**Student orgs may gain access to Ferst**

**By Daniel Amick**  
Senior Staff Writer

Members of student government and administrators from the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts have reached an agreement that will allow student organizations to use Ferst Center facilities without paying rental fees.

“This is really a good deal,” said Undergraduate Student Body President Tiffany Massey. Massey and Graduate Senator Pelham Noirville were instrumental in negotiating the agreement.

“I think this is great,” said Ferst Center Theatre Director Jay Constanza. “Anything we can do, either at our level [in the Ferst Center] or at the level of student government, to make the Ferst Center more accessible to students is a great idea. Normally, the Ferst Center rent is generally dissatisfied with student life here,” said Undergraduate Student Government president Tiffany Massey.

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**SGA initiates student-led Capital Campaign**

**By Madhu Adiga**  
Senior Staff Writer

In the hopes of generating more money for campus activities, the Student Government Association kicked off its promotion of a student capital campaign. Spearheaded by Graduate Student Government president Alan Michaels, the project will be an attempt to raise capital from students and faculty for enhancing student life at Tech.

The Georgia Tech Legacy Brick project will be a sale of engraved memorial bricks to be placed in a location on campus allocated by the administration. The bill for this project passed without opposition in the Graduate Student Senate, and passed with only two opposing votes in the Undergraduate House of Representatives, allocating $50,000 for start-up funds.

“The only question that the graduates really had was whether or not the administration had already approved it,” said Michaels.

The resolution, authored by Michaels, passed with heavy support due to its emphasis on the need for more effort to improve student life and the fact that most of the money Georgia Tech receives is not allocated for student activities.

“Most people agreed that something needs to be done about campus activities, because people generally dissatisfied with student life here,” said Undergraduate Student Government president Tiffany Massey.

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**Library announces further renovation plans**

**By Sriram Narasimhan**  
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The elaborate renovations made to the Library West Commons (LWC) over the summer have kept Tech students demanding more state-of-the-art computer workstations, made apparent by the long line of students waiting to use the facilities which are almost always filled to capacity.

Well these demands may soon be answered. Preliminary steps are now underway to expand the facilities to the second floor of the library. These renovations will not only meet the high demand but will also provide additional study space for the soon-to-be-built undergraduate Learning Center.

Initially prompted by a visit by President Wayne Clough and the Provost to the LWC, the library administration, with the guidance of OFT, decided that it should embark upon a second phase of the library renovations; this time providing a more collaborative environment for student group projects.

“We were positively impressed that we had done something valuable to the students,” said Richard Meyer, Academic Dean for the library.

Although the first floor LWC renovations were originally planned to be rearranged regularly to incorporate spaces of a collaborative nature, it was discovered that because the demand was so high, individual workstations, no particular arrangement, were more preferable. This led to the decision to contain the project in the first floor, but there were some things we weren’t able to build into it,” said Meyer.
Last issue’s poll garnered 82 responses to the question: “What changes do you feel should be made in the dorm smoking policy?”

Voice Your Opinion!

This week’s poll is related to the student led Capital Campaign. How do you feel about the proposed memorial brick sale? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

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From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: November 13, 1992—Two families were attacked by armed assailants while in their rooms at the Burge apartment complex. Apparently the attacker entered the apartments through the street level windows. The Jackets lost their fifth game of the season to Baylor by a score of 31-27.

20 years ago: November 12, 1982—Bill Laite, A Tech alumnus and owner of a beer distributing company, presented the idea of a new “Ramblin’ Wreck” brand beer to the Georgia Tech foundation. The foundation failed to support the idea.

30 years ago: November 14, 1972—Tim Mitchell resigned as director of the Student Center. Mitchell served as director for nearly four years and oversaw the construction process and completion of the center in 1970. Mitchell felt that the biggest problem he faced while at Tech was “Tech’s pull towards mediocrity.”
Graduate Senate

Stanphill addresses Graduate Senate

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

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“The idea for SGA to directly fund student organizations’ use of the Ferst Center were expressed at the issue meeting held by UHR last month,” said Norville.

The plan under discussion would allocate $10,000 a semester from student fees to pay for rental of the Ferst Center for student organizations.

However, not every student led event

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

Bills Considered

Joint Allocation to Tech Chess Club  Author: Eman Kribah  passed
Joint Chartering of All Chinese Christian  Author: Tim Cailloux  passed
Joint Chartering of Jackets Skeet Shooters  Author: Tim Cailloux  passed
Joint Chartering of Jacket Table Tennis  Author: Tim Cailloux  passed
Joint Chartering of Glory Phi God  Author: Tim Cailloux  passed
Joint Allocation to Chinese Shu. Assoc.  Author: Jon Bonus  failed
Joint Allocation to GT Water Polo  Author: Hang Chang  tabled
Resolution on Music Dept. Facilities  Author: Mindy Park  passed
Joint Allocation to Capital Campaign  Author: Tiffany Massey  passed
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Graduate Student Senate

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Joint Allocation to Tech India Club  Author: Radha Narayanan  passed
Appointments of Committee Chairs  Author: Alan Michaels  passed
Joint Allocation to Capital Campaign  Author: Alan Michaels  passed
Joint Resolution for Capital Campaign  Author: Alan Michaels  passed

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The Undergraduate House of Representatives hovered precariously on the edge of quorum throughout Tuesday night’s meeting. A number of members were not present because of a Music Department concert. As a result, Executive Vice President Nate Watson was forced to call a five-minute recess early in the meeting to determine the precise number of reps needed to satisfy quorum. The move was also designed to buy time for additional members to arrive. After some impromptu calculations, Watson announced that quorum had in fact been met, and the meeting resumed.

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Robert McMath spoke to the House as a special guest. He gave representatives a detailed presentation about the new Undergraduate Learning Center, a massive academic building for which construction is set to begin within a few years.

“We went all over the country to look at buildings,” said McMath. “We saw buildings that worked. We saw buildings that didn’t work.”

When completed, the ULC will be adjacent to the library and, at over 200,000 square feet, will be larger than the Student Center. It will include state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, a version of the Library’s West Commons, academic support services and what McMath called the “Works” facility for developing new teaching techniques.

After McMath’s presentation, members turned to old business. The most contentious issue up for consideration was whether or not to charter the Atlanta Chinese Christian Campus Fellowship. The Graduate Student Senate had rejected the bill and UHR’s Joint Campus Organizations Committee recommended against chartering, saying the ACCCF allows non-Georgia Tech students, faculty, alumni or staff to be members, excludes a large portion of Tech’s population by holding services in Chinese, meets
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off-campus and duplicates other religious organizations on campus.

