Housing restructures FE, cuts PAs

By Narayana Varahabhatla

Contributing Writer

This week, the Department of Housing and Auxiliary Services announced a restructuring of Freshman Experience (FE). All 20 peer advisor positions as well as eight resident advisor positions now assigned to cover FE, traditional and suite-style dorms will be eliminated. The changes were announced to Housing’s student staff at a meeting Monday night.

A new position, hall director, will be created to replace the peer and staff advisors. Hall directors will be full-time employees, not students. Eight hall directors will supervise the activities of peer leaders in the FE dorms.

The restructuring also replaces four existing residence life coordinators with a new assistant director for student and Community Development position and four graduate assistant positions.

All changes are planned to take effect by July 1, 2004.

Under the current structure, peer leaders (PLs) help entering freshmen move in and understand housing rules. FE dorms are divided up into groups, turn supervise PLs and help them adjust to their responsibilities. In suite-style dorms, community advisors (CA) do the same job as the PLs, with staff advisors (SAs) supervising several CAs.

Dan Morrison, Associate Director of Residence Life, explained the reasoning behind the changes.

“The FE program has been around for 12 years. We had 400 students in its inception, and now it has grown to about 1900 students. The program was very well regarded. So, we want to change to accommodate the increase in size (of the FE population),” Morrison said.

In spring 2002, Rosalind Meyers, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services, initiated a review of FE. Three committees were formed to conduct independent reviews. One

EAS prof wins top AMS recognition

Professor Peter Webster of both the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering has been selected by the American Meteorological Society as the winner of the Carl Gustaf Rossby Research Medal.

The society presents the medal, its highest honor for an atmospheric scientist, each year for contributions understanding of the workings of Earth’s atmosphere. Webster made “fundamental contributions to tropical meteorology and oceanography.” He will receive the award Jan. 14, 2004.

Prof wins $20,000 doctoral grant

Tech graduate and assistant professor in the School of Mechanical Engineering, Samuel Graham recently received a $20,000 grant from FACES (Facilitating Academic Careers in Engineering and Science), a Georgia Tech program meant to guide minority students to careers in academia. The money is meant to help newly graduated minority doctoral students foster a research program to help initiate their academic careers.

Other Tech graduates awarded this year include William Robinson, a doctoral student in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Chekeda Liddell, a doctoral student in Materials Science and Engineering.

COE administrator dies of heart attack

Tech alumnus Douglas Ray Holley, 54, died Sept. 25 after suffering a massive heart attack. He graduated in 1973 with a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering. Holley was a long-time employee at Tech and his death is a loss to the campus.

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Wilcox appoints interim CRC head

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Stanfill left his position Sept. 26 after leaving his position at the Institute for 21 years. Stanfill left to take a similar position at Clemson.

Tech customizes on-line admissions process

By Sid Parmar

Contributing Writer

The college admissions process can prove to be a daunting and confusing task for any high school student. However, future Tech students may not have to undergo such an ordeal if the Office of Undergraduate Admissions’ newest project is a success.

“arly!” It has been up for two weeks, said Director of Admissions Inci Hais, referring to the new undergraduate admissions website, www.admissions.gatech.edu.

The new website is built around information like campus life, admissions, housing, profiles, message boards and chatrooms. Instead of having information scattered throughout Tech’s main website, information will be consolidated and take prospective students directly to relevant information.

The change comes as part of Tech’s continuous review of the application process. “We’ve always been interested in trying to be more personalized,” Hayes said. “Georgia Tech is a fairly large school and we get lots of applications. So, we are always looking for ways to have a more personal interaction with the students.”

“The site is personalized for each user,” Hayes said. “It gives Tech the ability to target specific students who showed interest in one aspect of the school or another.”

In addition, “as you advance through the (application) process, you get to access more features, more things. So, it’s better suited for everyone and more personalized,” Hayes said.

Currently, all capabilities are in place with the exception of chatrooms. In the future, Admissions hopes to add BuzzPort capabilities.

The new website and its features have been created by Connexis LLC, a company which specializes in personal admissions systems that tracks a student’s progress throughout the process. The system also collects statistical data on students and relays it back to the school. Schools in turn can use this data to better present information or improve areas where students are struggling.

“This system allows for the application process to continue to evolve and cater more and more to students,” Hayes said.
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Representatives use issue meeting to discuss grade forgiveness

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Representatives held their first issue meeting of the semester Tuesday night. Issue meetings are extended open forums in which representatives and guests discuss a given topic.

Up for consideration this week was grade forgiveness or “grade substitution.” A grade substitution policy is one that allows students to retake failed classes and substitute the second grade for the first.

Several members of the Academic Affairs committee studied the issue before Tuesday’s meeting, and the group reported that grade substitution is already being discussed by the administration.

“It’s been considered, researched and suggestions are in the works,” said one group member. The group reported that several peer institutions have substitution policies. They also noted that grade substitution was “not a student idea” but that it was generated from within the administration.

Representatives raised a number of questions about the final form any such policy might take.

Sophomore class President Mindy Park raised a concern about abuse of substitution. Freshman representative Tiffany Schoenhoff wondered whether students would be required to take the course with the same instructor or not.

One representative asked why many administrators seemed to favor a grade substitution policy. Student Body President Nate Watson said Tech’s graduation rate is 69 percent after six years, which is very low compared to other universities.

“A 69 percent graduation rate devalues all our degrees,” he said. If the graduation rate were higher, Watson said he believes Tech could be ranked the 16th best school in the nation. Employers see the low rate as a sign that “something [is] institutionally wrong.”

Sophomore representative Andrew Howard said he opposed any form of grade substitution. He said there are other things wrong with Tech that contribute to the low rate.

Senators try to clear bill backlog

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Last week, constant moves by individual senators to bring bills from new business to old caused a lengthy meeting. Senators had to leave for class, and quorum was lost before all the bills in old business had been considered.

This week, Vice President Robin Bedell cracked down. She reminded senators of the two-week cycle of bill submission and consideration. Several times, she limited question times and debate periods in an attempt to speed the meeting along.

Senators went so far as to reconvene in the student government conference room after another group kicked them out of the Student Services building meeting room. There, crowded around the small conference table, they were largely able to clear the backlog.

Senators untabled and passed a joint allocation to Mid-Autumn Festival. Electrical and Computer Engineering Senator Eric Clopper spoke against the bill, saying that it happened whether the Senate funded it or not. Clopper said he wanted to give priority to organizations that come to SGA as a last resort. Another senator said that the organization has already been charged for the event, and thus the senate should help them.

