amie Stancill, a professor in Chemical Engineering, to the Turner Chair of Servant Leadership—a position that will work to further develop student leadership at Tech.

The last component of student-focused learning emphasized by Clough was the new midterm grade reports, which will be made available to students for the first time this week.

“The midterm reporting process addresses a need that was acknowledged by students and faculty alike,” said Clough.

“And figuring what to do and how to make it work has been a great team effort involving faculty, academic advising, academic support staff, the registrar’s office, the counseling center, student affairs and the dorms,” said Stancill, a professor in Chemical Engineering.

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Midterms out after fall break

Tech will issue midterm grade reports for the first time in its history on Wednesday, October 17. At that time, any student in a 1000-2000-level class will receive either an ‘S’ for satisfactory academic performance in the class or a ‘U’ for unsatisfactory performance. All students who receive a ‘U’ will be notified by their advisors to schedule meetings. The new schedule will help the students to determine how best to improve their academic progress.

Midterm grades will be accessed online at Techgate. Email addresses in the same way transcripts are regularly accessed.

Merrill named to cell bio chair

Alfred H. Merrill, one of the world’s most renowned biochemists, recently joined the Tech faculty in the School of Biology. Merrill was named the first Smithgall Institute Chair in Molecular and Cell Biology earlier this year. Merrill’s research is in sphingolipid biology. Sphingolipids are compounds that have been found to inhibit colon cancer.

“I am very pleased and excited about Professor Merrill’s arrival,” said Gary Schuster, Dean of the College of Sciences.

Merrill is one of 14 new faculty members in the College of Sciences.

New accountability act passed by SGA

By Tony Klamper Assistant News Editor

The undergraduate student body will now be able to hold their Student Government representatives more accountable for their actions, with the passage of a bill by Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) this Tuesday. The Voting Accountability Act, which was approved unanimously by the representatives at this week’s meeting, will give the student body direct access to how their representatives are voting.

According to UHR Executive Vice-President Nate Waton this idea is important on two levels for both the students and the representatives. “The whole idea behind the voting accountability act is to provide several important services to the student body and the members of the Undergraduate House of Representatives,” said Watson. “The reason that this came up is that many people feel that it’s very important that the students understand how their representatives are voting.”

In addition, Watson also felt that the idea would allow the representatives to look at how they were voting over long periods of time. This would allow them the opportunity to make sure they were voting in accordance with their own values and the wishes of their constituents.

In the House meeting on Tuesday, most representatives supported the idea and principle behind the bill—greater accountability. Some worried, however, about the possible costs of the bill and how the information would be distributed. Those details were not included in Tuesday’s bill and they will be addressed by the Legislative Communications Committee of UHR.

Although this is the first time in recent history that a bill like this has been passed, according to Watson the idea itself is not a new concept. “It’s been something that’s been tossed around for a very long time, longer than I’ve been here,” said Watson.

Midterm grades will be available until Oct. 26

Because of fall break next Monday and Tuesday, there will be no issue of the Technique next week. The paper will resume its normal weekly publication schedule on Friday, October 26.

Homecoming events packed into three day week

By Sriram Narasimhan Contributing Writer

The annual homecoming football game at Bobby Dodd Stadium will take place on Saturday, October 20, against North Carolina State. However, due to fall break the Monday and Tuesday prior to it, Tech students will only have three days of the traditional pregame events and festivities, instead of the usual five.

The theme of the Homecoming events that will take place throughout the following week starting on Wednesday will be “Jackets in the Jungle,” which was decided in the spring. Kick-off day will be on Tuesday, followed by spirited events such as a Homecoming Banner Contest, a photo safari, “Buzz’s Jungle Extravaganza,” the Mini 500 and the Homecoming Display Contest. As it has always been, the week will conclude with the Rambin’ Rock Parade and football game on Saturday. The registrar is responsible for setting the dates for fall break. From there, the Homecoming Committee of the Student Center Programs Board sits down with a calendar of the football games and other events to plan out when its activities will be held. Although fall break was pushed back a week last year, which gave the committee a full week of events, it was not the case this year. As a result, there were no other days to hold Homecoming events available except the three following the holiday.

“We had no other choice,” said Andy Burnham, the Homecoming Committee chair. The tighter schedule has forced the committee to make a number of changes to its usual calendar of events. For example, the talent show and mock rock are traditionally separate events, but this year the two had to be combined. The Fine Center for the Arts, which houses them, could not be reserved for two nights in a short span of three days.

The shorter schedule should not, according to Burnham, lower the student body’s spirit. The committee aims this year to increase non-Greek enrollment in the Homecoming events packed into three day week
Eric Clopper came to me with the idea and so we got together and flushed it out and he took the initiative to really flush it out and say this is how it should work," said Watson.

"Eric, far and away, deserves credit for being the person who saw this lying around, picked it up and realized the potential it could have and turned it into action."

"I realized there was no way to watch how your representatives voted. I thought they really needed to be accountable because we [the students] put them into office. I thought it was important for us to know, so I started working on this last Spring, and it really got going at the SGA retreat this fall," said Clopper.

The bill was presented at the October 2 meeting and was voted on at this week's meeting of UHR in order to give students an opportunity to voice their opinion. Watson hopes to get the idea up and running immediately now that the changes in the bylaws of UHR have been made.

"We will be trying to put it into force as soon as possible because this provides such a valuable service to both the student body and the Undergraduate House of Representatives," said Watson.

According to Clopper, students will be able to access the voting information from a number of sources on campus.

"We are going to post the results on the web in some kind of searchable form," said Clopper.

Watson also pointed out that every effort would be made to keep the results updated on a week-to-week basis to ensure that the Student Body is given accurate information about their representatives.

In the end, Watson hopes that this bill will allow the student body to see more of what happens during UHR meetings. "I think this is a great opportunity for UHR to hold themselves more accountable to their constituents and inform their constituents on how they are voting on the bills that affect what happens on campus," said Watson.

"One of the things I said I would do when I ran for Vice President [of UHR] was that I would help to make UHR communicate better with the student body and be more transparent in their [UHR] actions."

The bill, which is an amendment to the bylaws, does not include the details of implementation. Clopper wanted to leave that up to each Executive Vice President to determine on a yearly basis. The bill merely states that the undergraduates will make this information available.

The ideas being discussed right now include a searchable web site or a paper newsletter publishing the votes. Clopper feels that a similar system could work in the Graduate Student Senate, though at this point, there are no plans to implement one.

More information about the House debate surrounding the Voter Accountability Act can be found in the UHR report on the facing page.
Tuesday the Senate approved a number of funding allocations including one to keep Tech students from getting struck by lightning. Before they approved those measures, however, the senators filled a void left by former Senator Charles Mull.

When President George W. Bush called up reservists around the country a few weeks ago, Mull was one of a number of Tech students to get the call. Mull had been serving in the office of treasurer, and on Tuesday, members of the Graduate Student Senate elected a replacement. They choose Jeff Smith, who like Mull represents the College of Management.

The Senators approved a bill to allocate over $5,000 to the Tech intramurals program and the Student Athletic Center to install a lightning warning protection system. Dan Hazlett, the Intramurals Director at SAC, believes the system will improve safety and allow the SAC to better regulate inclement weather is a threat.

The system, which is manufactured by Thor Guard and endorsed by the Professional Golf Association, will be mounted in an outside location near SAC fields. When the system senses a hazardous weather situation that could cause lightning within a one mile radius of its location, the system issues audio and visual alerts. It sounds a horn and activates a strobe light. The system is activated when the chance of lightning, as calculated by the technology, rises above 50 percent.

While the Senators seemed opposed the bill at first, many eventually warmed up to the proposal.

ECE Senator Leandro Barajas asked why Hazlett asked SGA to fund the venture instead of going to Facilities or another Institute department. Hazlett noted that there is no other budget from which money could be tapped for this type of venture. All

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There was much debate about how accountable representatives should be held at last week’s meeting of UHR. The debate centered around the Voting Accountability Act, which would allow the student body to view the voting records of the UHR representatives after each meeting.

ECE Representative Eric Clopper authored the bill and addressed the House saying, “The purpose of this [bill] is three fold accountability for ourselves to make sure we are voting in agreement with our beliefs and values, increased involvement of our constituency who will have a better idea of how we voted and can talk to us about it, and the accountability of our constituaries who will now be able to see if we are listening to their opinions.”

The act called for a change in the bylaws in that UHR would be responsible for recording the votes of the members. In addition, the Legislative Communications Committee would be in charge of deciding how these records would be published for the Student Body. The final section of the act called for a punishment of one-half absence if a representative failed to turn in his votes for a meeting.

One of the major objections to the act was that it could possibly cause a great deal of negative campaigning among representatives at next spring’s UHR elections. Clopper, however, feels that this would not be the case. “What some would call a ‘dirty’ election is actually nothing more than an informed election,” said Clopper. “The election committee would also work to make sure that the election codes are upheld and negative campaigning does not occur.”

Vice President of Finance David Maybury agreed with Clopper. “By having an election where students are voting based on how their representative voted, we are making a great leap over what we have done in the past,” said Maybury.

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Ferst Center experiences marketing, budgetary success

By Sriram Narasimhan
Contributing Writer

Down from a loss of $1.3 million in the 1999 fiscal season, the Ferst Center for the Arts has established several reforms to its marketing approach and programming agenda, resulting in a significant comeback to exceed its budget for 2000. It anticipates producing even greater revenue this year.

As is the case with any theater, the Center relies on several sources of funding: ticket sales, rental fees, endowments, and contributions from corporations, alumni or other campus groups.

For some time, however, ticket sales at the theater have been low and rarely met budget, especially from the student body of Georgia Tech, who have comprised less than a few percent of the total audience in past fiscal years. In addition, donations have not been as high as they once were, partly due to a lack of funding from the SGA in recent years. As a result of these combined factors, the Ferst Center has almost always experienced some amount of loss.

The loss was particularly severe in 1999, as revealed to the public when the Center cut at least twelve events from the following year’s pre-scheduled program. Each show was extensively analyzed by the staff and those programs that were not expected to do well were cancelled.

“There were a lot of shows picked that did not appeal to Atlanta or the student body,” said Andrea Hoffer, the Acting Director of the Ferst Center, who pointed to the primary reason for the deficit.

“We had a program that was really overambitious. There were too many shows and, in some ways, it [2000] served as a testing year. We wanted to see what kinds of programs would and wouldn’t work,” said Rosalind Meyers, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services.

A second problem that the Center encountered was its underdeveloped marketing strategy. Although a great deal of money was spent to determine which shows were of highest interest to the Atlanta community, it was not spent wisely.

“The Ferst Center has not had a definite mission. It’s been in existence for ten years and still hasn’t found its niche. The programming has been haphazard,” Hoffer added.

Albeit harsh, the economically poor fiscal year served as an impetus for improved marketing and a better constructed program for the following year of 2000-2001.

The shorter program helped the Center sell 64 percent of its seats, in excess of the original 55 percent in the proposed budget. This was a significant improvement to the previous fiscal year in which the theater only sold 39 percent of its tickets. As a preliminary stage, the Ferst Center board met with President Wayne Clough to address some of the issues involved and to possibly create a more strategic marketing plan.