ME Representative Josh Alexander rose in support of chartering, saying he saw no duplication of purpose. He also argued that English-speaking services could exclude Chinese speakers.

“It seems like your argument is a double-edged sword,” said Alexander to JCOC chair Tim Calloux. “You want [ACCCF] to be different to avoid duplication, yet at the same time, you say if they’re different, they’re exclusive.”

Representatives voted on the bill and passed it. However, because the GSS had failed the bill two weeks prior, the House passed an amended version of the bill at their meeting last week. Due to this situation the bill was sent to conference committee where it was decided that the organization would only get the funding if the those participating in the pageant were all Tech students.

Many senators felt that even with the new stipulations, the bill still had problems. “I have some strong reservations about student fees going to fund scholarships,” said Norville. After some debate, the graduates failed the conference committee bill by a large majority.

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would be eligible for the funding. “The event and the organization would have to meet certain criteria before they could receive the funding to rent the center,” said Norville. The bill to approve this allocation was presented in new business and therefore will not be voted on until next week’s meeting.

In other business, the senate took another look at a bill requesting funding for a Miss Asian Atlanta scholarship pageant sponsored by the Tech Chinese Student Association. Although the graduates had failed the bill two weeks prior, the House passed an amended version of the bill at their meeting last week. Due to this situation the bill was sent to conference committee where it was decided that the organization would only get the funding if the those participating in the pageant were all Tech students.

The proposal was thoughtful and well-researched, and I’ve been very impressed that student government initiated this process and came to us,” said Constantz.

If adopted, the agreement will affect a number of groups, including the India Club, the Turkish Student Organization, Panhellenic Council, the Photography Club and the Interfraternity Council, all of which use the Ferst Center at least once a year. Additionally, events like 6MovieFest, which could not be held in the Ferst Center last year, will likely qualify for funding under the agreement.

In order to qualify for free rent, a student organization and its event will have to meet a number of requirements. First, the organization must be chartered and in good standing. The organization’s event must be non-profit, non-fundraising and open to all Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff and alumni. Student tickets must be no more than 75 percent of the cost of a general admission ticket and must go on sale 48 hours before general admissions tickets. In addition, the price of a student ticket cannot exceed $20.

The event itself must have been held previously, drawing an audience of at least 500 people. Furthermore, the organization must advertise the event with flyers, banners and an ad in the Technique.

Additionally, no student organization can request free rent for more than two events per semester. Any unexpected revenue generated by the event will be held by the Ferst Center to fund the cost of rental fees during the following year.

The Ferst Center Event Coordinator will implement the new policy. Organizations uncertain about the process or the eligibility requirements can bring their questions to the Ferst Center Student Advisory Board. The board will be responsible for answering questions and, in the event of uncertainty, will review eligibility status of the requesting organization. It will then issue its recommendation to the Event Coordinator.

Next year, the Ferst Center and SGA will renegotiate a new amount of funds based on the number of organizations that use the facility that year.

The main hall of the Ferst Center is the largest performance facility on campus with 1,355 seats.
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struct an entirely different comput-

er cluster that will not only expand

t the current facilities but also add
group-focused study capabilities as well.

“We wanted to add some collabor-

otive spaces with computing sup-

ort and make them sound isolated,”

said Meyer.

The hope is that when these group

spaces are designed next year, the

facilities are used in such a way that

students can reserve them and meet
together as groups to work on class

projects. The computers at each sta-
tion would incorporate the latest

 technologies and would be fully sup-

ported with a greater variety of en-
gerineering-based software. A possibility that has also recently risen

is the incorporation of teleconfer-

cing capabilities in each space.

“We are still in the discovery stage,” said Crit Stuart, the library’s Asso-
ciate Director for Public Ser-

vices. “We are asking students what
types of spaces they prefer to do

decking, projects, and take breaks

between assignments, as groups. We

are sure that the expansion is main-

ly about supporting group endeav-
or, and not about supporting

individual endeavor.”

In fact, most students working

on group assignments feel that im-

provements to the library are neces-

sary. One such students is Aaron

Lovitz, who is currently preparing a

formal presentation with several oth-

ers for his INTA class.

“I seem like we have to get our

online information) from every-

where else and bring it back to the

library just to meet. It’s just a good

place to meet as a group at first, but

not to actually set up our presenta-
tion. The library’s only convenient

because it’s at the center of cam-

pus,” said Lovitz.

Another aspect of the design that

has been focused on includes aes-
thetic appearances and living areas

for students to relax between long

intervals of studying or completing

certain assignments.

“Students and faculty are saying

that we should also build in relief

and even consider how we can use

different kinds of spaces they prefer to do

art and various objects to give [stu-
dents] a break from intensive group

work,” said Tony Gilmer, Project

Advisor for the library renovations

and an OIT staff member. “We will

also provide greater access to [re-

fresments].”

In recent focus groups, in fact,

administrators have discovered that

most student groups prefer an envi-

ronment where they can perform

three steps in a single location, with-

out the hassle of going to the library
to collect information, then going

off-campus for respite, and then meet-
ing elsewhere to actually develop

the group presentation, whether on

PowerPoint slides or computer-based
demonstrations. The library and OIT

are investigating various forms of

student lounging areas and media soft-
ware to accomplish this.

“The library would incorporate

three things: study, stop and soft-

ware,” said Gilmer.

The entire expanse of the second

floor would be renovated for these

purposes. One of the concerns the

library had was in figuring out where

the reference books currently locat-
ted there would go. No definitive

plans have been made yet, but most

likely each book will be evaluated

and either discarded if out-of-date

or moved to another floor.

If enough funding is available,

the collaborative effort between the

library and OIT will also result in

the renovation of the presentation

practice room behind the LWC as

well as an upgrade to the computer

cluster in the Homer Rice Center.
The practice room would allow stu-

dents to reserve their individual

group presentations in a sound-proof

locale, equipped with the latest mul-
timedia technologies.

Architects who will review the

second floor expansion, presenta-
tion practice room and Homer Rice

Center upgrade have already been

hired, and are expected to complete

design and budget proposal by

Feb. 15.

Only then will a formal request

for funding be submitted to the Pro-

vost’s office. If the proposal is ap-

proved, construction could begin

as early as the summer.

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about supporting group endeavor, and

not about supporting individual endeavor”

Crit Stuart

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Even though the project idea has

been generated in support of both

branches of Student Government, several con-

cerns still stand, such as the cost of

the bricks, the effectiveness of the

sale and the location of the bricks.

The administration has not allo-
cated a specific space as of yet, but

SGA hopes that Yellow Jacket Park,

the area to replace Highflier, will

be an option, as well as the area

between the Library and the Book-

store Mall, and near the Undergrad-

uate Learning Center.