Senators also passed an allocation to the Society of Women Engineers so that a group of students could attend nationals in Birmingham.

Senators untabled a joint allocation to Interfraternity Council. The bill was to fund the grand opening of Technology Square later this month. Organization representatives held their first issue meeting to discuss grade forgiveness.

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By Charles Frey, STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lowder confers with CS representative Adam Barnaik Tuesday. Members examined problems and issues of grade forgiveness.
Visa restrictions may hurt foreign students

By Anastasia Ustinova Daily Illini
(U-WIRE) University of Illinois — New changes in United States visa policies might add more obstacles when international students look for jobs.

The U.S. Congress reduced the number of H1B visas — which are given to foreign workers with special skills and education and issued each fiscal year — from 195,000 to 65,000. The new policy went into effect last Wednesday.

Mary Lou Cabrera, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, said she could not speculate whether the new policies would affect international students or why the new policy was made.

But some who work with immigration issues at the University said the new policy could cause problems for international students seeking jobs after getting an education in the United States.

“The new visa cap will mostly affect international students,” said Tom Arkell, a Bloomington, Ill., immigration lawyer.

The University international staff and faculty are exempt from the new regulation, he said.

According to Julie Misa, associate director of the Office of International Student Affairs, international students can apply for Optional Practical Training, which allows them to stay in the United States after they graduate from the University while looking for a job, without changing their visa status. Normally, an F1 visa only allows international students to stay in the United States as long as they are enrolled in an institution of higher learning.

However, not all employers agree to sponsor the H1B visa, Misa said, which makes the job-hunting process even more difficult.

Despite the downturn in the economy and the limited number of work authorizations, some students have no choice but to keep trying to keep their luck in

“Career search has become more difficult for everybody. But international students have been impacted more greatly by the economical downturn.”

Margaret Schrock
Assistant Dir. Career Center

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Associate Director of Residence Life

PLs will have access to staff devoted to this job...this helps place the focus back on making the most out of the FE experience," he said. "Now we have to make [PLs] come back [from break] early and train them in a short time," he said.

The skills and experiences required to be an effective PL will be taught in a new class.

"[The Housing department] is going to ask PLs to take a course lasting 12 weeks. No plans have been made to give students academic credits for the class," Morrison said.

Some student employees worry that the changes may take a toll on PL recruitment and retention efforts.

"Peer leaders have almost no incentive to stick around—and no upward movement available to them. They can only move laterally and become CAs," the SA said.

Other PAs and PLs echo the same sentiment.

"We don't have a goal anymore, nothing that we feel that we can aspire to. The PL position is pretty much a dead end," Dant said.

Several PLs also complain about the lack of student input.

"They could have talked more with current staff, PLs, PAs," Hol- loway said.

Current PL, Brinda Batovsky, felt left out of the decision-making process.

"They have it ready to go, as opposed to the months...it might have taken [Tech] to develop something as dynamic and robust as this particular product," Hayes said.

"There are people on campus who can do lots of different compon- ents, but to have...a one-stop shop...is going to be the most cost-effec- tive and also ef- ficient."

"[Connexxa] employees are very good. They have had some success with some other schools," Hayes said. Connexxa's other clients include Duke University, the University of North Carolina Charlotte and Northwestern College.

"Student reaction to the new website has been mixed. Some think this change was necessary, while others think it will prove useless."

"I think it would have been useful," freshman Brent Page said. "It is more organized now compared to the pages when I was applying."
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representative Adam Bernstein said
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as Treasurer.

An allocation bill to GTCOW
was withdrawn.
Students speculate on tying HOPE to SATs

By Viji Sundaram Contributing Writer

Most in-state students at Tech all have a common bond in that they receive the HOPE scholarship to support their tuition costs. In the constant struggle to keep the scholarship, however, students become well aware of its requirements. Currently, HOPE awards Georgia residents with a 3.0 GPA (a B average) at the completion of high school full tuition at any in-state public college or university. Students can also earn up to $3,000 a year for tuition at any private in-state university.

However, last week Republican Governor Sonny Perdue proposed the development of a committee to research the future of HOPE and possibly consider adding a minimum SAT score to the existing 3.0 GPA requirement.

Not only would this option significantly reduce the number of students the program provides for, but, according to Perdue, would create an incentive to do well on the SAT, helping Georgia rise from its 50th place national ranking when it comes to standardized testing scores.

During the past school year, Georgia’s students averaged a 980 on the SAT—20 points below the 1000 level minimum that Perdue has suggested for HOPE qualification. Other state scholarships do include SAT scores as part of their requirements.

For example, West Virginia’s PROMISE requires both a B average and a 21 on the ACT or 1000 on the SAT. Florida’s Bright Futures offers seniors with a 1270 SAT or 28 ACT a full scholarship to any in-state university and a partial award for 970 SAT or 20 ACT scores.

However, requiring a minimum SAT/ACT score often creates political controversy. These programs, along with several others throughout the nation, have been criticized for discriminating against minority students, since the majority of recipients are white.

This is evidenced in Georgia’s statistics last year. Caucasian students combined scored 1035, while African-Americans only scored an average of 852.

In addition, if the 1000 minimum had been imposed at the start of the 2000 school year, approximately 8,100 of 20,000 HOPE recipients would not have met the requirements.

Two-thirds of that number—about 5,000 students—would have been black.

"A lot of people feel that the HOPE scholarship is already biased towards minorities,” said Robert Brooks, a Management senior.

"They’re also financially worse off, and the ones that need the scholarship most,” he added.

However, both the research commissioned and Perdue agree that HOPE should not turn into a need-based scholarship, especially since that would stifle Georgia’s continuous No. 1 ranking in the academic-based student financial aid (a list compiled by the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs’ field.

But other minorities besides African-Americans may also be affected by the minimum SAT. For example, for Tech’s large international population, language barriers may result in lower test scores as well.

Steven Lee, a second year Computer Engineering major, said, “HOPE has always been 3.0. Foreign students always do badly on the verbal, so it’ll be a disadvantage to us.”

Why do minorities score lower on standardized tests? Critics deny that the test is culturally biased, but suggest that financial background may determine whether students can afford to take proper courses.

Financial background may also affect a student’s motivation and incentive as well, both key factors in this debate.

Perdue found that 18 freshmen receiving HOPE in 2000 did have a 3.0 GPA, but scored under 500 on the SAT.