One aspect of this strategy involved extensive research on supply-and-demand of products in CD stores, discussions with students, broadcasting by numerous music radio stations, and analysis of ticket sales in other venues.

For example, the research committee has learned that if a performer in classical music is ever desired, it will only request one of the top names, as that is what the Atlanta community would most likely come to watch.

The fruits of the staff’s labor have paid off overwhelmingly as a result. Long before sales have closed, 41 percent of the tickets have been sold, out of which, 7 percent of them have been bought by students. The numbers are expected to climb and eventually sell out, according to the Ferst Center directors.

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In the end, the vote was passed unanimously with Economics representative Stephen Popick abstaining from voting because he felt the penalty was not strong enough. After the bill was passed, the next task was to appoint members to the Legislative Communications Committee so that the process of voting accountability could be established immediately. Physics Representative Scott Fletcher was elected Chair.

In other business, the House also passed bills allocating money to two student organizations on campus.

The GT Cycling Club was awarded over $3,000. According to Cycling Club President Ryan Fisher, the money will be used to pay entry fees to races as well as to purchase three new road bikes. This will allow the club, which has grown to over 30 members, to expand into the road bike racing area.

Due to fall break, it was announced that UHR would not hold a regular meeting next week. Therefore the next meeting will be Tuesday, October 23 and will feature Tech’s new provost Dr. Jean Lou Chameau as the guest speaker.
Concerns raised over ‘T’-less shirt

By Nasir Barday
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This year’s homecoming shirt design, by Dan Moore, features an image of Tech Tower without the ‘T.’ Administrators have noted their concern about the mixed messages students may receive regarding ‘T’ theft.

The design for this year’s homecoming T-shirt caused a stir within the Institute administration this week. Plans for the new T-shirt include a depiction of Tech Tower with its prominent ‘T’ stolen. Officials expressed concerns over sending a mixed message to students about stealing the ‘T.’

Though still considered a tradition by some, stealing the ‘T’ is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and was condemned by President G. Wayne Clough in an open letter sent to the Technique in 1997. The design comes after two students, David Mueller and Jimmy Henderson, were suspended for stealing the ‘T’ from atop Tech Tower just last month.

After a student informed him of the T-shirt design, Dr. Lee Wilcox, Vice President of Student Affairs, emailed a letter of concern to Ian Carr, President of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC).

“We in the administration feel distressed that mixed messages are being sent to the [Tech] community about this ‘tradition’ being acceptable,” said Wilcox, emphasizing the quotes around “tradition.”

According to Carr, when he received the message from Wilcox, he was not aware of the depiction of the missing ‘T.’ “[The IFC] is in charge of picking which design to use and the Homecoming Committee gets approval for the T-shirt,” said Carr.

The individuals who actually chose the T-shirt design were unavailable for comment.

According to Carr, the Homecoming committee received approval from the Georgia Tech Licensing Office, which handles usage of Georgia Tech Logos and Buzz, Georgia Tech’s mascot. The committee also received approval of the T-shirt design from the Ramblin’ Reck Club, which will handle sales of the Homecoming T-shirt to those who did not preorder them.

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The next goal highlighted by Clough was increased local, regional, and global outreach. Clough specifically noted the increased local outreach Tech is planning over the next years. The campus is physically expanding in all directions with new buildings, and the Institute is also expanding services into the community. One example of this outreach is the Technology South development, which includes not only amenities for the Tech community, but also for the greater Atlanta community.

Clough also emphasized the importance of building a greater research enterprise. “We have to create an environment where faculty can pursue both short and long term research that produces usable products for today as well as the basis for those of tomorrow,” said Clough.

In particular, Clough noted the importance of interdisciplinary research. Tech’s growing involvement in biotechnology research, he claims, is an example of how interdisciplinary research can allow the Institute to expand into new fields of research and remain on the cutting edge of knowledge creation. “We already have significant research underway in several interdisciplinary fields that have tremendous potential for the future,” said Clough. These new fields will allow Tech to better fulfill its role as a leading technological university.

“With our mission of educating the leaders of tomorrow and creating the knowledge required to address the problems we face. Indeed, both of these tasks are now even more important to our nation, reinforcing our awareness that we need the prestigious research enterprise. As he does each year, Clough delivered the address a number of times throughout the week. He addressed the faculty on Tuesday afternoon and the student body on Thursday morning.
Reps show responsibility

This week the Undergraduate House of Representatives passed a bill that will make the reps’ voting records available to the student body. By doing this, students will now be able to see how their representatives vote for each bill that is presented and how their stance on the issues that are brought before the undergraduate house. This act will help to narrow the gap between the reps and the many students that they serve and will invoke more confidence from the student body in regards to its SGA representation.

In the past students have elected representatives based on very little background information. With the publishing of representatives’ voting records, students will be able to research actions and gain a more complete knowledge of what each candidate stands for. This will lead to more informed voting decisions and the elections of candidates that students are more familiar with and in which they have greater confidence.

While this act is a good idea and has many positive aspects, it is not as definite in its execution as it should be. If a rep fails to turn in a sheet at the end of a meeting showing how he or she voted, he or she is penalized with being marked absent for the equivalent of half of a meeting. This punishment is not sufficient.

If a bill is in any way controversial, to avoid negative feedback a representative may be tempted to refrain from turning in his or her voting record simply because the penalty is so light, thereby cheating the students he or she represents out of seeing where their rep stands on certain issues.

If reps pledge to be held accountable, they should take responsibility for and be held completely accountable for every single bill on which they vote. Turning in voting record sheets at the end of each meeting should be mandatory for all representatives. In this way, students can be sure that they always know what their reps are up to and whether or not they are accurately representing their constituents.

‘T’ shirt no big deal

This year’s homecoming t-shirt design includes a picture of Tech Tower minus the infamous ‘T’. While this illustration might not have been the best choice for the shirt, especially in light of the recent theft of the ‘T’, the fact that it is there is not a great cause for concern.

By petting the shirt’s content, the administration has brought unnecessary attention to this design. Most students did not even notice that the ‘T’ is missing from the picture and became aware of it only after an issue was raised. Even after realizing the absence of the ‘T’, few students find that it is something to be alarmed about.

The tradition of stealing the ‘T’ is often present in the minds of Tech students. When students think of or illustrate the tower it is often without the ‘T’. Over the years it has become a symbol of tradition and life here at Tech. It is only natural that students would be inclined to include it as part of the design of a homecoming t-shirt, simply for the sake of continuity and a connection with the past.

Though it was probably not the best idea for a T-shirt design, Tech Tower minus the ‘T’ is a relatively harmless addition to the shirt’s illustration.

Tradition of ‘T’ theft should be kept in the past

Over the past few years Tech has become a whirlwind of controversy over the tradition of Stealing the ‘T’. The debate began when a death occurred from a fall off a building, not Tech Tower, continued on through President Clough’s letter stating the school’s new stance on the old tradition, and finally the theft of the ‘T’ and the seemingly endless case over the suspension of two of Tech’s student leaders by the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet.

President Clough, with the backing of Tech’s administration, has fought a battle to end the possibly deadly tradition. Throughout all that has arisen, many students have come to understand the potential danger involved and thus the decision to end the tradition. But many older students remain adamant in keeping the theft of the ‘T’ a tradition.

Although the administration disapproves of the stealing of the ‘T’, the underlying campus culture towards the tradition remains strong, thus sending a mixed message. This culture and attitude can be seen in student organizations’ websites, the school newspaper, students’ and faculty’s jokes surrounding the stealing of the ‘T’ and finally this year’s Homecoming T-shirt.

As leaders of the Greek community we agree the stealing of the ‘T’ could be a potentially deadly undertaking, and the tradition needs to end before one of our fellow classmates dies. It is inevitable that all the talk and allusion to the old tradition will not cease. However, this attention should not be geared toward keeping the tradition alive, but rather focus on remembering the tradition as part of the past. It is our responsibility as upperclassmen, even if you don’t agree with President Clough and the administration, to inform the underclassman of the school’s stance and the danger and repercussions involved if one attempts to steal the ‘T’.

Sincerely,

Ian Carr
President, IFC

Suzanne Hodges
President, Panhellenic
US obligated to aid predicted Afghan refugee crisis

Rabi’s father was killed by the Taliban, a group that he had already experienced more pain and witnessed more violence than most individuals do in a lifetime. He told me the story of his family’s flight from Afghanistan, their two year stay in Pakistan, and their eventual return to America.

I listened to Rabi tell me his story, as his mother sat quietly and listened, her face civilization English her sport. She shed a few tears. We sat in the office of the Interagency Task Force on Repatriation in Returnee Decatur, where just a short time ago the family had been processed and released to begin their journey to the several thousand accepted by the United States each year. That was last semester of 2001—the first time I learned of the Taliban, and at time when I was extremely grateful to be American and extremely humbled by the risks others will take to become Americans.

Today knowledge of the Taliban extends to all Americans; they are the enemy in America’s new war. After all, students voted for these candidates, and they made these decisions seriously.

I thought about Rabi, his mother and his two sisters now more than ever. They acted courageously in their flight from the Taliban, and as the U.S. begins to prepare for a major war against Afghanistan, it must remember its moral obligation to provide for the refugees who have fled and possibly millions of refugees who did not choose the Taliban government. I thought about America and willing to take the risk to abandon their lives and flee the barren wasteland their country has become at an unprecedented rate during the past few upcoming months in hopes of a better future.

Even before the Taliban govern- ment took control of Afghanistan, people had been fleeing the country. Currently two million refugees live in Pakistan; another one and a half million live in Iran. They have been pouring across the borders over the last twenty years, as war, drought and famine raped their land.

Since September 11, 20,000 refu- gees have flown to Pakistan and Afghanistan in anticipation of the recent Ameri- can actions. With the fruition of that threat, the United Nations es- timates that one and a half million people could flee the country. Paki- stan estimates the number could reach two million. Pakistan and Iran will feel the brunt of the refugee flow, but the host has the capacity to properly deal with this type of exodus. Only the resources of the U.S. combined with other Western nations can provide a solution.

These affluent nations can give aid in a number of ways. Refugees need temporary asylum in the form of food and shelter, but their long-term needs include either re- integration or resettlement as part of their strategic plan. The U.S. should include all these elements in its strat- egy; in some ways it already is, but more should be done. Along with the bombings they dropped on Afghanistan last Sun- day, U.S. and British forces dropped food and medical supplies to people of Afghanistan. In addition to food and medicine, refugees also need adequate shelter and security. The U.S. should finance the construc- tion of more refugee camps and improve conditions in those that already exist. The refugee crisis that will come from this military campaign can be forgotten, and just because the U.S. has built a coalition for military action, the U.S. must build a coal- ition for humanitarian action. Brit- ish Prime Minister Tony Blair believes this coalition “as vital as any mili- tary action itself.” I agree.

Humanitarian interventions are often extremely difficult, but such an operation cannot, in this instance, be swore off because of possible difficulties. The U.S. is fighting a war to uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy. There is no better way to pursue these ideals than through humanitarian intervention to aid the impending refugee crisis and continued refugee resegregated after the military campaign ends or if it becomes extended over many years.