Bricks will be priced on a multi-
tier scale for all sectors of the com-
munity, and right now are projected

to be $50-75 for students, and ap-

proximately $125 for faculty.

“I think it’s a good idea in theo-

ry, but I don’t know if students will

want to pay that much money,” said

Blake Laffever, a fifth-year computer

engineering student.

Fourth-year mechanical engineer-
ing major Samir Iqndani agrees that

the bricks might be too expensive to

generate much student support. “I’m

sure faculty and alumni would like

the idea, but I don’t know how well

it would work out with the students,”
said Iqndani. “Still, I think it’s really

good that SGA is trying to do some-

thing about student life,” added Iqndani.

Organizers of the project realize

that many people will have con-

cerns and questions about the stu-

dent capital campaign. “I would love
to hear student concerns once word

about this gets out, because even I

had plenty of questions about how

this will work,” said Massey.

“It would be great if we could

make the bricks cheaper for stu-
dents, but with the cost of instal-

ling, the bricks, engraving and other such

things, we have to charge more to

generate enough profit to make this

project worth doing. Other schools

who have done this project have

made their bricks even more expen-
sive,” said Massey.

Massey also added that SGA will
target other groups for donations,

such as corporations and young alum-

ni, from whom they have received

much support, even a pledge of 100

bricks.

As to what kind of activities the
capital will fund, nothing concrete

has been planned. “I’d like to ex-
tend the graduate conference fund,

which funds travelling to academ-

ic and professional conferences), to

undergraduates. I’d also like to see

more major concerns on campus,”
said Michaels.

Iqndani agreed. “I’d love to see

more concerts, like SR-71 and Reel

Big Fish last year,” he said.

“I think it would be great to have

more activities at the SAC. SAC

Attack was a blast,” said Laffever.

“I just hope people realize just how

much this project will do for both

students and administration to

improve the quality of life,” said

Michaels.

Now that the bill has passed SGA,

organizers will talk to representa-
tives from the Development Office

and the Alumni Association to fig-

ure out how to publicize and man-

age the project and get space from

the administration. Initial request

letters will then be sent out in early

December.
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Ferst Center

The proposed deal that the Student Government Association has worked out with the Ferst Center will make it more likely that student organizations will be able to use the facility for events. This proposal will be beneficial for large numbers of students, even those who normally don’t participate in extra-curricular activities. Organizations will be able to plan more events designed for large groups of students as they will now have a venue to host these events. Such large programs will provide on-campus events and build campus community.

Much of the credit for this arrangement should be given to SGA. Each of the three presidential candidates in last year’s election promised to make the Ferst Center more accessible to student groups, and the fruition of this proposal shows excellent commitment and follow-through on the part of the Executive Branch. While it is difficult to gauge the effect of the meeting the Undergraduate House held on this issue, this accomplishment lends credit to the idea of issue meetings. More progress in the areas that UHR has chosen may demonstrate the effectiveness of the issue-based meeting.

Because the use of the Ferst Center under this plan will be contingent on an organization’s having previously held the event and attracted over 500 people, SGA should still be willing to help groups with new events pay for use of the Ferst Center through the use of a normal allocation bill. New programs that want to use the Ferst Center should not be completely disregarded because they are not eligible under the blanket rate.

Student campaign

The proposed endowment for student life has long been needed to improve the quality of life of Tech students. The increased sense of campus community and student faculty interaction that could result from such a fund would be a great boon for Tech. The problem arises when trying to drum up funds for this endowment. While SGA has excellent proposals on how to spend the returns from this endowment, their idea for raising the money has several significant flaws.

Before committing any money to inaugurate the Legacy Brick Project, SGA should attempt to gauge interest among all the groups they plan to solicit. Because of the high start-up costs of this endeavor, there should be a significant expectation of a successful campaign before the plan proceeds. Additionally, a specific location for the bricks should be solidified before the project moves any further.

The price of the bricks that will be marketed to students is entirely too high; if Student Foundation has trouble getting $5 from students in return for athletic points, SGA will not be able to appeal to students’ higher interests to entice them to contribute $50. SGA may need to design another, cheaper approach to the idea for raising the money has several significant flaws.

We would like to take this opportunity to focus on an exciting possibility for the students of Georgia Tech: a student-initiated and student-run capital campaign aimed at improving student life.

Imagine brown bag lunches in Yellow Jacket Park the first Friday of every month providing the opportunity for students, faculty, and administrators to mingle and develop relationships outside of the classroom. Visualize a free concert to students and young alumni in the recently renovated Bobby Dodd Stadium where students may purchase reduced price tickets for a big-name band visiting campus each year—imagine seeing Dave Matthews Band perform at Georgia Tech!

Suppose there was a fund to allow for more graduate and undergraduate students to attend professional conferences fueling passion for research, catapulting Georgia Tech’s innovation into the new millennium. Also consider the possibility of a self-sustaining movie theatre in the Student Center showing movies for only a few bucks. Now, see a location on campus where alumni can bring back children and family and show where their name was left on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. But, leave on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. But, leave on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. But, leave on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. But, leave on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. But, leave on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. But, leave on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. 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Legacy Brick Project will improve Tech

We would like to take this opportunity to focus on an exciting possibility for the students of Georgia Tech: a student-initiated and student-run capital campaign aimed at improving student life. Imagine brown bag lunches in Yellow Jacket Park the first Friday of every month providing the opportunity for students, faculty, and administrators to mingle and develop relationships outside of the classroom. Visualize a free concert to students and young alumni in the recently renovated Bobby Dodd Stadium where students may purchase reduced price tickets for a big-name band visiting campus each year—imagine seeing Dave Matthews Band perform at Georgia Tech!

Suppose there was a fund to allow for more graduate and undergraduate students to attend professional conferences fueling passion for research, catapulting Georgia Tech’s innovation into the new millennium. Also consider the possibility of a self-sustaining movie theatre in the Student Center showing movies for only a few bucks. Now, see a location on campus where alumni can bring back children and family and show where their name was left on campus, where their legacy will live on through the years. But, before we go too far with the utopian images of what our campus could be, let us present how we plan to implement each of these lofty goals: the Legacy Brick Project.

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Quote of the week:
“It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid.”—George Bernard Shaw
The Greek system provides many benefits for Tech

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Birds flying into the big windows at the library... hilarious. So many republicans in Georgia? Where were they hiding? Too many "mannish" women here at tech. Already enough men here to begin with.

Oh those penny arcade comics, what will they do next?

To all those people who think the football team sucks now, just think how bad they would be if there were only engineering majors at tech.