These students know that despite their SAT score, they would still be able to attend a...
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Last week’s Tech Up Close:
Concrete lattice covering the windows of Van Leer

Last week’s winner:
Pellham Norville

email: focus@technique.gatech.edu

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“He went on record saying no student had ever gypped him...,” said Somers. “They always paid him back; they always wrote kind letters and he would often pass the letters on to his corporate friends and the bank presidents..., letting them know how grateful the kids were for giving them that hand up,” she said.

Furthermore, Griffin bore a personality that demanded students follow through on their word. According to Somers, Griffin was reputed for being aloof with the student body and could develop a terrible, commanding presence toward anybody who offended him.

“In those days, being on the Dean’s List was not a good thing,” Somers laughed. However, Griffin probably could not have effectively executed a similar system today.

It was a product of its time. Griffin’s solid reputation with the student body—as well as the small, enclosed nature of Tech society in the early to mid-20th century and the sense of honor that strongly pervaded the community at the time—made the system a practical one.

Nowadays, the inherent nature of society both at Tech and within the surrounding community has shifted at a fundamental level. People have become more transient, and the Tech student body is now too large for one person to coordinate the informal exchange of funds. In addition, the heavily political climate of the more recent decades has discouraged unrestrained provisions of loans, and students seeking such funds might find themselves facing a barrage of bureaucracy and red tape.

Also, the exponential increase in the presence of Fortune 500 companies, coupled with the doubling and tripling of Tech’s student body since the 1920s, makes it impossible to become familiar with the entire student body and to acquire the social network needed to provide them with loans.

Even the most prominent officials, said Somers, can only maintain connectivity with so many people. “It was a much more informal society; it was a much more enclosed society,” she explained. “We didn’t have the internet and email,” she said. “Telephones were considered extremely progressive when [Griffin] started out here in the 20s. Everybody didn’t have those, but as they got the telephone, he built up his network.”

“Nobody could do something like that today,” Somers said.

That means that, for the most part, modern Tech students are forced to resort to the old standbys—jobs, scholarships, loans and gifts from home.

However, in memory of the good ole days, Student Affairs does run the Dean Griffin Hip Pocket Fund program, which offers emergency, interest-free loans of up to $250 to students.

The fund became yet another aspect of Griffin’s growth into a Tech legend, and students studying his statue in front of the Ferst Center might notice some bills peeking out of his shirt pocket.

He was, said Somers, “a unique man with a unique system at a different time.”
Grassroots forum encourages students to take “red pill”

By Helen Yu  
Contributing Writer

“You take the red pill and you stay in Wonderland, and I show you how deep the rabbit hole goes. Remember, all I am offering is the truth. Nothing more....”

Tech students will easily recognize the words of Morpheus in The Matrix. However, a few students at Tech hope to encourage students to consider those words in another context outside of the movie—as the introduction to another session of a Red Pill Forum. A grassroots organization that has spread mostly through word of mouth, the idea to hold Red Pill Forum discussions at Georgia Tech came from university students last spring, through the efforts of staff members from Victory Campus Ministries (VCM), a recent-ly-formed Christian student organization.

However, its sponsors emphasize that the forums are not meant to be religiously affiliated. Although VCM promotes the Red Pill Forum, Joshua Hartshorn, Campus Director of VCM, said, “Victory Campus Ministries is what sponsors Red Pill Forum. Red Pill Forum is not a campus ministry; it is a discussion group open for anybody and everybody who wants to come voice their own opinion without a specific agenda.” Indeed, its student advocates say that the forums are meant to simply promote dialogue.

“Instead of Tech’s campus that philosophy and critical thinking are kind of a lost art,” said David Harris, a Nuclear Engineering major who moderates Red Pill discussions. Harris is a student at Georgia Tech and is a part of Victory Campus Ministries. Harris added that “VCM’s meetings, because we want relationships formed with the people that are training...[we] want to make sure they’re good moderators,” Harris said. Harris emphasized that “It’s kind of a long-term goal...We don’t expect this to happen this year.” However, one of the current goals is to add a forum “to every dorm.”

He added that “Within a few years, I would like one in every dorm. Obviously, if there’s really good discussion going on then we’ll let it hang for about one or two minutes.” Harris and another student act as project plan to involve students and faculty, as well as advertise on Skiles. He said, “Our immediate scope is to get people interested, have a few regular ones taking place on campus, see how many hosts we can find on campus, see what the response is and gauge it based on that.”

“The topics are basically current issues that affect us,” Harris said. Discussions have been going on for about a month. Harris said, “The one I moderated three weeks ago in Woodruff.” Harris said, “we had about seven people show up.”

At the beginning of each session, a video clip is played that is related to the topic of the discussion. Harris added that “Within a few years, I would like one in every dorm, and in academic buildings as well.”

Harris emphasized that “It’s kind of a long-term goal...we do not find that very productive. We don’t expect this to happen this year.” However, one of the problems that may face Harris and another student who wish to make the Red Pill Forums a campus-wide activity is Tech students’ apathy and lack of time. For example, Trevor Christensen, a freshman Aerospace Engineering major, said he would probably not attend a forum “because I wouldn’t find that very productive.” Harris, a Nuclear Engineering major, said he would probably not attend a forum “because I wouldn’t find that very productive.” Harris, a Nuclear Engineering major, said he would probably not attend a forum “because I wouldn’t find that very productive. At Tech I don’t have time, so I either have to do something productive or sleep. I relax on the weekends, but I wouldn’t find it very relaxing either.”

“I think there are discussions here and there that come up,” said Michael Dam, a Mechanical Engineering freshman, “but the problem is that people are not informed enough to discuss them such that they can become a part of them.” As asked whether or not he would attend a forum, Dam responded, “I would go given an interesting topic.” However, with topics such as evolution and the influence of music on society, discussions are often intense. Still, they are always open. The Red Pill Forum is, for VCM staff member Pattie Peck, a place “where people can give their opinions and not be shut down or walk away feeling like they weren’t able to share their opinion.”

For more information, visit www.redpillforum.com.
The popular online pastime known as blogging has found its way into the English classrooms at Georgia Tech.

In an innovative approach, Dr. Charles Tryon and Dr. Doreen Piano have both integrated blogging into their English 1101 classes this semester for the first time.

Blogs—short for weblogs—are webpages that are usually made up of short, frequently updated posts arranged chronologically. The content and purpose of blogs depend largely on the author, ranging from personal journals to forums where aspiring writers can post poetry or fiction.

Students in Tryon’s classes were instructed to create their own blog at the beginning of the course using the weblog service of their choice, whether it be Blogger, LiveJournal, their own website or another service.

Every week, they complete a blogging assignment given by Tryon on his own site. Such assignments can range from writing their own personal blogs to analyzing and responding to sites and issues linked by the professor.