While temporary aid for refu- gees with eventual repatriation should be the primary goal, even the Tal-iban than no longer rules Afghanistan, the country’s economy will be crippled, and it may be impossible for the U.S. to turn back on those people. Just as after the Vietnam con- flict, the nation must be prepared to be obligated to admit thousands of refu- gees, and it should do so with open arms. Though a renewed emphasis exists on increasing “homeland se- curity,” now is not the time to close borders open to those refugees who most desperately need to gain entry.

For some individuals, like those in Afghanistan, homeland security will not come. Sometimes freedom, exported, cannot be exported. The U.S. should offer refuge to those individuals; perhaps Congress should even pass a special allocation to admit more Afghans refugees after and during U.S. action in the region. In the short run, after the conflict, Humanitar- ian coalition for immediate and long-term aid will be the most im- portant action the U.S. will under- take.

I know Rabi thinks about his former home. I also know that he is not scared. He is one of the bravest people I know, and now he also has the thoughts and feelings of others to consider while coming that comes with being American. For some people, it takes a national tragedy to make them fully appreci- ate their nation and their freedoms. In my case, it was the grateful smile of a new American—thirteen-years- old—and the realization that his family loves me. I want more people to smile like that; hopefully the U.S. will open its arms and provide them the opportunity.

Accountability Act for representatives long overdue

This week the Undergraduate House of Representatives consid- ered and passed a bill proposing implementation of an Accountabil- ity Act.

This Act will make it possible for all Tech students to see how their respective representatives vote on all bills that come before the House. What I don’t understand is why this bill wasn’t passed and put into effect by the under- graduate legislative system long ago.

All Tech students will always keep up with all that goes on at UHR’s Tuesday meetings. However, the Act ensures that students should have the ever- present opportunity to keep track of reps’ votes concerning impor- tant issues such as the allocation of reps’ votes concerning impor- tant issues such as the allocation of students’ money to various organi- zations.

After all, students voted for these reps in many cases because they probably thought they were the most qualified people and would do a good job. Students deserve to know if the representatives are actually participating and taking their positions seriously.

Mary DeCamp
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Techs and the City: Hope marches on in the midst of despair

By Jen Hinkel

I visited the World Trade Center this summer, after catching the New Jersey train from near Philadelphia.

The dramatic skyline looked serious and solid against the light blue morning sky, and the trip was the same as the other times I had come for Broadway plays, the Statue of Liberty, and Christmas shopping on Fifth Avenue.

Wandering the mall under the massive buildings, I stopped in the black-and-white, mirrored Sephora store to pick up some Philosophy “Hope in a Jar” moisturizer and a pink Stila lipstick.

I didn’t stop there again on my August trip to NYC; that visit was my last.

And the plastic jar that once listed the ingredients of “Hope in a Jar” has been packed, unpacked, and lugged around in my purse. The writing has mostly rubbed off, leaving only a faded Hope.

I feel strange, even now, thinking of those awakenings may no longer matter, whereas hope requires only a keen desire to have things work out.

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I feel strange, even now, thinking of history’s remnants.

Despite these expensive tubes of lipstick and mascara from the wreckage of plate glass windows? Was the girl in the smart black suit behind the counter that morning, or did she shift start at noon?

And even if we all had a jar full of hope, would we know what to hope for?

We hope for high exam grades.

We hope that my friends work things out with their boyfriends, and my friends hope that I’ll stop worrying about relationships that never work and find Mr. Right.

We hope Atlanta isn’t on some hit list of American targets, and as we make nervous jokes about the CDC and biological warfare in bioengineering class, we hope that we really have nothing to worry about.

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Hope isn’t prayer, yet it’s more generic than faith. Faith requires underlying trust in the universe, whereas hope requires only a keen desire to have things work out.

When uncertainty fills the space between waking up in the morning and flipping on CNN to see what’s happened in the past 24 hours, faith is tried, but hope carries on.

From under piles of schoolwork, we feel the building strains of war as the nights grow colder in Atlanta’s autumn. The halls of Hartsfield, once one of the nation’s busiest airports, now throb with tense apprehension and the frustration of long lines.

According to the New York Times, Atlanta’s economy was among the hardest hit in September.

I’m hoping that my friends’ parents find new work, and that my friends who are graduating, moving to new cities, and getting phone calls daily rescinding the summer’s job offers can begin their careers.

Economically, Tech and Atlanta are intrinsically tied. I remember seeing a doctor’s photo of what Atlanta’s skyline would look like without the influence of Tech graduates, and the sparseness seemed comical. Now, buildings missing from a skyline would hardly elicit laughs.

Still, Tech’s presence in Atlanta looms like the skyscrapers, and the interplay between the economy of the city and the success of Tech students is linked by decades of proud alumni who leave their mark on the city. Likewise, Atlanta businesses have supported Tech, as seen visibly in the Capital Campaign.

I want to say “it will be okay” and convince myself that everything will be fine, that I won’t have to worry about my investments, about the job market, or about the continuation of the status quo.

I want simply to hope for normalcy, and have faith that normalcy will return. But faith is quiet and patient. Hope is fierce, and, refusing to be passive, it takes control.

Instead of waiting, in faith, for things to go back to normal, I want to seize life back from the anxiety and unease. We should not stop our meager student spending or investing, however small.

We should not lose hope in the job market, but instead fight harder for our own success and that of our colleagues and classmates.

Atlanta and Tech depend on each other for survival; we need to transform hope into confidence, and confidence into action.

Tech students will continue to graduate, and our creativity will allow us to author new careers, new options, and new possibilities.

Meanwhile, if I start to despair, I’ll just look at the words on my little Jar of Hope, now rubbed off to near illegibility:

“Where there is faith, there is hope, and where there is hope, miracles can occur.”
Buzz around the campus

Question of the week

“What are you looking forward to doing over Fall Break?”

Darryl Ward
CompE Junior
“Going to get gumbo from my mommy.”

Helen Cole
IE Freshman
“We’re going to Orlando to the Skyventure Windtunnel.”

Ashley Mullis & Katie Brown
IE Juniors
“Going home.”

Lauren Schutz
BioChem Junior
“Going camping and hiking in North GA.”

Kendra Clark
EE Sophomore
“Going to Valdosta, GA to visit old friends.”

William Gerken
ECE Grad
“Studying for my Ph.D. prelim.”

Feature and photos by Kimberly Hinckley

SGA spends on itself

Much of what you read about and talk about with respect to money has to do with the “shaft.” Many people complain about fee increases and the Institute wasting money. I warn all students to look to another front, the student front. You as the students vote for representatives in the Student Government Association. These representatives are supposed to use the $2.6 million Student Activity Budget to benefit you, the student. For those who don’t read the SGA briefs in the Technique, you may not have noticed that SGA allocated itself $15,000 to replace a copier that still works. SGA also allocated itself money for food, when it is against their financial policy to fund food. Even those of you who do read the briefs would not have read about the $2600 that the exec spent to replace chairs, decks, and a couch; all were in excellent condition. These expenses for SGA would not have been considered for any other student organization.

I am not saying that SGA does not spend its time and money on anything worthwhile. Many student organizations like the Cycling Club and the Kayak Club, among others, are able to compete when SGA feels like funding them. Also, events like Homecoming Formal and the campus-wide band party happen because of help from SGA. Like many monetary organizations good things do happen, but we should not overlook the wrongs. Every student is required to pay a fee to SGA. Why is SGA using different policies spending for itself than for other students? I urge all students to find out who their representatives are and make sure this erroneous spending does not continue.

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### Disappearing Jobs

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Source: Economists.com

Airlines Make Play For Leisure Travel

The nation's big airlines slashed fares for leisure travel, a few days after most airlines lowered their business travel, hoping to rejuvenate the bottom line. Delta Air Lines led the charge, offering a sale on tickets purchased through Monday for travel by Dec. 15. Overseas trips must be completed in March, April or May. Numerous other big carriers, such as United, American, Continental, offered similar deals.

Bush, Democrats Spar Over Economy

President Bush and Democrats tangled over an economic stimulus package. Administration officials told congressional leaders that Mr. Bush wants the bulk of his pro-posed $60 billion to $75 billion package to go toward tax cuts. The rest would go to spending—much of it earmarked for a package of unemployment and health-care benefits for airline workers. Democratic leaders generally are uncomfortable with the size of the White House proposal but want to spend much more of it on worker benefits. Many Democrats also favor massive spending on bridges, roads and other infrastructure, rather than tax cuts, to stimulate the economy.

Warner and Disney Hope for Magic

Even before Sept. 11, “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” was seen as a can’t-miss holiday blockbuster. Now, young Harry is swooping down at just the right moment for Warner Bros. Pictures. The studio has suffered through a string of disappointments this year, including the recent films “Rock Star” and “American Outlaws.” The movie studio that made household names out of Dirty Harry, Batman and Bugs Bunny has produced a blockbuster since “The Perfect Storm” in 1999. Where once its reputation was staked on big movies with big stars, Warner Bros.’ greatest success so far this year, “Cats & Dogs,” featured a cast of no-name felines and canines.

Meanwhile, Walt Disney Co. chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner has been on an aggressive campaign to reassure investors and the public that every-thing will be all right at Disney. The lack of a recent hit film—and a successful future starts with The Wall Street Journal.

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Record Labels Sue Music Web Site

By Lek Gomes

The entertainment industry has opened a new chapter in its fight against online piracy by filing a lawsuit against a popular Web file-sharing system called Morpheus.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, says Morpheus is picking up where Napster Inc., now shut down while it refashions itself as a legal operation, left off. But unlike Napster, whose operations were curbed by the music industry’s court action, Morpheus bills itself as a decentralized, or “peer to peer,” system with no central computer, but instead, a constantly changing collection of personal computers belonging to the people logged on to the service at any one time.

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Sales Slow, Bargains Mount

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year since it began selling apparel in 1965.

For a manufacturer, retailers’ discounts may salvage some sales, but the brand can be tarnished. The Web site Overstock.com, for example, recently bought some high-end watches from a distributor, but instead, a constant changing collection of personal computers belonging to the people logged on to the service at any one time.

By Wall Street Journal staff reporters Erin White and Ann Zimmerman

In their lawsuit, though, record labels and Hollywood studios represented by the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America say that Morpheus indeed uses central-peer servers for such tasks as keeping track of who is online. Those central machines, says a spokesman for the record-industry group, “make the system more efficient.”

Use of Morpheus has exploded in recent months. According to Web- mine, a Cambridge, Mass., research outfit, nearly a million people at a time were using Morpheus last month—nearly double the number from August—and they downloaded more than 1.5 billion files, both music and full-length movies.

The lawsuit names MusicCity.com Inc. and MusicCity Networks, which operate Morpheus, along with several smaller companies. The companies didn’t return calls seeking comment.

While the record industry was largely successful in going after Napster, legal observers say it will have a tougher time in taking on Morpheus and other “peer to peer” systems. While Napster’s founders made it clear in internal communications during the service’s early days that the purpose of the software was to exchange music, the creators of most peer-to-peer systems have been careful to describe their software as general technology capable of exchanging all manner of files, including many legal ones.

Peer-to-peer file systems are also likely to claim in court that they have “substantial noninfringing” uses, which under a U.S. Supreme Court doctrine, could give them the kind of legal protection Napster lacked.