Jello is the greatest invention ever made...

...or is porn the greatest invention ever made?

Put your hands together... porn jello!

Is it just me or is this school corrupt as hell?

Yeah definitely porn jello.

That bird hitting the library window was hilarious.

My calc 2 professor skews the grade scale and yet I am still failing...

7 grown men playing dungeons and dragons in the student center on a sunday morning... I'm cold.

I really wish he was the King of pants.

360 mgs of lesbians, ah lesbians, well maybe its for the best.

Hmm ninjas?

I hid on the dryer for a day and a half. I thought you smelled fresh.

When I submitted my survey to Akklaim telling them about my ultimate game being riding my bike around looking at titties, I never thought they would actually make it!

Devil may cry 2... well, he might.

This packaging must have come from space... or the devil... oh oh oh. It could be a space devil, yeah a space devil... meanwhile in outer space... "curses"

Transformers aramada: at what point did every cartoon become like pokemon?

You never told me you were into pork chops... I do like a good chop.
Buzz Around the Campus

Question of the week
“What do you think about smoking in on-campus Housing?”

Fran Balkcom
IAME Freshman
“I think there should be designated places to smoke.”

Katherine Prince
IE Junior
“Smoking should be kept outside.”

Elise Beisecker
AE Sophomore
“I think it should be limited to designated areas.”

Vicki Parker
MATH Freshman
“As long as its not in a building, everyone has a right to smoke.”

Larry Olson
ME Sophomore
“As long as they don’t blow it in my face, I don’t care about it.”

Sergei Agoureev
CS Sophomore
“Don’t do it; it makes you smell like ass.”

Lee Nappi
MGT Junior
“I won’t endorse it, but to each his own.”

Corie Nielson
IE Junior
“I think its fine so long as people are respectful of others.”

Feature and Photos by Andrew Saulters
Co-workers: To date or not to date?

I have a very strange problem. A certain part of my anatomy is abnormal, and I am worried it is going to affect my personal relationships. To be frank, I have three testicles. While I am not embarrassed about it, I don't exactly go around telling the world about it either. The problem is, I am going on a first date with someone I really like next week, and I am wondering if I should tell my date about my "problem."

—Ballys in Homepark

Look here, Ballys, you need to recognize that trust is tantamount to any relationship. Therefore, if you plan on having a serious relationship with this girl, then you need to be up-front with her about your anatomy—put your balls to the wall, so to speak. It probably shouldn't be the first thing you tell her on your next date, but if you feel like the relationship is moving towards a hands-reaching-in-the-dark experience, then she needs to be forewarned that her paws might come across a few extra berries on the tree.

Oh! Dear me, look at the ignorance I have shown in advising you in your time of need. Here I am, assuming that your interest is in a lady, do forgive me and henceforth when I attack some pronoun, know that they could be masculine as well.

Back to your large dilemma—before you go out and announce your prowess to the world, perhaps you should consider why you have this third jewel. Is it frightening looking? Are you proud of it? Is it functional? Does it cause any pain? Maybe you should type up a fact sheet on your additional anatomy to hand out to your potential paramours.

I would certainly be curious to learn more about the wily workings of Willie's neighbors before I got any closer to the said area.

Your booby partner will most likely have one of two reactions: to find the extra space filler fun and amusing or to be revolted out of her drunk en stupor and into sobriety, wondering what's wrong with you and asking herself where she is and what she's doing with this muscular athlete of a student.

So Ballys, here's the bottom line: decide whether you want a future beyond just a first date with this girl if the answer is yes, then let her know about your extra parts; if not, then let her find out for herself.

I have been dating one of my coworkers for several months, and when we started dating, both of us decided it would be better not to tell anyone about our personal relationship. Lately, though, it has been harder and harder to keep our dating a secret for many reasons.

I don't want everyone in the office to think I am unprofessional or in any way getting an unfair advantage in the office. Should I tell my fellow office mates, and if I should, how should I do it?

—Dating in the Dark

I see your point that hooking up with your co-worker in the office would be most unprofessional; however, I am a huge proponent of honesty. The more you hide from your coworkers, the less you will feel like you are a part of the group as a whole. Thus, the clear answer for this situation is to honestly make sure everyone's papers are off your desk and throw your love onto your keyboard (but gently, so as not to cause the computer to make an annoying "rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr" sound; you know, that sound that's emitted when one key is pressed repeatedly for too long—the Madonna just hates that peaky sound). The beauty of this solution is it is two-fold: one, all of your coworkers will be clued in once, leaving no one behind in the office-gossip arena, and two, you'll be gettin' some bootys!

If you are a less honest person than the honorable Madame, then let me suggest another route for you. In order to keep the level of suspicion surrounding your fondness for your coworker at a minimum, you must flirt with (and notice I'm being ambiguous here, the extent to which you do so is not up to the Madame) all other male species in the office, including the copy boy and the mail delivery man (this one won't be so hard; what girl doesn't fall for a man in uniform, albeit a brown one? Really?).

When you get right down to it, you really need to decide whether you are willing to keep the job and have the boy be a secret, or whether you want to risk losing the job by having loose lips about your private meetings. As long as you aren't oblivious about your feelings for each other in the office, then I say stick with it! Really, think about how much you know about that woman the man in the mind-numbing cubicle next to yours is romancing and by "romancing," I really mean "taking to mon ster truck rallies?"

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Madame d’Amour Staff Columnist

Bricks from page 6

The Legacy Brick Project will raise a projected $2.5 million to bring all the wonderful activities mentioned above to life. It will consist of selling memorial bricks (similar to those in Centennial Olympic Park) to students, parents, alumni, corporations, and friends of Georgia Tech so that they may contribute towards improved student life as well as leave their mark in a visible display on campus. The bricks will follow a tiered pricing schedule, with appropriate price ranges for each of the groups.

The Student Government Association believes this is a great opportunity to strengthen the bond between students, faculty, and alumni to create a more unified Georgia Tech community. The goal of increased student-faculty interaction has obvious benefits, while increasing alumni involvement directly corresponds to better connections for future employment and stronger fiscal support for the Institute in years to come. We will attract better students, retain them through graduation, and make their years at Georgia Tech more fulfilling. The best thing about the Legacy Brick Project is that everyone wins.

From our perspective as students, the ultimate goal of this capital campaign is to create the learning environment, both academically and socially, necessary to engineer the leaders of tomorrow and make Georgia Tech the premier technological institute. It is time that we, the students, take the initiative and determine our own destiny. As your student body president, we are working hard to make this dream a reality.