Other times, the assignments are traditional English analyses that students compose and post to their own weblog. Tryon’s class, on the other hand, integrated blogging into the course just last week, as the course focuses on electronic communications in general rather than blogging in particular.

Up until then, Piano’s students used WebX, a system where some English professors established electronic forums for their students. Piano carried out this transition to help her students observe the difference between the two online forums.

Both Tryon and Piano acquired an interest in blogging earlier this year when the war in Iraq broke out, which inspired a number of writers to start their own blogs.

Tryon in particular learned of a blog kept by a Baghdad resident who went by the pseudonym Salam Pax. Pax was able to provide firsthand accounts of the American bombings.

Tryon and Piano shared their newfound interest with one another over the summer and decided that it might be beneficial to incorporate blogging into their English classes.

Both feel that blogging provides students with a real-world sense of what it is like to publish and share their writing with other readers. “It becomes less about the sacred literary canon and more about...authoring something,” Piano said. “The whole concept of authorship changes when you begin to work in [this] electronic medium that is much more interactive and collaborative.”

Furthermore, they said, blogging helps students focus on contemporary communication and literature in contrast to more historical literary studies. “Authors such as Faulkner [and] Hemingway were writing in a specific historical context,” Tryon explained, “and the novel and the essay form were an important part of what was going on in the 20th century United States.”

“Electronic communities are a form that is emergent and important to understand,” continued Tryon, “and it’s important to know how authors are responding to a specific text...I think blogging illustrates that quite effectively.”

He added that it helps students learn about and focus on current issues and events as well. “The blog could very well become the new literary form,” Piano agreed.

She also stressed the importance of understanding the new technologies that will become an inherent part of 21st-century communication.

“It makes [the students] more critical of the technology,” she said. “It’s not this transparent thing [where] you can write whatever you want. Every technology provides different kinds of restrictions.”

Tryon and Piano’s new curriculum has earned them both considerable criticism and approval from students, as well as attention from those in the online blogging community.
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local college, with full tuition provided, based on their high school GPA.

This exposes a very different aspect of the Georgia school system. How many teachers provide a slight grade modification, or "inflation," to allow students to attain the mandatory GPA for HOPE?

Fortunately, the quality of admissions at Tech may cushion the impact of Perdue’s proposal, should it go into effect.

Deborah Smith, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment, agreed that Tech’s high SAT requirement would not cause many disruptions in admission standards. However, she said, “SAT scores used in a vacuum to determine access to a program is not appropriate.”

“Making a decision of admission based entirely on the SATs, even the College Board agrééd, is the wrong way to approach the decision,” she said.

From a financial aid perspective, there may also be cause for concern. Marie Moso, Director of Financial Aid, said that she is “concerned about how students finance their education.”

With the lack of appropriate funds that students might receive with the SAT requirement, they might choose not to attend Tech.

“There will be some belt-tightening,” stated Moso, “not a complete castration.”

Student opinion on the proposal also varies, though the difficult academic atmosphere of Tech cause many students to agree with the more stringent criteria for the scholarship.

Dave Studstill, an Industrial Engineering junior, said, “It’s a good idea. It gets people to study more, since after all, if you have a high GPA, that can’t be all.”

Janet Moody, a third year Management major, agreed. “As long as they’re giving money,” she said, “they can put whatever stipulations they want on it.”

Other students offer other suggestions besides a minimum SAT.

One suggestion is that the spending on SAT programs could be monitored at the high school level, or a cut on some of the other avenues the lottery assets are spent on could maintain the HOPE scholarship.

For example, “We could increase the GPA required, but not include the SAT scores,” said Thuy Trinh Dang, a third-year Biochemistry major.

Budget concerns may also underlie the proposal to base HOPE on SATs. According to statistics, during the first year of HOPE’s creation in 1993 by former Governor Roy Barnes, 42,887 students were awarded a total of $21.4 million.

Now, with the scholarship as an incentive, more students work harder to maintain the crucial 3.0 average throughout high school.

As a result, during this past 2002-2003 school year, the number of students receiving HOPE has jumped to 211,938, with $360.7 million awarded in total.

The cost of the students attending college with HOPE grows larger with each year, and the profits sold from lottery tickets may eventually be unable to provide all students having a 3.0 GPA with the full scholarship.

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Some of the students hailed the use of blogging as both liberating and entertaining.

“You are able to express yourself—both formally and informally—and are able to get your ideas out in a public forum,” said Alex Lucas, known on the web for her political blog Rachel Lucas’ site as recommended reading.

Industrial Engineering major Fan Yang simply felt that studying weblogs is a “waste of time,” while another student said that it was “horrible [and] annoying.”

Others dislike that the class is studying blogging exclusively. “There are other internet mediums,” Brett Bell, a Computer Engineering major, pointed out.

However, there is no denying that the scope of weblogging goes outside the classroom. Earlier this semester, Tryon linked to well-known political blogger Rachel Lucas, known on the web for her biting commentary and sarcastic wit, discovered the link and responded enthusiastically to the idea of being part of a class project.

This sort of reaction is encouraging for the future of blogging as a tool in the English classroom. Tryon, in particular, hopes to use similarly-structured classes in the future if this one succeeds. “In a way, this is the beta test,” he said.
Ludacris delivers Chicken N Beer

The rapper speaks with the ‘Nique about his newly released album and years at Georgia State.

By Echezona Ukah  Contributing Writer

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you saw a chicken drinking beer—perhaps laying under the tap of a keg with its beak wide open? I might microwave some popcorn and cheer the chicken to 50 Cents’ In Da Club. Well, during an interview to promote his new album, ‘Chicken N Beer,’ which dropped this Tuesday, Ludacris did learn a lot about how the music industry works.

“Being at the radio station, there was a lot of hands-on things and learning a lot of political stuff about the business,” Ludacris said.

One such entertainer was famous producer Timbaland. He took a day off his job at the radio station to head to Virginia and record a track with Timbaland. He used the excuse that he was having family problems.

“I tried that excuse when I forgot my girlfriend’s birthday—it didn’t quite work out as I expected,” he said.

Indeed, Ludacris did learn a lot at the radio station. So much that he went ahead and started his own label in order to take better charge of where he wanted to steer his career. Today, he is the CEO of Disturbing Tha Peace, based right here in Atlanta.