Critics faulted Mr. Riesner for not pushing Disney into acquisitions of Internet or cable companies, as competitors did. Now, Mr. Riesner says, his caution will pay off. Companywide cost-cutting, begun well before the economy went soft last year, will prove Disney prescient, he says, and leave the company poised to “go through the roof” when better economic conditions return. He says he is bullish on the company’s entertainment creations and its ability to exploit them. “Top of the list is ‘Monsters Inc.,”’ a computer-animated co-production with Pixar that is expected to be a big hit in November.

Government Sites

Yank Sensitive Data

Government agencies—and even some private entities—have been removing from their Web sites information they fear could help terrorists plot attacks.

The Environmental Protection Agency, concerned about attacks involving chemicals, stripped its Web site of information about the nation’s chemicals plants and what companies would do if chemicals escaped. The Defense Department took down its Central Command Web site regarding Middle East and Asian affairs and its Special Operations Command, because it was hacked into this week. The sites contained such items as news releases, speeches and biographies of leaders in the command.

Home Offices Get
New Lease on Life

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STD, AIDS rates high for students in Georgia

The good news is that Tech students in particular are especially concerned about learning about sexuality issues and frequently use the resources provided by Health Promotion courses and the Wellness Center.

By Madline Adiga Contributing Writer

Probably not surprising to most, Atlanta is one of the leading cities in rates of certain sexually transmitted diseases, according to a 1999 study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study showed that the state of Georgia, statistically, is one of the highest rates of gonorrhea and syphilis in the nation. According to the report, Atlanta is also on the list of top 25 cities for rates of both gonorrhea and syphilis. In addition, Georgia also demonstrated chlamydia positivity levels averaging more than five percent of females from ages 15 to 24 who were sexually active.

Furthermore, the Georgia Department of Human Resources 1998-1999 HIV-STD report stated that as of December 1999, Georgia had the eighth highest cumulative number of AIDS cases of all 50 states. These facts may mean more to Georgia Tech students than they realize. According to the DHR report, cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea were the most prevalent in age groups from 10-19 and 20-24, and adolescents from age 10-24 were responsible for 20 percent of all AIDS cases reported in Georgia from 1981 through 2000.

Some sexually transmitted diseases are no longer treatable unless they are caught and treated in the early stages. Left untreated, they can result in death or serious complications.

"Chlamydia is one of the most common STDs nationwide, with about 3 million cases annual-ly," said Eric Buhl, Assistant Director of the Georgia Tech Wellness Center. Human papillomavirus (HPV) is actually the most prevalent STD, with an estimated 5.5 mil-lion new cases every year. In a recent national study among female college students, an average of 14 percent of the students became infected with HPV every year.

"Diseases like chlamydia and HPV are particularly dangerous because they are largely asymptomatic," said Buhl. "Most of the time people don’t know they have a particular STD, which raises the risk of transmission and the further development of the disease in the patient."

Leaving a sexually transmitted disease untreated has other serious consequences for women. Some sexually transmitted diseases permanently impair a woman’s reproductive sys-tem, as well as cause cervical cancer, tubal preg-nancy, stillbirths, and other birth complications.

Chlamydia, if left untreated, has the potential of developing into pelvic inflammatory disease, which can cause anything from chronic pain to birth complications and sterility.

One factor that hampers timely diagnosis, according to Buhl, is the inconsistency of symp-
Good things come in small packages

By Benjamin Small
Columnist

Nanothis, nanothat—the buzzprefix “nano” is being applied to everything. But there also is some legitimate use of the term, which refers to stuff measurable on the scale of nanometers (1 nm = 10^-9 m = 10Å). There are about 300,000,000 of these units in the width of a human hair.

Here on campus, in our new Material Science building, professor Z.L. Wang and his research staff are engaged in some ground-breaking research. They have invented a new kind of nanometer-scale structure called “nano-belts” or “nanoribbons,” and are receiving much public attention. Heck, even the mainstream media interviewed Dr. Wang back in March.

There has been a great deal of research done concerning nanowires—the first popular nanostructures—over the last decade. These structures, less than 20 nm in diameter, are generally composed of metals or semimetals. Nanowires have some phenomenal characteristics: they're hundreds of times stronger than steel (based on Young's modulus, 1 GPa), or 100,000 times harder than diamond. The materials used are slightly different, however, being metal and semiconductor oxides like zinc oxide (ZnO), tin oxide (SnO₂) and indium oxide (In₂O₃), but may demonstrate more possible technological uses. A powdered form of the material is evaporated at fairly high temperatures (sometimes in excess of 1000º C or 1800 º F). The vapor is then carried through a low-pressure furnace tube and condenses on cooler substrates, aligned into nanobelts.

Professor Wang is confident that “[nano-belts] may lead to many technological advancements in nano-size sensors and functional devices with low power consumption and high sensitivity.” Possible applications also include extremely lightweight displays for computers and PDAs, extremely sensitive gas sensors, and “smart windows” that would have controllable transparency.

At the Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (no, not like Drexler), professors Wang, Dr. Pan and Dr. Dai were the first researchers in the world to successfully make these extremely thin monocrystalline structures. Currently, they are undertaking studies to determine the growth mechanisms as well as the empirical values for various mechanical, electrical, and optical parameters.

One of the niftier techniques for analyzing nanobelts or other materials in general is transmission electron microscopy (TEM). High energy electrons are accelerated through a series of magnetic and electric lenses (sort of like optical lenses) and directed through a thin crystalline sample. Because of the periodicity of the crystal (the atoms within it are aligned into patterns with translational symmetry), the electrons travel through the material in particular directions only. A phosphorescent screen “catches” the transmitted electrons and displays the images generated called “diffraction patterns.” Scientists (normally their graduate assistant slaves, actually) can do a bunch of crazy geometry to determine the three-dimensional structure of the crystal based upon the two-dimensional projection. Yeah, so TEM is a good thing.

It allows us to study crystal configurations and helps us understand nanobelts and other nanostructures. “It is now time to explore other one-dimensional systems that may have important applications for nanoscale functional and smart materials. These nanobelts are the next step in developing structures that may be useful in varied applications,” said Wang. After all, as one must have Foresight, right?

If you're interested in studying nanotechnology or would like to become involved with the Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, contact zhong.wang@mse.gatech.edu.

Squirrels
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from experience. The two say they have spent a lot of time feeding and observing what Burzycki calls their “substitute pets.” They have even gotten to know two particular squirrels, which they've dubbed Harry and Daphne, on a more intimate level. On an average day, Harry and Daphne allow their human cohabitant to come within 10 feet of them, the freshmen said. They have no problems showing down on a tasty walnut or piece of trash they've ransacked from a garbage can. But squirrels like Harry and Daphne are forced to comply with university policy, which keeps them out of the buildings, a rule enforced by Facilities Management's Squirrel Eradication Patrol.

Squirrels have been known to infiltrate campus buildings, as an insurgent cadre did over Winter Break 1999. The trespassers made their way into Sargent Hall and Theta Chi, raiding and defecating in the rooms of several students. Gergor expects that the squirrels eventually are relocated peacefully, and that few if any injuries are ever sustained. The squirrels are smarter than they seem, he said. In Gordall's opinion, only those schools that go as far as murdering the squirrels are truly hostile. Gottshall said feeding squirrels extends their lives and that haze nuts are their favorite delicacy. But, he added: “They don't make good pets.”
New modes of communication fascinate Techies

By Gray Gunter and Amanda Gard
Contributing Writers

One day we’ll all tell our children with a twinge in our eyes about the forgotten days when strangers in bars and everyday business people exchanged telephone numbers to open themselves up to the outside world. Then came the age of instant messaging, an age of smily faces, bad, awful message poetry and cute fonts—lots and lots of cute fonts. Now, instead of struggling to keep area codes straight, you have to remember if your lab partner’s screen name is simply MoonDawg with two o’s or some combination of zeroes.

Now, instead of just avoiding jerks in public you have to duck them online too, that’s why God created the block feature. And the most sinister side effect of life with an instant message service: being late because you have to sit around until you can think of an away message that doesn’t make you sound as stupid as everyone else’s message makes them seem.

A variety of Internet messaging services are competing to do busy, disorganized college students of this generation what CB radio did for rural Americans in the 1970s.

There are other forms of communication over the Internet. However bulletin boards, the mainstay of modern communication in the early 1980s, require long delays in communication over the Internet. How ever bulletin boards, the mainstay of modem communication in the early 1990s, launching a version of its instant messenger service.

Other internet portals and providers followed, such as Yahoo! and the Microsoft Network. AOL Instant Messenger and ICQ were competitions until AOL bought the much smaller, ICQ out, a business strategy that has served them well in the past five years.

Major companies are giving away the feature; realtime communication with anyone anywhere; to create a loyal customer base before charging for the service or seeking revenue from advertisement.

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“I’m still not exactly sure how giving away Instant Messenger for free is supposed to convince me to pay them twenty bucks a month for it, but as long as they feel like handing it out I’ll take it,” said Chemistry junior Robert Busch. Also contributing to the popularity of Internet messaging at Tech and universities everywhere is the presence of high-speed, full time Internet access in student housing. Without the potential restraint of relying upon a phone line or suffering through delays in service, a vast number of nonstop users have appeared.

A trip through any student’s buddy list reveals members who haven’t disconnected for days. These users aren’t necessarily going without sleep to chat, they’re just not signing off from the service.

The communication services have for many students become answering services, the easiest way for others to get in touch with them at anytime.

Lack of Internet access can have a chilling effect on student use of Internet messaging programs. “I suppose when I lived on campus I was kind of addicted to the stupid thing. Now that I have my own place I don’t even bother with the phone and call them. But for those with the right software, high-speed access and the desperate need to avoid doing anything constructive with their time, Internet messaging remains a beloved pastime.

But are AOL and ICQ just encouraging the nerdiness at Georgia Tech? Has computer communication replaced the telephone? “If it’s really important or I really want to talk to someone, I’ll pick up the phone and call them. If it’s something little, I’ll use IM. It’s a lot more personal.” said Catherine Normoye, commuting student and dial-up user. But for those with the right software, high-speed access and the desperate need to avoid doing anything constructive with their time, Internet messaging remains a beloved pastime.

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Users just need to be aware of how they use these programs compared with a phone or in-person conversation. Tech students spend a lot of time chatting online when they could be communicating in person.

Chatty Chaps

A few people who use instant messaging that would like to offer their thoughts and suggestions.

Name: Mac Rodgers
Occupation: Radio Station Manager
AIM or ICQ: AIM
IM Name: GaTechCarrey-Wink01
Favorite Messaging Feature: may recommend using “Find A Buddy” a new way to find friends via random IM names
Best Away Message: age/sex/location
Favorite Smiley Face: :)

Name: Adam Gardner
AIM or ICQ: AIM
IM Name: RafaelBellaisSS
Favorite Messaging Feature: checking away messages of people I hate
Best Away Message: Countering some strikes
Favorite Smiley Face: :-)

Name: Chris Hammer
AIM or ICQ: ICQ
Favorite Feature: The character counter. I’m always worried I’m using too many letters to express my feelings
Best Away Message: [expletive deleted] you. Send me a bag of drugs
Buddy Icon of Choice: Destro. He is a black man dipped in liquid metal to increase his villainous powers.