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Last year’s freshman class had to deal with a renovation of a Freshman Experience dorm, Caldwell, and the ramifications of the Computer Science department’s storied chat-finder program. Out of the 140 residents who lived in Caldwell fall semester and the over 1,500 students who took either CS 1321 or CS 1322 in the fall, one resident decided to do something about what he considered to be severe injustices committed by Tech.

On April 20, the Caldwell “refugee” founded the website “GTSux...Enough Said.” The website has provided a place for the founder, who wished to remain anonymous until he transfers in spring, and other students to have a humorous forum for their grievances against Georgia Tech. The site has a vast amount of complaints from the creator and students, ranging on topics from dining services to Tech’s transportation system.

The site immediately grabbed the attention of panicked freshmen during spring finals. By the second day that the site had been up, it had received 900 visitors. Within a week, the site had logged over 4,700 visitors. Since last spring, the site has had 25,000 visitors. On average, the site gets 100 hits a day.

We went to the creator himself to discover the origins of the site. The Kentucky native explained his reasons for founding the site and his plans for its future.

Technique: What made you decide to create the website?
Creator: It was [my] overall disappointment with the quality of the school and my experiences during my freshman year. When I started the page, I set a goal of 10,000 [hits] and I got that in like two weeks. But the reason I picked 10,000 was because I wanted to reach a good number of the students here.

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Technique: So you were in Caldwell. What was that experience like?
Creator: It wasn’t very convenient being in it my freshman year here. It was just one more thing to deal with and the housing situation we got afterwards wasn’t very good. The roommates I had were terrible. I tried to get them switched, and I was going to transfer, but they didn’t really do anything for me, so I was stuck there.

Technique: Is there anything about the school that you like?
Creator: I’ve made a lot of friends here, and I like the Atlanta atmosphere.

Technique: How did you decide not to transfer your freshman year?
Creator: I thought I could back it out; I thought that maybe I just needed to give it a chance. A lot of people say your freshman year is the hardest, so I came back for another semester. But I’m transferring in the spring (to a college he would prefer not to mention).

Technique: From looking at the site, are those ones that you actually put on the page, or are there any that you read and decided not to come to Tech after viewing the site?
Creator: I’ve had a couple of people tell me they’ve decided not to come here after seeing the site. That’s one of the goals in the site—to have people like me understand what the school is like before you get here, and that you can’t do anything about it.

Technique: Are you planning on having someone take over the site when you leave here?
Creator: I don’t know. I hadn’t really thought about it yet.

Technique: Did you do a lot of research to find out about the stinger bus crash and other events that happened before you arrived at Tech?
Creator: I once started the site, people began emailing me [about the events]. I get a lot of my new content from emails these days.

Technique: What are your major goals for the site?
Creator: Not that many anymore. Sometimes I don’t get any. Then there was a period when the site got 100 hits a day. Then I got 23,000 visitors. On average, since last spring, the site has been up, it had 10,000 hits.

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with Tech goggles (the idea that the longer you are a student here, the prettier the girls look)?
C: I think it’s just something that people talked about—it’s more intended to be funny than anything.
TQ: So have you actually dated any girls since you’ve been here or do they all seem to have T.B.S.?
C: I’ve met girls, but I haven’t gotten into any relationships. I mean I don’t mean to come across like everyone here is like that, but there is a portion of the population that does come across that way.
TQ: What was the point that made you want to transfer out of Tech?
C: I wanted to transfer my freshman year. From the first week I was here I knew I wanted to leave. I kept trying to deal with it and maybe get that Tech degree. But recently I went home and saw my friends at the college I’m going to now, and spontaneously I decided I’m leaving.
TQ: Were your parents pretty cool with your decision?
C: They support me. They knew I didn’t really like it here. I tell them all the things that have happened here, and they don’t really agree with it either. They kept saying “Why don’t you just transfer?”
TQ: Especially since you’re an out-of-state student paying the increased tuition.
C: No scholarships either. That’s another reason. When you’re paying $20,000 a year to go here, you should get your money’s worth.
TQ: Do you wish you had been warned about it before you got here?
C: It’s not their job to warn us [during FASET], but they shouldn’t sugar-coat it the way they do and make it seem like there’s always something going on [on campus].
TQ: What would be your best advice to someone at Tech?
C: Well there’s a lot of people that would enjoy this school because they’ve been pretty hard-working all their lives. There are a lot of other people, though, who have this image of what college life is supposed to be like and to me I just, my experience at Tech is not a [dream school]. It’s really focused and cutthroat and that’s not the type of thing I was looking for in a college. I would just want people coming here to know that above all.
TQ: Do you have any plans to reveal your identity?
C: I’m not sure if I’m going to or not yet. If I am, it’ll be towards the end of this semester or next semester after I’m gone:
TQ: Do a lot of your friends know about the site?
C: I told the friends of mine to check out my page and to pass it around but don’t tell anyone who made it.

GTSux from page 13

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Creator GTSux website

Class from page 15

Stancell, “is that there’s a lot of trial and error. Maybe you’ve had a leadership position... but at the end of the day, you’re really not a very good leader. These are a difficult set of skills, and it takes practice, practice, practice. I think a course like this heightens that in your mind.”

Reflecting on the class, he said, “I’ve had a great time with the class.” He has received mostly positive feedback from his students.

For example, Gearhart suggested, “The only thing I would say that could be improved would be to bring in a few more speakers throughout the semester to get a different perspective of leadership.”

Stancell, who is only at Tech one semester each year, will not be teaching the servant leadership class in the spring. In his place will be a visiting Management faculty member, Ben Laughter.
By Jennifer Lee  
Contributing Writer

The Student Leadership Initiative, created earlier this year by President Cough as part of the leadership endowment, has moved one step closer to its goals with the creation of a servant leadership class that is being offered for the first time this semester.

Listed in the course catalog as a management elective, under MGT 4803A, the class is taught by Dr. Arnold Stancell, Tech’s Servant Leadership Chair, and is worth 3 credit hours. It is currently restricted to juniors and seniors.

Interested students mainly learned about this new class through word of mouth, as well as from previous articles published in the Technique. Maggie Gearhart, a fourth-year management major who is currently enrolled in the class, said that she found out about the class just by looking it up on OS-CAR. “I read the course description to find out more about it. I decided to take it because it sounded interesting and seemed like it would be different than any other class I had taken.”

Also, Gearhart added, “I liked that the class was open to different majors, so I knew there would be a wide variety of students in it.”

Stancell said, “We wanted to emphasize that the course is open to all majors, so we put it in the Management program.” Indeed, despite the lack of publicity, the class had no difficulty reaching the 35-student cap. Currently, the class has management, industrial engineering, chemical engineering and computer science majors enrolled in it.