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Jaqbo Coffee delights with tasty tapas, atmosphere

By Evan Zasok  Contributing Writer

Jaqbo Bakery and Café is perhaps the best possible place in the immediate area to take a date. This is, of course, assuming that one can find a date, but that’s neither here nor there. It’s cozy, romantically lit, and it’s just this side of impossible to make a pig out of oneself without making a conscious effort. On top of that, it’s within walking distance, so all of you vast multitudes without personal transportation don’t have to worry.

Located on Hemphill Avenue near the intersection with Northside Drive, Jaqbo is a European bakery specializing in tapas-style cuisine. The prices are cheap, but deceptive; so, the portions provided would barely pass for appetizers at most restaurants. But then again, that’s what makes Jaqbo, page 18

Roadtrip to Orlando

Looking for a weekend getaway in October? Head south to find a scare like none other. Page 23

Can we win again?

Jackets head to Wake Forest this weekend to try and convert the Demon Deacons. Page 30

Can you feel the love tonight?

Part-time Atlanta resident and international superstar Elton John will be in concert Nov. 19 at the Arena at Gwinnett Center. The show is at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are available for $61.

Chris Rock drops by Atlanta to perform

King of comedy Chris Rock will be in Atlanta Nov. 9 at the Fox Theatre as part of his “Black Ambition” tour. It starts at 8 p.m., and tickets, on sale Saturday, Oct. 11, start at $40.

H oobastank to play at Tabernacle

Rock group Hooastank brings its sound to the Tabernacle next Friday, Oct. 17. Make sure to check out the show and our interview with the band next issue to hear their recap of the show, especially since the venue is so close to Tech.

Soulful lineup at the Roxy Theater

Maroon 5, Gavin DeGraw and Marc Broussard perform at the Roxy next Wednesday, Oct. 15. The entire lineup will sit down with DeGraw and Broussard at the show. Look for the interviews next issue.

Tarantino outshines even himself with fourth feature film Kill Bill

By Jason Allen  Contributing Writer

Remember when the overdosed druggie gets a gigantic hypodermic needle to the heart in Pulp Fiction? Once again, director Quentin Tarantino has infused his latest film, Kill Bill: Volume 1, with such an adrenaline kick that even though narratively soulless, it still provides some of the most exhilarating moments captured on celluloid in memory.

Tarantino, the movie geek darling, finally brings a script to the screen after a six-year hiatus, and it noticeably lacks his trademark pop-culture referencing dialogue and wittily banter. Instead, he’s opted to create his love letter to the kung-fu genre, relegating the humorous element to a supporting, but still present, role.

The plot summary will be relatively short, because frankly, there is no plot. And it does not matter in the least as to the sheer entertain-ment jolt delivered from start to finish. Uma Thurman plays a nameless character known only as “The Bride.” Left for dead during her wedding ceremony after an ambush by the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, she seeks revenge on the crew behind the party slaughter.

Crossing off names one-by-one on a to-do hit list, this solitary revenge machine sets out on a mission to travel the world disposing of her enemies. The ultimate goal is, yes, to kill Bill, the mindmaster.

Speaking of violence, there’s lots of it. Not the quick hint and then cutaway wimpy version, either. The rapidly mounting body parts initially engage the recoil reflex from their graphic and grotesque nature. Then it evolves into an almost running gag throughout to expect the next severed limb spraying a geyser of blood in shower nozzle fashion. For a moviegoer who usually outright despises straight-up action with-

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Uma Thurman stars in the movie slicing and dicing her way through thousands of opponents including Lucy Liu’s coldhearted character.
Incoherent Scribblings by Matt Norris

Chicken N Beer, the third installment from Ludacris, released Oct. 7, promises to be more versatile than anything he has done in the past. With guest MCs from his label such as Lil' Fate, Shawnna, Chingy, Tiny Boi to I-20, 8-Ball and Snoop Dogg, the album is definitely star-packed.

The first single from the new album, Stand Up, is a party favorite. I did stand up in the club, and I love the way it encourages dancing as a contact sport. It's an up-tempo track with beats that make you want to move your hips and shoulders like a soldier-turned-patriotic pimp. I love the track.

P' Poppin is a stripper track featuring Shawnna. It has the usual dirty-South feel to it with lots of repetitive beats. I am not a big fan of the track.

Inspirations for his album include women and “how life can be hard sometimes.... Some songs are based on my life, and where I am at my life now. Some songs are based on where I am trying to have fun, some songs are based on women.” Ludacris also shed some light on peer-to-peer music sharing.

They are trying to control it the best that they can. Like, I know Napster is coming back [to offer legal music downloads]... in some way or another they are going to get paid and that’s what’s important. Of course, when people can get free downloads... for a new artist or some artists it can be a good and bad thing because sometimes it would get your music to people who wouldn’t normally listen to it,” he said.

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Radiohead showcases groundbreaking music at HiFi Buys Amphitheater

By Erich Hansen
Contributing Writer

Wooing fans this past Monday, Radiohead gave a stellar performance at the HiFi Buys Lakewood Amphitheater. The concert was part of the tour promoting their new CD, "Hail to the Thief," scheduled for release on Tuesday, the day after the concert.

After opening with "The Gloaming," 10 of the 14 songs from the Hail to the Thief album were performed. Such songs included hits like "2 + 2 = 5," "Mynomatosis" and "Sit Down, Stand Up." Though most of the new CD was performed, old favorites like "Paranoid Android" and "Creep" from previous releases made the lineup as well. "Airbag" and "Fake Plastic Trees" were staples of the two encore songs. However, the show focused primarily on the new material.

Radiohead's use of lighting effects, smoke and ambient electronic sounds made for a thoroughly rocking experience. Lighting was timed with guitar riffs to simultaneously stimulate multiple senses. The lighting and sound effects almost seemed to defy the laws of physics.

Compared with the vibrations from lead singer Thom Yorke's vocals, the show reached such fantastical proportions that, for a minute, one could easily become lost in all the frenzied excitement.

Displays of the band could be seen to the immediate left and right of the stage and were as much a part of the show as the band itself. Different camera effects were implemented at various times, enhancing the meaning and experience of songs.

Unfortunately, for lawn attenders, a few rain clouds came to spoil the good fun. However, fans were not deterred by the bad weather, which did not last very long. Despite the rain, it was a phenomenal show for die-hard Radiohead fans and occasional listeners alike.

Radiohead is composed of Thom Yorke, Phil Selway, Ed O'Brien and the brothers Jonny and Colin Greenwood. Originally called On A Friday, they later changed their name to the title of a Talking Heads' song, "Radio Head." Their music is a unique blend of hard rock, electronic and the occasional slow melody. It all to the Thief is their sixth CD release. In a weird and wonderful coincidence, Yorke's birthday was Tuesday, the day after the concert.