Name: Catherine Normoye
AIM or ICQ: AIM
Most Useless Messaging Feature: That stupid AOL phone service has never worked since its creation
Favorite Smiley Face: :-)
Best Away Message: I’m sleeping. Go to hell.
toms. For example, some types of HPV cause genital warts in patients, but in most cases the disease does not manifest itself with obvious symptoms, meaning students could have an STD and not be aware of it.

Although the Georgia Tech Health Center does not track specific numbers of students on campus who have been diagnosed with STDs, Buhi said that many students still choose to get tested for diseases at off-campus locations which would make it extremely difficult to obtain accurate data on STD infection rates.

In spite of high rates in Atlanta it seems that students are concerned. “I would say that students are fairly well educated, but they have many questions and concerns about sexually transmitted diseases,” said Dr. Cindy Smith, Director of Georgia Tech Health Services. “Most of them get information from the Wellness Center or from their health classes. Students here on a whole are interested in keeping informed.”

The Georgia Tech Health Center has many resources for students who are concerned about sexually transmitted diseases, including pamphlets and literature. The Wellness Center gives out free condoms, which provide some protection against sexually transmitted diseases when used correctly. It also provides confidential HIV testing at a charge of $14 for two-week results and $45 for two-day results. The website for the Georgia Tech Wellness Center, www.wellness.gatech.edu, has a section called “Ask Dr. Buzzy” through which students can ask anonymous questions online, and Dr. Buzzy will post the answers to each question. “The presence of sexually transmitted diseases is always an issue on campus, but I believe that if we didn’t have the education we did on such issues that it would be much more of a problem than it is. Many of our students are well-informed, and those who are not, want to be,” said Dr. Smith.

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Public transportation in Atlanta can be related to one word: MARTA (Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority). While a vast majority of Tech students choose to stay in on-campus housing, there are a select group of students who commute to Georgia Tech. Many students choose to travel by MARTA than by car because they want to avoid the rush hour traffic that Atlanta has gained a reputation for.

MARTA offers one-way tickets to anywhere in the Atlanta metro area for $1.75. Trains operate from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays and from 6 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The Georgia Tech Campus is centrally located between two MARTA stations—Midtown and North Avenue. The Georgia Tech Stinger Shuttle operates between both MARTA stations from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday.

MARTA offers a very reasonable rate to college students who wish to commute using MARTA through their “U-Pass” program. MARTA states that “U-Pass allows the students of participating institutions to take advantage of a substantial discount with the purchase of $37 Monthly Transcards.” Students save almost 30 percent using the U-Pass program.

MARTA offers monthly passes that cost $52.50 but give college students a special discount, which adds a further incentive for commuting passengers. MARTA says, “Whether you’re heading across town to get to class, going out to dinner, heading for the library or home from the game, let MARTA do the driving.” The program is very useful for students who are “on the go”—especially those who have to travel to Tech everyday of the week. Although driving is a possibility for some students, it is not an option for freshman.

Joshua Cuneo, a freshman at Tech, states that “although I have a car to get me to the station, riding MARTA is healthier for my personal safety and cleaner for the environment.” Many freshman choose to ride MARTA because it saves time, helps them to avoid the rush-hour traffic and is an economical alternative to maintaining a car on campus.

“I only have to pay $37 a month for a MARTA pass vs. an estimated $249 a month for auto maintenance and fuel.”

Joshua Cuneo
Freshman, CS major

Parking, gas and traffic: MARTA never looked so good
MARTA

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criminals, although in case of such an incident, every train has at least one police officer posted, and the MARTA police are credited as being some of the best in the Atlanta area.

It’s also great for people-watching, if you’re into that sort of thing. After only four months of riding the train, I’ve witnessed a greater variety of Atlanta than I have during the past eight years.

Senior STAC major, Chris Baucom, said that MARTA is "convenient because it is accessible anywhere in Atlanta" but feels that there is "room for improvement on the bus schedules" because they are habitually delayed. Even though trains are delayed due to "mechanical glitches" or "maintenance issues", they are very reliable on the whole. Baucom also said, "due to rush hour traffic and other constraints MARTA buses are often late and not as efficient as trains."

Houman Khalili, a freshman at Georgia Tech, offers his insight on the ever present MARTA buses: "Buses aren’t always on schedule— you have to be there at least 10 minutes before the bus schedule, as many times they leave earlier than scheduled."

ROTC

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space, mechanical, and computer engineering.

"The Air Force requires a lot of high-tech, well-educated people because of all of the sophisticated equipment that we operate, whether it be research and development, engineering, space systems, rockets, satellites or aircraft that we fly," said Col James Stevens, Commander AFROTC Det 165, and Professor of Aerospace Studies.

Col. Stevens said that the majors from Georgia Tech that the Air Force is particularly interested in is Aerospace Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Civil Engineering. Col. Stevens also noted that the Air Force prefers Aerospace Engineers to fly their sophisticated aircraft and planes.

In addition, another career benefit of joining ROTC is that the Air Force requires commercial flight training before servicemen begin their own flight training in the Air Force—and that commercial flight training is paid for by the Air Force.

"A lot of the time, especially here at Tech, if you’re an engineer and you’re physically qualified, there’s a real good chance that you can get a pilot’s slot" said Col. Stevens.

Business degrees are also beneficial in the Air Force because of the various jobs available on the bases. The time commitments for the Air Force vary according to job choice. For pilots, there is a ten-year time commitment after graduation. For other positions, it is a four-year-time commitment after graduation.

The career fields in the Navy for those that want to become officers are abundant. Nuclear engineers can easily find a position in the Navy working on one of the nuclear ships or submarines. Basically any major at Georgia Tech could find a job in the Navy, including Public Policy and International Affairs majors. The time commitment for the Navy after graduation is four years.

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps has similar positions available for college students. Like the other branches, Army needs engineers to design their facilities, business majors to plan their deals and manage their facilities, and also offers opportunities for students who want to fly. However, AROTC requires a longer commitment then the other two branches. The commitment for AROTC is eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve, and a mandatory six week ROTC advanced camp, usually between the junior and senior years of college.

All of the services offer a great benefits package. In the military, there are 30 days of paid vacation a year and unlimited sick leave.

For servicemen and their families, there is medical care at no cost, dental care, and life insurance of $200,000 in the $19 a month range. Also recreation activities on the bases include low-cost golfing, clubs, bowling alleys, and free gyms. Besides base pay, there is also a cost of living allowance that depends on station location, and servicemen live in base housing for free.

There is also low-cost shopping at the base commissaries and exchanges, which can save consumers money due to no taxation on goods. In terms of providing for the future, ROTC provides monies for higher education, and after 20 years in the military, members can retire at 50 percent of base pay, and that goes up 2.5 percent each year up to 75 percent for 30 years.

But of course like all jobs, the military route offers more than just a great benefits package and money. Jeremy Yarbrough, Battalion Commander for the NROTC unit at Georgia Tech, said, "It’s not about the money. It’s about not just having fun, it’s the whole package. I like meeting new people all the time. I was already in the Navy for four years in the submarines. You’re always meeting new people, you’re always have new things to do. You actually get on-the-job training while you’re doing your job. You get to travel the world.

The military has bases in virtually every country in the world, including Italy, Japan and Germany. Also there are possibilities of touring the world on cruises if you’re in the Navy on a ship. All of the traveling expenses are paid for by the military.

For those students who enter industry after their service is up, ROTC teaches valuable leadership skills that companies prize in the workplace.

"If everyone has the same college degree then the people who actually know how to lead are going to have a leg up. They know that if we’ve taught our men and women to be good leaders, then we’ve also taught them to be good followers. So they can take orders and not just give orders. If someone says I need this to be done Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. it’s not coming in at 9:05 a.m., it’s coming in on time, even before time, and the product they’re turning in is going to be reviewed beforehand and a good product" said Yarbrough.

Not only does ROTC teach valuable skills that will serve participants throughout a lifetime while simultaneously giving them the opportunity to give back to their country, it also offers competitive workforce positions that rival industry standards.
Tech Up Close

A watching eye
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Last week’s Tech Up Close:
steps on a Stinger bus

Last week’s winner: Chris Rockett
Iron Monkey better second time around

Director Yuen Woo-Ping, known for his fight scene choreography in such action films as The Matrix and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, brings his Asian Robin Hood back to theaters nationwide this weekend.

By Chuls Heji
Staff Writer

MPAA Rating: PG-13
Studio: Miramax
Starring: Tsang Sze-Man, Donnie Yen, Jean Wang
Director: Yuen Woo-Ping
Running Time: 89 min.
Rating: ★★★★★

Last year, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon took Hollywood by storm. As we all know, the film charmed critics and smashed all sorts of box office records. But Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon did something else as well. It proved that America was willing to sit down and watch a motion picture that was subtitled.

Perhaps this is what prompted the release of Iron Monkey. The year was 1993 when it first graced the silver screen. The film has only lived in video stores and in the hearts of ardent kungfu fans. But rejoice, people! We are getting a second chance to make up for our past mistakes as Iron Monkey makes a triumphant return.

The movie is helmed by Mr. “wushu fix” himself: Yuen Woo-Ping. If you don’t know the name, you definitely know the work. Woo-Ping’s graceful choreography marks an unmistakable style. His talents adorn movies like The Matrix and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.

So, needless to say, the guy has a penchant for wowing an audience with unforgettable fight scenes. But you’ve got it all wrong if you think this is Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. The Sequel. Sure, similarities are inescapable. You still have your high-flying martial artists performing all sorts of daring stunts. This is Woo-Ping we’re talking about, after all. Yet, this film is not Crouching, as it is not done on such an epic scale.

But then again, the film doesn’t try to be grandiose. It is by no means a bad thing. Iron simply delivers a solid and amusing story that you can’t help but find engaging. Nevertheless, if any comparisons are to be made, they should be to Robin Hood. That’s right, the famed hoo-doo from Sherwood apparently has far eastern counterpart. And unlike Robin Hood, Iron Monkey doesn’t use arrows, however. He instead chooses to lay the smackdown with a barrage of fists and kicks.

It’s truly a treat to watch him do so. Yu, who assumes the role of the title character, is as snappy as silk.

Now, if spectacular fight scenes were all Iron Monkey had to offer, I’d probably call it a niche movie. Meaning if kung-fu wasn’t your thing, you’d probably want to steer clear. But this movie has something for everyone.

Woo-Ping keeps the film moving at a good pace. The movie doesn’t use arrows, however. He instead chooses to lay the smackdown with a barrage of fists and kicks.

Iron Monkey

Soul abundant in ‘Seven Year Itch’

By Jennifer Schur
Contributing Writer

Collective Soul’s new album “Seven Year Itch: Collective Soul’s Greatest Hits 1994-2001” was released September 18th and has been in the top half of the Billboard 200 ever since. A high ranking on the Billboard charts is nothing new to the band, as they have had eight number-one rock hits in the past seven years.