“We even had some students on the waiting list,” said Stancell, “so we’re very pleased with the reaction.”

The difficulty, then, was not in getting students to enroll, but deciding on the content of the class. Contrary to what it may seem, the emphasis of servant leadership is not on community service. Instead, classmate Stancell, said, “Servant leadership focuses on the effective leader: the person who supports the growth and development of others. By empowering them to do good works, the organization, in turn, can achieve extraordinary results.”

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A typical day in class usually involves Stancell first lecturing about the reading material: 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, by Stephen Covey, and The Leadership Challenge, by Kouzes and Posner. “The reading material gives some structure in terms of reading and bringing the students through the basic principles of leadership,” said Stancell.

Stancell’s lectures are often supplemented with examples from his experiences when he worked for Mobil.

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However, not all projects are community-service related. Another group is helping an Atlanta organization with writing grants, while yet another group is examining the Leadership Initiative and coming up with its own recommendations for it.

Stancell asserted that the project “suits our task-oriented.” In other words, the project itself is not an example of leadership; instead, he said, “it gives them a chance to apply the skills they learned in the class.”

Leadership experience amongst the students in the class is varied—although with Tech’s numerous student organizations, many of the students in the class have had previous leadership experience through extracurricular activities. As a result, the benefit each student said he or she said they gained from the class varied as well.

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On the other hand, Gearhart, whose leadership experience includes being a FASET Leader and a Fundraising Co-Chair for TEAM Buzz, said, “Any leader, no matter how experienced, has room for improvement. Any leader can learn to be more effective.”

“The problem with just jumping in and getting involved,” noted...
Last week’s Tech Up Close:
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By 1980s, Sheryl Prucka felt less struggle than previous Tech women

By Joshua Cuneo
Staff Writer

In 1979, college sophomore Sheryl Prucka walked onto the campus of Georgia Tech after a one year stint at the University of Georgia, and never gave the low female-to-male ratio a second thought. In fact, she hardly mentioned it in a recent interview.

“The electrical engineering (EE) program is a challenging program, and I didn’t feel like being a woman made me any different,” she said. “[Although] those of us who were female predecessors, Prucka’s career ambitions, coupled with the Institute’s rigorous academic program, kept her too distracted to worry about being in the minority. “I definitely had to work a little harder than I had to work...in Athens.”

Prucka was also born into a family of Tech graduates—her father was an electrical engineer from the Institute—so she had the educational support of her parents in her academic endeavors.

Her academic focus meant that her social life sprung from the classroom, with classmates she met up with in study groups. “We would get together and study, and then we would run and grab a bite to eat.” She also found time for the other popular social activities, notably football games and activities, notably football games and the food court. She inhabited the campus most of the day and recalls that she enjoyed the entire experience.

But Tech had integrated women since the 1960s, and never gave the low female-to-male ratio a second thought. In fact, Prucka remembers that the Tech faculty provided a very nurturing environment. “There were many, many excellent professors. I can’t even pick out one in particular,” she said. “Any professor I went to visit to ask for either assistance or to discuss the course work was very supportive.”

Her advisor, Dr. Tom White, was instrumental in establishing an academic program for her, and Tom Akins, then the head of the long-established cooperative program, helped her find an assortment of positions related to her major that helped her explore various aspects of her field of study. This represented a fundamental shift in the attitude of the academic faculty from general indifference and even distaste to active support of the ambitions of Tech’s female student body.

Prucka’s ability to become prolifically involved with the Institute helped her establish a tremendous sense of personal responsibility and ambition. She held three different co-op positions, the last for her father’s sprinkler company. “He would give me complete [sprinkler design] projects,” she recalled. “Having that kind of responsibility was absolutely wonderful.”

She pursued a master’s degree following graduation, and acquired a position as a research assistant, which was very interesting and challenging, and actually gave me an opportunity to expand my foundation in computers.” Shortly after she completed her graduate program, she started her own business, Prucka Engineering, which was later acquired by GE Medical Systems.

“Tech was still a male-dominated school by the time of Prucka’s graduation. She recalled that only ten percent of EE majors were women, a notable rise from previous decades, but still a relatively small number. But Tech had integrated women onto campus quite well by then, and Prucka felt right at home.

“I really enjoyed my education here,” she said. “It was great growth time for me. I really learned a lot about people and communication.”

“This occasional series celebrating the past fifty years of integrating women into Tech, highlighting their trials and triumphs, will continue in spring semester. The series will pick up again in 2003 by focusing on a woman from the 1990s, and will continue by exploring current issues related to women at Tech now. Send comments and ideas to focus@technique.gatech.edu.

50 Years of Women at Tech
School back in session for Harry Potter and friends

By Alan Back
Senior Staff Writer

Title: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson
Director: Chris Columbus
Running time: 151 minutes
Rating: PG

J.K. Rowling caught the world by surprise when her books about the adventures of boy wizard Harry Potter started to hit shelves four years ago. It didn’t take any sort of magic to figure out that movies based on them would make a mint at the box office, even if they weren’t perfect.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, the second entry in the series, makes some improvements over its predecessor and hints yet more good things to come.

Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) has had a perfectly rotten summer since returning from his first year of wizard training at the Hogwarts School. His aunt and uncle have been as awful to him as always, he hasn’t gotten any letters from his friends, and even the Weasley family’s crazy-quilt house. He, Ron, and Harry spend a rainy July afternoon trying to interview someone in this stage presence.

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Harry soon finds himself the prime suspect, and even he doubts his innocence. He, Ron, and the lovable Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) must scramble to solve the puzzle before history repeats itself—if they can stay on their feet long enough to get their hands on the facts?

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There are still moments that seem forced, most notably a scene in which Harry and Ron go undercover in an attempt to find out what Draco knows about the attacks on students. Fortunately, the clunkers are fewer and farther between now.

The movie keeps steadily building steam even through these points, thanks to the script’s pacing and support from the adult characters, including Lockhart, Lucius, potions teacher Severus Snape (Alan Rickman), and headmaster Albus Dumbledore (the late Richard Harris).

Where *Sorcerer’s Stone* took a while to find its footing due to all the background that had to be established, *Chamber of Secrets* can get right into the dark and fun stuff. The occasional jolt of adrenaline doesn’t hurt either, and a big one comes during Harry’s and Draco’s first Quidditch face-off. A crazed ball gets loose and charges Harry, forcing both boys to fly their brooms around and under the stadium’s stands in a combination NASCAR race and pinball game from hell.

Too bad the Nimbus models don’t come with seat belts!

A major criticism against *Sorcerer’s Stone* was that it stuck too closely to Rowling’s book, working in nearly all the material. *Chamber of Secrets* does a better job in this respect; a number of scenes that were more or less incidental are out.