Fans en masse shouted "Happy Birthday!" "I get cheap car insurance now," he said in response.

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*Photo Courtesy Universal Pictures*
out story development, Kill Bill manages to dispel those concerns because of the visceral thrills and goofy-grin fun factor.

It’s not hyperbole to state that this film takes the much-vaulted Matrix Reloaded beat-em-up moments, “Burly Brawl” included, and smacks them around to leave no doubt who’s king. Disappointed watching Neo toss hundreds of obviously computer-generated Agent Smiths like rag dolls? Take a look at Thurman’s martial arts ballet as she lays waste to a group the same size of flesh and blood Japanese yakuzas.

Whether dancing up a staircase railing or wielding a massive sword, she assumes command of the stage and highlights why the production halted to wait until after her real-life pregnancy.

The eye candy jumps out in nearly every shot, from the use of gritty black-and-white footage and slow-motion elegance to fights silhouetted in the darkness employing extremely creative weaponry. Prepare to be stunned by a beautiful and lengthy anime sequence that simply shows up during the middle of the live action to establish periods of silence.

An eclectic soundtrack highlights fine musical taste, as obscure selections evoke the desired mood of the action. This time, I opted to sell another computer gem that I’d scored at the same computer show.

I very explicitly said that I only sold items that I’d acquired at a computer show in which I’d purchased something with my discriminating tastes needs only the best speakers. These are a mere six thousand dollars.

Also, think about how they’re always looking out for the consumer’s best interests. “For only a hundred dollars more, you can have the extended warranty.”

I feel as though an industry with such upstanding representatives deserves yet one more, and that is why I have chosen to use eBay as a forum in which I part with some of my most prized possessions.

I started my eBay selling frenzy with a video projector I’d acquired at a computer show for a negligible amount of money. I then eBayed it up by an astronomical seven-fold. However, when it came time for the buyer to ante up some green, I had my first experience with eBay stupidity. The buyer flatly did not pay me, and then sent me an email telling me that he was completely broke. I can appreciate being flatly broke, but never never never did I imagine that agent from the other auction activity, and would you believe that he bought two things after my projector, and (gasp of shock here) they were more expensive than the projector I sold him.

I don’t know if I should be shocked at his stupidity for not knowing that I could look at his auction activity or if I should be angered by his assumption that I would be too stupid to look at his bidding activity. Either way, I gave him a stern scolding, and told him that he was doing a poor job upholding the sanctity of eBay. That should teach him a valuable lesson.

My second experience with eBay genius came the very same week. This time, I opted to sell another computer gem that I’d scored at the same computer show. I very explicitly said that I only ship in the US, but alas, the winning bidder forgot that Toronto is not in the US. Either that, or he confused Toronto, Canada with Toronto, Kansas—clearly an easy mistake.

The third and fourth items I sold on eBay were similar items, and one buyer wanted to buy both of them.

He asked if I would only charge shipping on one of them if he won both. I told him that I wouldn’t. He then sent me another email that said, “Two Bits Man, you are actually planning on charging me shipping on both if I win?” I believe this is a great duh moment. Didn’t I cover that when I said that he’d have to pay twice?

Aside from the fact that part of the fun of eBay is overcharging for shipping, so as to extort more money from your clients, there was the added fact that I now had to charge them more on principle. Consider it a stupidity tax.

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Tech's own Bishop D on rocks local scene

By Narayana Varahabhatla
Contributing Writer

Big things do come in small packages. Just ask Bishop Don. The rock group is made up mostly of twenty-somethings, yet it has a maturity and confidence with the microphone that eludes many college bands.

A band of three members, Bishop has been entertaining the local music scene for over a year. Their self-titled CD consists of seven delici-ously simple yet penetrating songs.

The constant puns are incredibly striking, even more so when you take into consideration how quickly they are concocted. The crowd picks the winner via their cheering. Even the strength to get on stage is admirable, however, and a certain mutual respect is demonstrated by a quick hug between opponents prior to their battle.

Before and between the battles, Bishop Don is host for the Apache Cafe every Tuesday night. Bishop has taken a more conservative way to make fans: by making good music and entertain- ing people in local venues.

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Rap battles strut talents at Apache Cafe

By Vivian Vakili
Senior Staff Writer

Adrenaline comes in many forms. Some like illegal behavior, some like car races, and some just like to rhyme at breakneck speed with amaz-ing accuracy and genius poetries. For those who have seen the rap battle scene from the movie 8 Mile, you know what I’m talking about. If you’re interested in seeing this sort of rush first-hand head to the Apache Cafe every Tuesday night. Dres Tha Beatnik is host for the evening, regulating the four rap bat-tles that culminate in a final tournament. Dres is backed by a band that forms a certain beat, and then the challenge is posed for two individu-alists to take the stage.

Dres offers the microphone to the contestants, letting them de-cide who goes first. Usually, one steps up immediately. What ensues is a free-for-all in-sult contest, often including in-your-face graphic language and even subtle and not-so-subtle shrugs and spitting. The constant puns are incredibly versatile and not-so-subtle shrugs and spit-ting. The constant puns are incredibly

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vocal brilliance of the singer and guitar player Blair Crimmins. Crimmins has a voice that invites you to close your eyes and enjoy the moment. The guitar, bass, and drums fit his voice like a glove, neither overpowering nor too weak.

The third song is the pinnacle of the entire CD. Entitled “If You Can’t Feel It,” it almost defies definition. The next four songs have minor flaws. They move slightly towards the extravagant guitar riffs found in rock music of the 80s, only to re treat back to the modesty of the first three songs. “Traffic” comes dan-gerously close to the mindless repeti-tion of monotonous nonsense that fills the airways.

Eager fans or curious students can catch their next live concert this Oct. 18 at Smith’s Olde Bar. A selec-tion of their songs is also available at www.mp3.com.

When night falls, demons come out to play in Orlando

By Art Seavey
Entertainment Editor

If nothing scares you then you’ve obviously never been down to Orlando’s Islands of Adventure for Halloween Horror Nights. The masters of cinema convert the park into a screaming city of fright. All the rides stay open till 2 a.m., allowing the darkness add to the experience.

In addition, six of easily the best haunted houses ever are created for the occasion. Among these an insane asylum offers a truly disgusting bathroom, with feces galore, a putrid stench, and toilets that shoot what’s hopefully water at guests. The clown funhouse is just amazing, yet naughty enough to make the least bit of machismo out of you. Plus, it’s a Universal Studios Park, which rivals Disney World with ease.