The Atlanta-based group is comprised of lead singer and guitarist Ed Roland, guitarist Dean Roland, lead guitarist Ross Childress, bassist Will Turpin, and drummer Shane Evans. Collective Soul made their debut in 1994 with "Hints Allegations and Things Left Unsaid," an album that went double-platinum and boasted the (gold-certified) number one hit. "Shine."

The band’s self-titled second album proved that Collective Soul was no one-hit-wonder, with a 76-week run on the Billboard 200 and three number one singles on the nation’s rock chart, “G�”, “December”, and “The World Is A Super Slow.” Collective Soul’s next three albums followed with much success, including gold and platinum records as well as three more number-one singles.

The new greatest hits album is filled with smash singles like “Run” and “The World I Know”, as well as two new songs that incorporate Collective Soul’s characteristic smooth guitar riffs with thought-provoking lyrics. The songs “Next Homecoming” and “Energy” are touted as “a pair of dynamic new classics.”

Although Collective Soul is fairly young to be releasing a greatest hits album, especially in comparison to the years the Beatles waited to release their first album, this compilation is sure to be a hit among the band’s eager fanbase.

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Chris Kattan’s Corky Romano disappoints

By Chuls Heji
Staff Writer

MPAA Rating: PG-13
Studio: Touchstone
Starring: Chris Kattan, Peter Falk
Director: Rob Pritts
Running Time: 84 minutes
Rating: ★★

There are a few constants in life. Death is one. Taxes are another. So is the fact that someone from Saturday Night Live will eventually make a movie. Now, before the first two I can deal with, but the third is wearing a thin little coat. I submit to you Chris Kattan’s Corky Romano.

It is the latest movie to have fallen victim to SNL Fever.

Oh, wait. I’m sorry. There are undoubtedly those of you who aren’t aware of this dreadful illness. So I should perhaps explain what SNL Fever is.

You see, it’s a disease that affects 5 to 10-minute sketches. That is, sketches that appear on your shows like In Living Color, Mad TV, and of course, Saturday Night Live. These shows have characters and scenarios that are funny. At least they’re funny when given in small, 5-minute doses. But when SNL Fever hits, the skit gets prolonged and the sketch gets posted on the big screen. The results are seldom pretty.

I’m convinced that Corky Romano was supposed to be just another movie from the popular late night comedy show. However upon contracting the illness, it became bloated and inflamed. After several months of battling, Corkysacculus and became an 84-minute motion picture.

You see, it’s another theatre. Or better yet, another piece from the popular Saturday Night Live, takes his zaniness to the big screen in the new film, Corky Romano.

Corky Romano as a veterinarian pulled into service for the FBI. As a vet, he is Corky Romano? Believe me, you’re better off not knowing.

But this doesn’t help much over the course of the entire movie. In fact, things only get worse as Corky progresses. And it culminates in an ending that seems to sum up all of the preceding foolishness in a few moments. It’s SNL Fever at it’s worst.

The advertising slogan Touchstone pictures is using to promote the movie reads “Who is Corky Romano?” Believe me, you’re better off not knowing. Even if you check your brain at the door, there’s no saving Corky Romano. Check yourself into another family. Or better yet, watch for five minutes. Then check yourself into one of the other theaters at your local multiplex.

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Photo courtesy Touchstone Pictures
Jennifer Schur
Emory marks jazz milestones
By Alan Back

On October 28, Emory University will mark the birthdays of two key figures in jazz history with a concert by three of today’s top artists. Entitled “Directions in Music: 75th Birthday Celebration of Miles Davis and John Coltrane,” the show will feature pianist Herbie Hancock, saxophonist Michael Brecker, and trumpeter Roy Hargrove. Davis and Coltrane earned very different reputations in the years following the growth of bop. Davis, a trumpeter, moved into cooler styles of bebop. Davis, a trumpet-playing brother Randy. Hargrove along with his trumpet-playing, moved into jazz-rock movement the 1970s, Brecker helped lead Man” and “Chameleon.” In charts such as “Watermelon Hancock has logged over 40 years in the business, including stints in Davis’ bands and writing credits for classic charts such as “Watermelon Man” and “Chameleon.” In the 1970s, Brecker led the jazz-rock movement alongside his trumpet-playing brother Randy. Hargrove frequently blends African and Cuban rhythms into modern bop and has recorded with organ legend Jimmy Smith.

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Tickets are $25 and can be ordered by calling (404) 727-5050. Showtime is 8:15 p.m. in Glenn Memorial Auditorium (1652 N. Decatur Rd., Emory campus).

Everybody wants to come to a haunted house the weekend before Halloween… But they should spread it out.

Billy Messina
Neterworld Co-Creator

Stopping off at the Netherworld? Nice knowing you!

If you happen to meet this lovely customer while poking around Netherworld, tip your hat to him. Then hold on to it and run for your life!

Messenia explained, “If it was a guest list, we could get on the phone and say we’re sorry, we’re not going to be able to make it—but there were 3,000 of them. You send out 200 [passes] to the United Way, where do those go? I don’t know. But because of the house’s content. Local children’s charities had received thousands of passes for that weekend; pulling the plug would have been a logistical nightmare for the staff and a heart-breaker for the kids.

in the weeks since the strikes.

Good thing, too. October would be a little less colorful without these crazies scaring the spit out of anyone brave enough to buy a ticket.

Netherworld is located at the Georgia Antique and Design Center (6624 Dawson Blvd., Norcross). Call (404) 608-2484 or visit www.fearworld.com for more information.
“A lot of folk music, roots-based music, has a similar energy to it. It’s something that speaks to people.”

Gregory Grene
The Prodigals

American bassist Andrew Harkin spent some time in Dublin when he was growing up, Grene explained. In addition, singer/guitarist Ray Kelly is a native of County Clare, and drummer Brian Tracey was born in New York and raised on the traditional Irish music his parents knew intimately. However, he rebelled by listening to nearly everything else he could find (and collecting some 2,500 CDs in the process).

Confused? Good. It gets better.

Recreating the events leading up to the formation of this particular mosaic would take a valid passport and a lot of frequent-flier miles. Grene was born in Chicago, but moved with his family to County Cavan, Ireland, when he was five months old. He returned to the Windy City for high school, then crossed the Atlantic yet again to enroll at Trinity College in Dublin.

Over the next two years, he and his three bandmates picked their way through the Big Apple’s music scene to find each other and pool their resources. The two Irishmen knew their country’s musical traditions inside and out, while the two Americans brought their range of experience to bear.

Tracey, of course, had picked up a few tricks from his CD collection. Harkin, meanwhile, had developed a versatility that allowed him to record with Peter Gabriel, former Police drummer Stewart Copeland, and Indian violin master L. Shankar. Kelly was the last to sign on, completing the current lineup and replacing original singer Sean McCabe.

This year, they’ve paid their first visits to California, Canada, and Germany—but they don’t have to go that far from home to find loyal supporters in unexpected places. Take Ohio, for instance; the crowd there is “one of the most intensely, insanely enthusiastic fan bases we’ve had anywhere.”

More than a few bands who try to update the old ways run into flak from purists—but not the Prodigals, according to Grene. Their goal, he said, is to respect tradition without binding themselves to it so tightly that there’s no room to explore new variations.

He recalled, “We’ve had a couple of really nice, lovely reviews from Irish Music magazine, which is probably about the most traditionally-oriented publication there is. They were commenting on the sort of energy and attack that we have.”
**Onward and Crossword**

**Enemy at the Gaits**

1. ______ Lobos
2. Spoken
3. As of yet
4. Word with money or ammo
5. Sample, on a keyboard
6. Use, as resources
7. No-stress getaway site
8. Full of acne (3 wds)
9. 'High' prefix
10. Objective
11. Lassie, for one
12. Superman's foe
13. Oft-poisoned projectile
14. Walking ______ (2 wds)
15. Regret
16. Naughty lil' thing
17. “_____ boy!”
18. Approval rating technique (2 wds)
19. Perspective (abbr)
20. Sign of summer?
21. ______, page 27
22. Elevator inventor
23. Sign of summer?
24. Scots' toppers
26. ______, page 31
27. Wine taster's tools
28. Be a (couch) potato
29. List-ending abbr.
30. A.D.I.D.A.S. group
31. Dixie Chicks murder victim
32. Dubya, for one
33. Famous Mostel
34. As of yet
35. Rocky outcropping
36. Diet pill store (abbr)
37. Speedway sight
38. Signifies
39. “Cats” poet (abbr)
40. Strongman's props
41. Dippy hairdo?
42. Famous Caesar
43. “Waterfalls” grp.
44. Old West duel time
45. Not yet planned (abbr)
46. Chorus breaks, perhaps
47. Nameless things
48. Meat/veggie 'wich type
49. “Cats” poet (abbr)
50. Unaccompanied
51. In the ballpark of
52. Remembered
53. “Silly me.”
54. In the ballpark of
55. “Just a ______…”
56. A.D.I.D.A.S. group
57. Part of 4 ACROSS

**The answers to this week’s puzzle may be found on page 31, and as always the Technique doesn’t care if you can’t get all the answers right.**

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**This Journey worth taking**

By Brian Bazemore
Contributing Writer

**Title:** The Journey

**Starring:** Eric Saperston

**Director:** Eric Saperston

**Running time:** 96 minutes

**Rating:** ★★★★★

After learning the premise, I expected *The Journey* to be an original film experience. After seeing the film, I learned that not only was the concept original, but it was original with a positive, energetic tone and a definite choice for college students.

After graduating from college, with a dwelling, lack of fulfillment, director Eric Saperston sets out in a 1971 Volkswagen Bus to document a plethora of perspectives on progress, achievement, and meaning in the human community. To obtain the information he seeks, Saperston tracks down and interviews those whom he thinks could make valuable contributions to his documentary. Among the selected are, day-working, bill-paying 19-year-olds, multiple corporate CEOs, former President Jimmy Carter, Texas governor Ann Richards, and “The Fonz” divulging his personal insecurities. Almost every interviewee that Eric manages to get a hold of is asked, “What are you struggling with now?” The responses he obtains are quite entertaining.

Further still, a haphazard encounter with the cast and crew of MTV’s *Road Rules* leads to the addition of road rules’ assistant cinematographer, Kathleen Kelly to the journey crew.

The film is a documentary; it is 100% real. There is no script, just footage and narration. The crew is not made of actors, these are ordinary young men and women who are aboard the journey for their own personal reasons yet share with each other a collective desire to uncover the purpose of their generation.

The first element that draws in the audience is the quality of the interviews. It was quite interesting to see someone my age interviewing Jimmy Carter. Saperston’s skill in opening up his interviewees is dumbfounding. He’s got the CEO of Coca-Cola talking about Winnie the Pooh and “The Fonz” divulging his personal insecurities. Almost every interviewee that Eric manages to get a hold of is asked, “What are you struggling with now?” The responses he obtains are quite entertaining.

This *Journey* worth taking

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In the beginning, God created the Player and the Game. And he saw that they were both not necessarily good, but they would do. The Player and the Game existed within a dark and inevitably perpetual symbiotic state. The Player would exist on account of the Game and likewise, the Game would go on only as far as there were Players willing to participate. And God said that it would do.