Most of the choices (like a “death-day” party for Nearly Headless Nick, the flip-top-headed ghost played by John Cleese) are good. The removal of an early scene in a dark-magic shop makes the end seem a bit disjointed, though.

Audiences won’t see Harry’s third year at Hogwarts until 2004. No doubt the cast will have grown even more, and it’s anyone’s guess who will replace Harris as Dumbledore. Whatever may happen in the future, the present looks pretty bright for fans of Rowling’s work.

The Verdict: The second film in the Harry Potter series makes improvements upon the first and takes a darker, action-oriented approach. It’s sure to please everyone and leave audiences eager to see the next one.
Throughout the entire show I began to feel like I was taking part in one of those religious revivals that are on TV. Actually, now that I think about it, there was a short segment of the concert when the band had the entire audience singing “Ah-Men” at the top of our lungs. Shortly after that, everyone in the auditorium squatted on the ground until we were instructed to jump up and down and once again “go crazy.”

Throughout this maniacal mayhem the band members threw enough equipment in the audience it seemed that each ticket holder could have formed his or her own music group. A very large woman tackled my date as they both dove for a drumstick. They both came out with minor injuries, and I am now the owner of the prize.

Another passion of the band is their hometown of New Orleans. Cowboy Mouth takes great pride in their Cajun roots that add spice to their catchy tunes. Songs like “Hurricane Party” and “Louisiana Lowdown” set a definite bayou mood.

The opening set for the show was an up-and-coming band named Tom’s House because the name is Tom’s House because they told the audience about three billion times during their short performance. They played some pretty catchy songs and shared the stage a few times with the members of Cowboy Mouth.

All in all, the Cowboy Mouth concert was awesome, probably one of the best I’ve ever been to or ever will go to. I will definitely go see them the next time they come to Atlanta. I mean sure, they are a little crazy in the head, but then again I guess I am too.

Cowboy Mouth, which played at the Roxy last week.

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If Live at Folsom Field accomplishes just one task, it’s the unveiling of a better representation of the perceived studio mishaps on Everyday.

(Left to right) Paul Sanchez, Fred LeBlanc, Rob Savoy, and John Thomas Griffith make up the band Cowboy Mouth, which played at the Roxy last week.
If you’ve never sat at a blackjack table with a drunk, rich woman from Arkansas, I highly suggest you do. In general, when you’re thinking about things to add to that lifetime to-do list, playing blackjack with a drunk, rich woman from Arkansas is probably not in your top five things... possibly not in your top 100,000, but let me assure you that it’s a worthwhile thing to see. If there are two things that are well known for class, they would have to be gambling and the great state of Arkansas.

By now, you’ve probably come to know of the Two Bits man as an infinite resource of panache in blasé... You know how he’d go to Tunica, Mississippi. Ya know how he’d travel hundreds of miles to bring back an infinite resource of panache in blasé... Two Bits to the gambling town of a tale of great class. That’s right, he’d go to Tunica to perform live two days after I visited. pompously honest dealer. "I’m taking your money, ma’am."

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I do regret that while I was there I didn’t catch a show. The shows, oh the shows! I wish I could have seen him perform. I do believe my life would be perfect now. Growing up, my family affectionately referred to him as ‘Groin Man,’ because he sang so... I wanted to go on record as saying oh the shows! I wish I could have seen him perform. I do believe my life would be perfect now. Growing up, my family affectionately referred to him as ‘Groin Man,’ because he sang so dramatically that he looked and sounded like he was being kicked in his manstuffs while singing. Of course, I was a wise lad when he was at his prime, so I had nothing to do with the naming. That was up to older members of Clan Two Bits.

However, I have to be honest. Gambling, while amusing, was hardly the highlight of my trip. In case you’re still not sure, northeastern Mississippi buff, you should know that Tunica is only a half-hour’s drive from Memphis. That city is cool for two great reasons.

First off, it is the home of the King. Graceland is one of the most amazing places I’ve ever been. If you think that Elvis Presley had an amazing fashion sense in what he wore, you should see the brilliant décor he assembled for his home. Complete with shag carpets, jungle print furniture, and drapped glass peacocks, it is like the cover of an Architecture Digest. Furthermore, when you go to Graceland, the tour is very informative about the house and about Elvis’s hobbies. For example, how many of you actually knew that he was a martial arts expert? Still, I call some of their facts into question. Most notably, they tell you about Elvis’s death in the late 1970s, yet everyone knows that Elvis is really still alive.

Memphis also is renowned for its blues music. Of course, I suspect that this is an excuse to have an overpriced, kitsch tourist-trap bar district where the homeless can catch the scent of a tourist like a Porta-Potty at a 96 Rock concert. Every city has a place like this. Atlanta has Buckhead. Memphis has Beale Street. Within the first ten minutes I was there, one latched onto me and started asking me where I was from. He asked my name. Naturally, I told him it was Felipe. His name was Mike. “So Felipe, where ya from?” I made the tragic blunder of telling him I was from Atlanta.

“Felipe, you ever hear of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr? Can’t ya just feel the love? I mean he’s heard of MLK. I’ve heard of MLK. It’s like we’ve been pals for years...pals who grew up in Atlanta! Mike, this may be a shocker to ya, but I actually have heard of Martin Luther King, Jr.” Once parity was established that we both knew of this great man, he decided that he’d recite some of MLK’s speeches and I, in turn, should pay him. While having random strangers recite famous speeches to me is an invaluable service that I did have to think long and hard about, I remembered that I can actually listen to MLK make MLK speeches, thanks to the majesty of recording technology and the Internet. Relying on my good judgment and thinking of my spiritual guide, Clark Howard, I opted to decline this fellow’s service.

If I tell you too much about Mike, I’d just be gambling, but I would be remiss if I didn’t tell you about Mike’s other connections. When I declined the chance to hear MLK’s speeches retold, he offered to get me weed, cocaine, or a prostitute. I walked on. The moral of this story is if you are ever in Memphis and need (in Mike’s words) “some nose candy to toot,” just take a short stroll down Beale St., and he’ll surely harass you.

So, that’s my spiel. I bring this travelogue to you because I know that if you ever want a nice weekend trip, exciting Mississippi is just the thing. Until next week, this is your friendly traveling Two Bits Man re-minding you that Mike has a dream.
Thompson proving rookie season no fluke

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

After losing two players from last year’s NCAA runner-up team, Georgia Tech is looking to reload its attack with some younger players. Senior Troy Matteson is leading the team, both in scoring and in experience, but returning sophomore Nicholas Thompson is nipping at Troy’s heels for scoring leadership.