Tickets are $51.95 with the event running from now until Nov. 1 on 21 select nights. Check out www.halloweenhorrornights.com.

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“Knowledge, Energy, Life,” explained that he has been emceeing for the past eight years. His goal, however, is an incredibly selfish one. He hopes to unify the Atlanta emcees culture, to introduce a sense of mutual respect and working to-gether. This seems like a very appropriate goal, as there is undeniable tension at such events.
Tech hockey opener ends in split with Longhorns

By Michael Clarke
Contributing Writer

Tech hockey split last weekend’s showdown in its home opener with the University of Texas at Austin.

Texas opened the Friday series with an early goal by Don Powers. On Tech’s Bill Lindmark’s third shift of the game, the shaft of his stick snapped. Then Jamie Ledyard stepped up the effort for the Yellowjackets. He scored on a power play at the 11:45 mark of the first period. Jay Simonini scored at 14:58 giving Tech the lead that they would never give up. Thierprayon, Shandolow and Jacobs followed in the third period with goals to give Tech an even larger cushion.

“It sure felt good to destroy the [Texas] guys,” said Simonini.

Goalie Roland Sperlich attributed Tech falling behind earlier in the game to “three early miscues.” Tech ended up winning their first home game 5-1.

However, in the second game Tech started off slow. “Homecoming events had a lot to do with the slow start,” said Sperlich, “Many of the younger players are not accustomed to playing games so close together, and didn’t prepare themselves properly.”

Texas opened up scoring 4:58 into the first period after taking advantage of a pass that went through the legs of Kirby and scoring the first short-handed goal of the season against Tech. Chang snuck past the Longhorn defense and collected a pass to score on another breakaway.

Several first period penalties had Tech reeling and the sloppiness continued as Tech gave Texas a two-man advantage at the end of the first period. Texas capitalized and made the score 3-0. Tech needed something positive to happen and quickly. Simoni stepped up and scored on a power play early in the second. Mike Zaucha followed shortly there after with a goal of his own.

At the end of the second period, Texas tried to put the final nail in Tech’s coffin as they scored a goal to give them a two-goal lead going into the third period, but fortunately for Tech the goal was overturned because of the Texas player kicking the puck into the neck. Ledyard opened up the third period with a goal less than a minute in to even up the score at three.

The third period was hard fought as the Texas team really went after Tech and injured four players during the period. Tech stood its ground, but Texas was able to score a goal with less than three minutes to go in the game. Tech was unable to respond and the final score was 4-3 Texas.

Tech had several players go down at some point in time over the weekend to injury. Sweeney hit the boards hard in the opener and re-aggravated an old knee injury. In the second game: Sweeney injured his wrist and thumb, Thierprayon injured his knee, Zaucha took a shot to the wrist after scoring his second goal and Shandolow took a hit to the head.

Tech will play two more games next weekend. On Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., the team will face off against Washington. The games will once again be held at Ice Atlanta.
New ACC schedule creates new rivalries, ends old

By Andy Holt  
Contributing Writer

Those who are thinking of graduating in the next two years should try and remember this weekend’s game, as it is the last time Tech will face Wake Forest on the gridiron for a while. And the close loss to the Seminoles? It was the last shot at breaking their undefeated streak against the Jackets until at least the 2006-2007 season.

The ACC recently released a new scheduling system for the next two seasons that incorporates the additions of Miami and Virginia Tech into the conference.

With consideration given to traditional rivalries, new inter-conference showdowns and the ever-important issue of filling stadiums, the new schedule brings some key additions and losses to the Jackets’ yearly lineup.

Next year will bring a potent home schedule to Grant Field. Miami, Virginia Tech and Virginia will all come to town, as will perennial ACC basement-dweller Duke. With both Miami and Virginia Tech almost permanent fixtures in the top 10, the games will pose great challenges for Tech.

“I’m excited to be playing big teams like Miami and Virginia Tech. If we can’t beat one Florida team, we’ll beat another.”

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Management major

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I am upset that we are losing the great FSU rivalry; however, I am very happy that we are playing Miami and Virginia Tech,” said Andrew Howard, a fourth year Computer Science major.

In basketball, each team in the 11-member conference will play two conference rivals four times each, in home-and-home series. Tech will play each of the other teams home-and-home one season and once the following season. Tech’s rival games are against Clemson and Wake Forest.

The basketball schedule is not as affected by the addition of another team because the length of the season can accommodate another three conference games.

Since the ACC is the nation’s premier college basketball conference, more conference games will increase the quality of basketball the fans at the Coliseum will get to see.

The postseason tournaments will be affected as well. All 11 teams will play in the tournament, with the top five teams getting byes into the quarterfinal round and the remaining six teams playing in the first round.

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“We are very fortunate in men’s and women’s basketball,” he said. Braine added that Tech fared better than the other four schools in football because it does not have to face the powerhouse trio of Florida State, Miami and Virginia Tech in one season.

When asked as to whether the addition of another team to the ACC to make a 12-team ACC would affect the new schedule, Braine said that he “personally wants to add another team” and believes that expansion was meant to make a 12-member conference. However, any team added now would not become a member until after the 2004-2005 season.

The student body’s reactions to the decision have been positive as well.

“I’m excited to be playing big teams like Miami and Virginia Tech. If we can’t beat one Florida team, we’ll beat another,” said Jonathan Layer, a third year Management major. He also said he was looking forward to tailgating in Miami in 2005.

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Shoers got into the act, splitting the set duties with stand-out Eve- land and recording a career-high 15 assists in the process. Tech also had a season-high 16 blocks as a team, sweeping GSU.

In the final match of the week-end against Virginia, Preus was le- rate, hitting .356. This weekend saw yet another double-down as 11 kills on 11 attempts and tying the NCAA record for hitting per- centage. His performance garnered an ACC Player of the Week award—the second such honor of her career and the third time this season a Tech player has brought it home.

The Jackets managed an astounding .556 hitting percentage as the defense dominated the Cavaliers, holding them to a .087 percentage and recording 35 digs in the match. Additionally, Lauren Sauer re- corded 14 kills and a .684 percent- age in the Virginia sweep. Lynnette Mosier had 12 kills and hit .320. Georgia Tech continues to dom- inate, losing only its fifth game on the entire season, while maintain- ing a No. 5 ranking in the AVCA Coaches poll behind Southern Cal- ifornia, Hawaii, Florida and Stan- ford. Tech is also one of three undefeated teams left in the top 25, along with No. 1 USC and No. 9 California.