And then, of course, God created some animals, there was a flooding problem, Moses one-upped the Egyptians, etc. someone wrote some Psalms and some Proverbs, King Solomon wrote 126 verses on how to be an effective Player, etc., Ezekiel saw the wheel, the son of God is born to a non Player, he performs some miracles and some people think he’s just a dangerous new type of player and they crucify him, etc., etc., and then Armageddon will come and put an end to the Game forever. And I know Michael rowed the boat ashore somewhere in there, but I can’t remember exactly when. But anyway, The End.

Welcome ladies and gentlemen to this week’s Two Bits column. This week’s focus is on the spiritual maintenance of the healthy player in the face of a ruthless game. First, I’d like to lay down a few guidelines, commandments if you will. The world of the Player is fairly cut and dry and only requires adherence to three main guide lines.

1. Thou shalt not hate the Player
2. Thou shalt hate the Game
3. Love one another, but don’t necessarily expect a phone call the next day

I understand that the third commandment may sound harsh. However, let me relate to you a personal story that contains valuable lessons for those aspiring to morally up-right playerdom; when I was but a lad of 12, my parents took me on a road trip across the country to see the grand canyon. On the return trip a horrendous pile up traffic accident caused a road blockage which backed up highway traffic for miles to a motionless stand still. The southwestern sun was heat beating the stranded population to the point where staying in their cars was not an option. Everyone, including myself and family, was outside their vehicles, most bearing looks of frustration and exhaustion. Then I noticed, embedded in the crowd, a young girl seeming to be approximately my age, noticing me in the same instant. As far as it could be at that age and in that situation, it was love at first sight. We spent the following three hours together roaming around the scene and just hanging out and being kids instead of being preoccupied with our inconvenience.

We can understand the situation of players everywhere. It’s about the time spent, not the amount of time spent. Am I losing some of you? If so, then don’t stop reading, just allow me to make a conversion to an easily readable Q & A format where the Two Bits man will answer some frequently asked questions on the subject of playerdom.

Q. Which came first the Player or the Game?
A. That’s a tough one, it’s one of those unanswerable questions, kind of like... what’s that question?... oh yes, “Who is the Ultimate Player?” oh wait nevermind, I know that one.

Q. Ok then, who is the Ultimate Player?
A. The Two Bits Man
Q. So who is God?
A. The Ultimate Player
Q. Wait, that’s ridiculous, wouldn’t that make the Two Bits man God by the identity property of classic logic? A. Silence nerd! before I strike you down with lightning and maybe through a few plagues upon your offspring, while I’m at it and steal your girlfriend if I’m feeling frisky!!

Q. And what’s with the whole Q and A thing? Are you trying to be like Dave Barry or something?
A. No he’s trying to be like me!!
Q. Don’t you mean “No, Dave Barry is actually funny”? A. Does sexual damnation sound good to you?
Q. Who are you arguing with, didn’t you come up with all these questions yourself?
A. This is your beloved Two Bits man thinking it’s probably about time to sign off. You can catch my third personality in next weeks edition of three bits... or two bits rather. Until then try saying this two or three times fast - "Two Bits Men battle about being pimps" and whenever you get caught up in traffic just remember, “everybody hurts.”
The Prodigals

That energy had the brakes put on it—a rare thing indeed—after the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. “On the following weekend, there were a lot of transportation problems and so on. But on top of that, the band didn’t feel like it was appropriate to go forward, just because of the hugeness of the tragedy that had just occurred.” They decided to stay off the road that weekend and pick up their tour the next week.

Nothing else last month’s events have given new meaning to “One True Cause,” featured on Dreaming. One of the Prodigals’ few songs with overt political tones, it makes only passing references to the long-standing religious conflicts in Northern Ireland and the Middle East.

The primary targets are fanatics who are ready to make any sacrifice to blindly support their beliefs.

“We’re fighting for the one true cause, it’s all that we have known”

All we say is there’s one true way, and that way is our own,” Kelly sings in the chorus. When someone uses an airplane to redesign the city skyline, words like these take on a more menacing feel.

Still, the Prodigals have no plans to let one day of horror put them off their game or ruin their plans for returning to Atlanta at the end of the month. “The whole thing is just a joy. I mean, we love performing, and the thing of the performance is a celebration. We’re really, really looking forward to exploring that in Georgia. We have a brilliant memory of Atlanta; we just can’t wait to get back.” Gone misused.

Forget the green beer and leprechauns. These guys know how to make a bar seem like a pub in the way that counts—through their music. And you might even learn something.

The Prodigals will be performing at Smith’s Old Bar on October 25. Call (404) 875-1522 for more information. Visit the band online at www.prodigals.com.

The Live Mini-List: Fall Break Edition (10/12 to 10/19—it’ll keep you busy)

COTTON CLUB (152 Luckie St.)
[404] 488-1192
www.atlantasecrets.com/cottonclub.asp
10/12—Juke Trout, Low Dendrinos [Jump]
10/13—Mintelinos Goodguy
10/14—Kepi’s X, Moke
10/17—Oryx, The Complex
10/18—Puddle of Mud, Mesh
10/19—The Superfly, Elliott James and the Snakes, Onionheads

DARK HORSE TAVERN (816 N. Highland Ave.)
[404] 875-3607
10/12—Rev 7, Blinkably Blank, Six
10/13—Trey Thompson, Dawson, Johnny Young
10/17—OMS
10/18—Dredui Brown, Handover, Squash Bucket
10/19—Angelfish, Skelton, Overcast, The Hub

EDDIE’S ATTIC (818 N. McDonough St.)
[404] 377-4976
www.eddiesattic.com
10/12—Jennifer Daniels, Claire Holley
10/13—Cigar Store Indians, David Franklin
10/14—Molly Bancroft, Jen Hanell, Joe Rathbone, Liquid Pie
10/15—Jane Ivy, Holly Allen, Paul Simon
10/16—Bret Jones, Cyns Jarrell, Justin Roseman
10/17—John Inman, Beverly Nelson
10/18—Bobby and Hookah
10/19—The Pleasure Club, LotusTree, The Enigmatics

MASQUERADE (655 North Ave.)
[404] 577-2005
www.masq.com
10/12—Covenportners, 5 More Dead
10/13—Incorporeal, Sven, Switched, Darwen’s Waiting Room
10/14—Nuclear Saturday, Lead Front Tire
10/15—Long Beach Dub Allstars
10/16—Cold, Dope, Like, Chrome, MD
10/17—Mortician, Exhumed, Signs of Dying, Apocalyptic Visions
10/18—Insave, Chosen Pose

SMITH’S OLDE BAR (1580 Piedmont Ave.)
[404] 875-1522
www.soldebar.citysearch.com
10/16—Brenda Collins
10/17—Brian Doyle, Laura Blackley Band
10/18—Sarah Piers, Christy Snow
10/19—Chloroform

STAR BAR (457 Monenal Ave.)
[404] 681-9018
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10/16—Bret Jones, Cyns Jarrell, Justin Roseman
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10/19—The Pleasure Club, LotusTree, The Enigmatics

All we say is there’s one true way, and that way is our own,” Kelly sings in the chorus. When someone uses an airplane to redesign the city skyline, words like these take on a more menacing feel.

Still, the Prodigals have no plans to let one day of horror put them off their game or ruin their plans for returning to Atlanta at the end of the month. “The whole thing is just a joy. I mean, we love performing, and the thing of the performance is a celebration. We’re really, really looking forward to exploring that in Georgia. We have a brilliant memory of Atlanta; we just can’t wait to get back.” Gone misused.

Forget the green beer and leprechauns. These guys know how to make a bar seem like a pub in the way that counts—through their music. And you might even learn something.

The Prodigals will be performing at Smith’s Old Bar on October 25. Call (404) 875-1522 for more information. Visit the band online at www.prodigals.com.
greatest hits album in February 2000, fans are appreciative, especially here on campus. Freshman IntA major Ansley Cleveland says that “they’ve been such a prolific band that even though they’ve only been making music since 1994, they’ve got enough good songs to make a truly great greatest hits album. Plus, Dean Roland is dead sexy.”

Collective Soul plans to aggressively promote their album, even with the recent departure of lead guitarist Ross.

Soul from 23
Childress. Their Atlantic Records contract expires soon, leaving the band at “an exciting transitional and restructuring stage.”

With over seven million albums sold, Collective Soul is truly a band deserving of a greatest hits album. Its balance of heavier rock songs and mellow chart-toppers makes “Seven Year Itch: Collective Soul’s Greatest Hits 1994-2001” worth a listen and proves that even with their recent changes, Collective Soul is “one of modern rock ’n’ roll’s finest and most reliable outfits.”

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I can’t help but feel bad for not catching this film the first time around, and you should feel the same way. Now, I know I told you that the movie could probably be found at a video store, but don’t do yourself the disservice. The finale simply has to be seen on the big screen. It alone is worth the price of admission, so don’t make the same mistake twice and don’t pass this Monkey up.
74,544 people were in attendance at Spartan Stadium, home of the Michigan State Spartans football squad, last weekend in East Lansing, Michigan. There were thousands of people tailgating before the game; some of the tailgaters even arrived at the break of dawn. Many people gathered along the expansive green campus and threw footballs, watched football, and talked football.

Tickets for the game sold out in less than nine days, which is nothing unusual for the two rival schools.

During the game, the wind gusted up to 30 m.p.h. and the temperature was only 40 degrees.

The game, carried by Fox Sports Net, was available to over 38 million homes in North America.

When the final horn blew, the Spartans had extended their unbeaten streak against the Wolverines to four thanks to a 3-3 tie.

Now, a brain teaser. How could each team score three points if neither had a field goal?

By scoring three goals.

In the south, if I were to say 20,000 people could attend a hockey game the statement would cause more stares than the Olsen twins walking the halls of a Conyers middle school.

The weekend event in Michigan showed what I feel is the biggest difference between the north and the south: hockey.

Michigan and Michigan State have sold out their games for years. Their annual bash at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit is always sold out. Schools like Minnesota and Wisconsin have the same attendance stories; now the Badgers are rumored to be formulating a plan to break the attendance record by playing a game at 76,000 capacity Camp Randall Stadium.

People in the south are really blowing this one.

Ann Arbor News writer Antoine Pitts feels there are three reasons why hockey hasn’t traveled down south. Number one, the money. It can cost almost a million dollars to start a hockey program. Number two, gender equality. Number three, facilities. How many schools in Georgia have an ice rink at them?

Look for the next sport to be added to Tech’s varsity lineup to be soccer, a relatively cheap sport to run. But can someone imagine 74,000 people attending a college soccer game? If they can, they might as well run by the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. They’ve got to be carrying something.

A soccer game simply can’t imitate the college hockey atmosphere. Hockey games up north are comparable to basketball games at Duke.

Maybe the biggest reason to realize hockey can be popular in the south is to hear what Michigan Hockey Coach Red Berenson, who has coached a national championship team, played for a Stanley Cup, and scored six goals in a game, told the News’ Pitts about the game.

“If Red Berenson is using words like ‘awesome’ and ‘incredible’ to describe the game, you know it’s something good,” said Pitts.
The Georgia Tech world has anxiously been awaiting my championship football picks, and Big J delivers.