The teams as a whole have struggled with comparisons with last year’s team and with a demanding schedule this fall. So far, the team has only one finish in the top three after five tournaments. The bright spots for the team so far are Troy Matteson and Nicholas Thompson.

Thompson has already matched his career-best wins with a second place finish at the Nelson Invitational at the Stanford Golf Club, which was aided by a career-best opening round of 66. He is also second on the team in scoring average, with a 71.63 scoring average. Thompson has been Tech’s first or second place scorer in each of their tournaments thus far.

Last season, Thompson earned NCAA honorable-mention honors with three top-ten finishes and five top-20 finishes. His second place finish at the ACC tournament earned him a trip to the NCAA National Tournament.

Seminole hit Jackets hard

Tech suffers a frustrating 21-13 defeat to No. 17 FSU

By David Rattman
Contributing Writer

It was a game of turnovers and big plays. With Tech driving down field for a chance to tie the game, A.J. Suggs threw an interception to Stanford Samuels in the end zone with 20 seconds left to seal the victory for the 17th ranked Seminoles, 21-13. The pick was Suggs’ third of the year.

The Seminoles outscored the Jackets 14-7 in the second quarter and late in the second half after an interception by Sonja Mallory had in the women’s basketball team at its exhibition game.

Mallory also led the Jackets with 11 rebounds in their 72-64 loss to the Premiers.

Senior Staff Writer
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Fosheads recently inked agreements with the NFL and the College Licensing Company enabling them to design, create and sell products for all member teams and institutions.

Co-Founder Ken Saunders and his partner, Jim Bell—a former San Francisco 49er, created the first Foamhead, the Seattle HawkHead, in 1999. They created the Dawg Head for University of Washington fans and now, with the imprimatur of the NFL and NCAA, Foamheads are appearing all over the nation, including being spotted on a recent ESPN telecast of Tech games. JacketHeads purchased at www foamheads.com.
Hewitt's young team tackles All-Stars

By Clark Nelson
Contributing Writer

The Georgia Tech Men's Basketball team tipped off its season in fine fashion Sunday as the Jackets routed the Southeast Atlanta All-Stars 110-73 in their first exhibition game. Tech had seven players in double-figure scoring, with guard Marvin Lewis leading the way with 19 points, including 5-for-7 shooting beyond the arc.

Sophomore B.J. Elder, coming off a strong finish to last season, also added 15 points and 7 rebounds from his starting guard position. The highly touted freshmen class did not disappoint either, with Jarrett Jack starting at point guard and all four seeing significant action.

Freshman forward Chris Bosh poured in 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in only 21 minutes. On the inside, Luke Schenscher had 13 points and seven boards while Ed Nelson powered his way to 12 points and seven boards. Schenscher and Bosh created a twin towers effect during portions of the game, blocking four shots between them.

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Said Stewart, “I was in the back and I heard a thump when there wasn’t supposed to be a thump. I went up front to ask what the thump was.”

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moot helped the Jackets take the conference crown.

“You take the freshman year that these two kids [Thompson and Wnglae] have had and it’ll match up with anybody,” said Head Coach Bruce Heppler.

This year the team has another outstanding freshman—Thomas Jordan. Jordan turned in a number of solid rounds during the fall and should contribute in spring.

Although the team is missing their past superstars Bryce Molder and Matt Kuchar, the team is positive about its outlook.

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Then again, it would save time if you like using deer meat for stews. I’ll close with a warning from the football gods. Never, under any circumstances, should a team dunk the coach with Gatorade while the other team still has even a one in a million shot at coming back to win. If you don’t realize what I’m talking about, you obviously don’t follow college football very much. I am, of course, alluding to LSU’s miracle against Kentucky. LSU completed a 74-yard TD pass on the last play of the game, with Kentucky students already beginning to tear down the field goal post in the opposite end zone. It actually took a few minutes for the students to realize what had happened, making for some priceless video footage. So let this be a warning to all of you. Yogi Berra was right.

The Yellow Jackets have now completed their fall schedule and will return to action in the spring. The team travels to Hawai‘i on Feb. 12-14 when they travel to compete in the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate.
Lady Jackets kick off against Premier Players

The Lady Yellow Jackets made their final public appearance prior to the start of the regular season by taking part in the annual HoopsFest activities last Friday night at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

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The Lady Jackets opened their 2002-2003 season in the Georgia Dome playing their only exhibition game against the Premier Players. Tech dropped the game 72-64, but still had some outstanding performances.

Senior Sonja Mallory led the team with 15 points, 11 rebounds and two blocked shots. Freshmen Megan Harpring and Mallorie Winn both posted nine points apiece.

Harpring, a hometown freshman from Marist, was strongest for the Jackets at the end of the game, netting seven of her nine points in the final four minutes of play, including one three pointer. Winn, a freshman guard from San Diego, CA, also posted 11 rebounds in the first game of the season.

The first half of the game saw the Premier Players jump out to a 4-0 lead by taking advantage of six straight turnovers by the Yellow Jackets to open the half. Tech then got things going as the lead see-sawed between the teams for the remainder of the period, with nine lead changes.

Led with seven points from senior Sonja Mallory, the Jackets were able to pull ahead and take a 29-24 lead into the intermission. Though the Jackets had the lead at halftime, the Premier Players came back with an 11-5 run, and kept the lead throughout the duration of the match.

Six points was as close as Tech would get to the Premier Players when a three-pointer from freshman Megan Harpring and a layup by junior Fallon Stokes cut the lead to 59-53 with 2:58 to play.

The exhibition game saw the entrance of three new coaching staff members for the Lady Jackets. The new staff consists of MacChelle Joseph, a former Auburn basketball recruiter; Jeffrey Williams, a former assistant at Howard University and head coach of the Atlanta Justice in the Women’s Basketball League; and Kisha Ford, a former Tech and WNBA basketball player.

“These three new coaches are very passionate, very emotional about basketball, Georgia Tech and winning,” Berenato said in an earlier interview. “They are so much fun to be around. I’ve never laughed so much in my life.”

Georgia Tech will open the 2002-03 regular season tonight at 8 p.m., when the Lady Jackets host Charlotte in the first round of the Preseason WNIT at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Student tickets for the game are $3 and can be bought at the outside gates.
Ice Games  Hockey continues winning ways

The Georgia Tech hockey team scored a big victory against Duke University at Philips Arena. The team’s next games are tonight and tomorrow night in Indianapolis, Indiana.
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Point Tech Preiss takes charge

Alexandra Preiss, a middle blocker from Berlin, was named ACC Player of the Week for leading Tech to three wins this week.