**A League Fraternity**

No team has been as dominating in recent football memory as the fleet-footed Phi Gams. Beta is talented, but I can’t go against experience. Look for the Morris twins to carry FIJI to yet another flag football championship.

**A League Independents**

Jack “Bigshot” Nimble don’t know a thang about the Independents. So this one comes down to the names. Just Another Team, I hate that name. Old Heads - that’s just boring. Crackhead Armidillos is kinda interesting. Backfield in Motion is creative and seems to hint at something more. I like that.

**B League**

AE. Pi is demoralizing. Disciplined. Determined. I like the fifth-ranked team in an upset. I wish I could think of another word that begins with a D.

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**Intramural Notebook**

**A League Flag FB Ranking**

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Tarred spikers venture home after loss

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Throughout the course of a year everyone comes upon hard times sooner or later. Along with the upturns are the downturns. This is not just true for individuals though. Groups and teams alike face the same ebb and flow. It is simply how teams deal with the highs and lows that develops character and sportsmanship that will show how they will endure the times to come.

At one point in the season, Tech’s volleyball team was ranked among the top 25 in the nation, since then they have dropped out of the rankings and are fighting to put their name back up on that board. A win against the currently uncontested leader of the Atlantic Coast Conference, North Carolina at Chapel Hill would have helped immensely. This is something that has not been accomplished since 1997 when Tech upset UNC 3-2. Coach Shelton Collier stated that “for us to win, we will need Kele (Eveland) running our offense at a high level, Ky (Bell) and Maja (Pachale) to play big games for us, and we will need a great defensive effort.”

It was not Tech’s day. The Lady Jackets played a game plagued by errors and lost to UNC in three straight games, 27-30, 26-30, 22-30. It was during the second game that Tech had its best chance to win a game, but the Jackets had ten errors and allowed the Tar Heels to rally. Despite the loss, Tech did have some dominate individual performances. Tech was led by sophomore Amanda Hess and senior Maja Pachale, who each recorded eleven kills, and freshman Lynette Moster who had ten digs.

The Yellow Jacket team returns home this weekend for three matches, the first of which is this Friday against Maryland. On Saturday, they face the Cavaliers of Virginia at 7 p.m. and on the following Sunday they play Arkansas at 3 p.m. All the matches will be played in O’Keefe Gymnasium. At home, the Rambling Wreck has won five of their seven games with their only defeats coming at the hands of No. 12 Colorado State and ACC foe Duke. Coach Collier says that “certainly our team plays well at home, and after a loss like we had on the road last week, it will be good for us to play in our gym in front of our fans in order to regain some confidence we may have lost.”

**ACC Standings (as of 10-9)**

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2nd-Ranked golf dominating in home invitational at Rocky Face

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Newcomer Chan Wongluekiet talks with Golf Coach Bruce Heppler.

Wongluekiet had a sterling home debut, finishing in fifth at the Collegiate.

Troy Matteson paces Jackets with 3rd place finish

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Georgia Tech is clearly restaking its claim as one of the nation’s top collegiate golf programs as they followed a disappointing 10th place finish in the Ping/Golfweek Preview Invitational with their third straight title in the Carpet Capital Collegiate.

Paced by junior Troy Matteson, who finished the tournament at 3-under-par and tied for third individually with Georgia’s Ryan Hybl, Tech strode to an impressive ten-stroke victory. Matteson got plenty of help from his teammates, especially freshman Chan Wongluekiet, who finished tied for fifth with a score of 2-under-par for the tournament. Three other Jackets, Kris Mikkelsen, Matt Weilbring, and Nicholas Thompson, finished tied for eleventh, tied for seventeenth, and tied for twenty-third, respectively.

Following the departure of 2001 Collegiate Player of the Year Bryce Molder, Matteson has filled in nicely as the Jackets top gunner. Matteson is shooting a team low average of 72.00 per round, tops by almost a full stroke over the talented Wongluekiet and over a stroke above the veteran Mikkelsen.

Up next for the 2nd ranked Jackets is the Jerry Pate Intercollegiate in Birmingham, Alabama on October 15.
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has started every game he has played in. This year he will be moving from outside linebacker to inside linebacker and will be replacing his childhood idol Jessie Tuggle, who recently retired. He has shown that this will be a breakthrough season and is already one of the best middle linebackers of this season.

Marco Coleman

Over the years Coleman has been a very consistent player. While he is currently playing for the Washington Redskins in his tenth year in the NFL, he started off with the Miami Dolphins and later joined the San Diego Chargers. Coleman was a key member of the 1990 Championship Jackets. He was twice voted All-ACC and was picked for the All-American second team. He also held the record for most sacks by a Yellow Jacket with a total of 28. He maintained this pace as a member of the Dolphins averaging over six sacks a year with the Dolphins. Last year Coleman became one of the few bright spots on an underachieving team. He recorded a career and team record with a 7.2 yard per carry average his senior year. As a Packer Levens recorded two 1000-yard seasons in 1997 and 1999. His 1998 season was limited to four games due to a hold out during contract negotiations and injuries. In the 2000 season he again was injured and replaced on the starting lineup by Ahman Green. This season Levens will be fighting Green for as many rushes as possible.

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Levens has also managed to stay with a single team his entire NFL career. However, since the Green Bay Packers drafted him he has been plagued by injuries. He did not have this problem while a Jacket. He was a transfer from Notre Dame and quickly became Tech’s starting tailback. He scored 15 times over the following two years and set a Tech record with a 7.4 yard per carry average his senior year. As a Packer Levens recorded two 1000-yard seasons in 1997 and 1999. His 1998 season was limited to four games due to a hold out during contract negotiations and injuries. In the 2000 season he again was injured and replaced on the starting lineup by Ahman Green. This season Levens will be fighting Green for as many rushes as possible.

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Dave Duval

Duval has emerged as one of the great golfers of today. While playing as a Yellow Jacket, Duval became one of the three college players ever to be named All-American four times. He was also named collegiate player of the year in 1993. Once he ventured onto the professional tour he quickly climbed up the money chart. In his second year he earned more than any other second-year player had won in PGA Tour History. He has also won 13 PGA tournaments but struggled when it came to the late rounds of majors. That is until this year, when he finally won that first elusive major at the British Open. In the years to come he should keep golf relatively interesting and provide Tiger Woods with some competition. Duval is one of the few people analysts feel can challenge Woods tournament-by-tournament.

Stewart Cink

Cink has developed his golf game well over the years. While he is not on the leader board as often as Duval, he has won his share of tournaments. Cink turned pro in 1995 and has since won two PGA events, including the MCI Classic, and one international event. He graced the leader board in this season’s US Open for the first two rounds but could not pull off a victory. His collapse at the Open was the subject of several feature stories. Time will tell how well Cink will prove to be in the upcoming years.

Also in professional golf: Bryce Molder, Matt Kuchar, Tripp Isenhour, Larry Mize.
Anyone who has ever attended a Tech sporting event more than likely knows who Buzz is. The lovable Tech mascot is both cheerleader and ambassador, and is as much a part of Tech community as the Ramblin' Wreck.

Although Buzz's origins are rather ambiguous, it is known that Buzz showed up at a game sometime in the early 1980s as an unofficial cheerleader, and was soon adopted by the GT cheerleading squad. Today Buzz is actually a member of the cheerleading squad, and even attends a special mascot camp hosted yearly by the National Cheering Association at Myrtle Beach.

Because of his popularity, Buzz is called upon for many duties as the official Tech mascot. Along with the obvious duty of attending sporting events, Buzz is involved with charity events, team photos, sports conventions, and official Georgia Tech events such as the annual President’s Dinner. Buzz can also be hired for social gatherings, such as weddings and birthday parties.

Another one of Buzz’s duties is to help choose a successor during cheerleading tryouts. Buzz hopefuls attend a three-day camp during tryouts in which they are taught how to be Buzz, learning the walk, mannerisms and hand gestures. After the workshop, tryouts are held, where the former Buzz joins other judges to decide who will receive the honor of being the next Buzz.

One must be in peak physical condition in order to be Buzz. In addition to the burden of wearing the Buzz suit during football games, Buzz must do push-ups every time the Tech football team scores. This may not seem bad at first, but imagine how difficult this would be during a game like this year’s Navy game, which Tech won 70-7. Since Buzz did push-ups every time Tech scored, then he did a total of 385 push-ups during the game. To maintain this level of fitness, Buzz works out almost every day with weights in the Wardlaw Building, located behind the south end zone of Grant Field.

To preserve the mystique of Buzz certain ground rules must be followed. The first rule is that nobody is allowed to know who Buzz is until after his term is complete. The second rule is that Buzz is not allowed to talk while in uniform. To compensate for this, Buzz makes great use of hand gestures to express his ideas and feelings. The final rule is that Buzz is never supposed to start a fight, but he is always expected to finish them. One example of Buzz having to defend himself happened at a Duke football game in Durham two years ago.

During the game the Blue Devil attacked Buzz with a giant flyswatter that he had made. Buzz fought back, grabbing the flyswatter away from the Blue Devil and beating him with it. After he had sufficiently embarrassed the Blue Devil, Buzz walked in front of the Duke fans and broke the flyswatter in half, throwing the remains into the trash.

Although Buzz is well known around campus he has also made quite an impact on the rest of the world, winning his third national mascot competition in 2000. As well as being the No. 1 mascot in the nation, Buzz has appeared in many sports television commercials, including one on ESPN’s Sports Center.

It’s hard to imagine life at Tech without Buzz. He has ingrained himself into students’ lives, even going as far as having his very own Buzz Card made. Always friendly and full of spirit, Buzz will continue to represent Tech as one of the best college mascots in the nation.

Being Buzz: ESPN spot one of the many perks

By Robert Cunningham
Senior Writer

Buzz wasn’t instilled as Tech’s mascot until the 80s when he was adopted by the Tech cheerleading squad at Jacket football games. Buzz has appeared at charity events, the President’s Dinner, and was even on a ESPN Commercial.
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People watch college and professional sports each week, however not everyone can make a direct connection between each player's careers. One may know that the NCAA is a feeder system for the NBA but they may not follow their respective college's players throughout their professional career. There is a three-hour period when players are adjusting to the faster pace of their sports when their names are not mentioned and their playing time is diminished. It is during this time that where they originated from can be forgotten. So to refresh all Tech fans, here is a list of the former Tech players that now are spreading the name of Georgia Tech.

NBA
Stephen Curry

Marbury has spent the majority of his professional career playing for the Minnesota Timberwolves and the New Jersey Nets. This past off-season he was traded to the Phoenix Suns. Marbury was drafted fourth overall in 1996 by the Timberwolves after spending just one year with the Yellow Jackets. In that one year he earned All-ACC and second team All-American credits. Since entering the NBA, he has played for 117 NCAA Division I-A teams. The formula only out of a possible 117 NCAA Division I-A teams. The formula only

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by the numbers

164.2
Average rushing yards per game by Maryland quarterback Travis Best.

96
Number of freshman that began fall practice this week for the Georgia Tech football team. They composed one of the top ten recruiting classes in the nation. Five of the freshmen still chose to play for Tech after being drafted by MLB.

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National ranking of double partners Rogers Anderson and David Wright by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Last year they combined for an overall record of 16-9.

football forecast

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Clemson vs. NC State
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