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By David Rottman Contributing Writer

The 2002 season is the perfect example of the Eagles relying on their defense. The Eagles were 7-3 with McNabb starting and 5-1 while he was injured. The two quarter- backs during the 5-1 stretch at the end of the season were Koy Detmer and A.J. Feeley. If you just asked "Who?", you are not alone. Appar- ently, his brother of Ty Detmer and the guy who preceded gigantic Akili Smith at Oregon were good enough to lead the Eagles to an 83.3 win- ning percentage. Thanks to the de-

fense of course.

Race is the center of the contro- versy surrounding Limbaugh’s state- ment. This part of Rush’s statement comes in two parts: there is some political correctness in the NFL... and that McNabb was over-hyped in the media because he is black.

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Investigating the Limbaugh controversy

To refute Rush’s claim that McNabb is over- hyped because he is a black quarterback, one only has to look to the Tennessee Titans’ McNair.

Donovan McNabb debatable? Sure. I think he makes a rather decent point overall. But regardless of whether it is sound football analysis or a correct depiction of the media, the statement itself is not racist. Yet our hypersensitive society can’t take the opinion for what it is and debate it in a rational sense. Instead we are left with reactionary charges of rac- ism and ad hominem attacks. Let’s keep this debate in the sports world. To those in Washington who want to use this as a free shot to bash Rush Limbaugh, shut up and get back to work.

Sliver box

What if I want to graduate with a major in ‘undeclared engineering’ damnit? How do I get rid of toe fungus? —Erin who the hell goes to the beach for fall break? went hiking! you drive me crazy but I think I kinda like it I have enough drama in my life, I don’t think I could handle a bf right now freedom of speech does not equal freedom of spam sometimes you just have to smile :) just cuz you like a girl doesn’t mean it is socially acceptable to be a freak about it i love my mom tell the truth, you think there should be a subway in the student center

GT homecoming court did not represent the student body well this year at all. I don’t talk on a cell phone in a public stall don’t you realize maybe someone is walking behind you? I have enough drama in my life, I don’t think I could handle a bf right now... i love my mom don’t you realize maybe someone is walking behind you? i love the internet fall break all right don’t you realize maybe someone is walking behind you? i love the internet fall break all right my car loves your car, unless you drive a black ford explorer pro-choice and proud of it OPC. A day that Logan Hill Kroger

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Georgia Tech (3-3) vs. Wake Forest (3-2)

Preview By: David Rottman

Quarterback:
Reggie Ball was ridiculous against N.C. State last week. The true freshman was 24-37 for 283 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran in a touchdown. He earned his third ACC Rookie of the Week on the season for his performance against the Wolfpack.

Wake Forest’s Cory Randolph is having a statistically similar season to Ball. His completion percentage is higher, but his passing and rushing yards are lower. Both have thrown four touchdowns and five interceptions. However, Reggie Ball seems to just make plays when the Jackets need them.

Advantage: Tech

Running Back:
Sophomore P.J. Daniels continues to have a great year for the Jackets. Daniels had 99 yards on 25 carries against the Wolfpack. The former walk-on also caught six balls out of the backfield for 37 yards.

Wake Forest will use a platoon of running backs to handle the rushing duties. Chris Barclay will get a majority of the carries with Cornelius Biggs and wide-out Willie Idlette getting some touches. The Demon Deacons average 157 yards rushing per game.

Advantage: Tech

Offensive Line:
The Jackets’ offensive line has not lived up to the preseason hype. However, they still are talented even though they have allowed 19 sacks on the year. Center Hugh Reilly and tackle Nat Dorsey anchor the line.

Wake Forest’s o-line has played well this season, allowing only four sacks and clearing running lanes. Tackle Tyson Clabo has started 29 consecutive games.

Advantage: Even

Secondary:
The Georgia Tech secondary thrives when it doesn’t have to cover for very long. Despite their inexperience, they still are talented and seems to allow them to make big plays. Corners Reuben Houston and Jonathan Cox have been solid. Safeties James Butler and Dwuan Landry have been better than expected.

The strength of Wake’s defense is in the secondary of the 3-3-5. Corners Eric King and Marcus McGruder are undersized but they have three interceptions between them. King has a team high six pass break ups. Safeties Quintin Williams and Warren Braxton are tied for third on the team in tackles. Rover Caron Bracy leads the team in tackles with 40 and is versatile enough to act as both a linebacker and defensive back.

Advantage: Wake

Wide Receivers:
Jonathan Smith and Nate Curry are the go-to guys for Reggie Ball. Smith has 33 receptions for 531 yards and one touchdown to lead the Jackets. Curry has come on strong recently with 22 catches for 250 yards and one score.

Jason Anderson is the main threat for Cory Randolph. The 6’3” junior has 21 receptions for 364 yards and three touchdowns.

Advantage: Even

Linebackers:
There is no one on N.C. State’s linebacker corps that can match the big play ability of Keyaron Fox or the consistent solid play of Daryl Smith. The Wolfpack linebackers are led by a duo of juniors, Freddie Aughty-Lindsay and Pat Thomas.

Aughty-Lindsay is their big play threat from this position and Thomas is the guy that steadies the group but they can’t match up to Tech’s double threat of Smith and Fox.

Advantage: Tech

Defensive Line:
The Yellow Jackets have a good young defensive line. Eric Henderson is a big time player and is averaging a sack a game. The Tech front four is responsible for nine of the Jackets 16 sacks on the year.

Wake’s d-line has done little in the way of pressure on the quarterback. End Jerome Nichols is the only lineman with a sack for the Deacons, and he has two interceptions.

However, in the 3-3-5 defense, the defensive line is supposed to occupy the offensive line to free up the linebackers and safeties to make plays.

Advantage: Tech

Special Teams:
Dan Barnett has been good enough so far this year. The senior is 10 for 13 on field goals and 9-10 on PATs. Hal Higgins is punting an average of 46.7 yards per kick. Redshirt freshman Willie Idlette is a dangerous return man. He is averaging 23.6 yards-per-return with a long of 90 yards.

Jonathan Smith has yet to break one on a return, his longest being 21 yards. True freshman Kenny Scott is making his presence felt on kickoff returns. He is averaging 26.7 yards-per-return with a long of 90 yards.

Ryan Plackemeier has been great all year, handling kicking and punting duties for the Deacons. The sophomore is 5 for 6 on field goals and 15 for 15 on PATs. He is punting for an average of 46.7 yards per kick. Redshirt freshman Willie Idlette is a dangerous return man. He is averaging twelve yards per return on punts, including a 50 yard touchdown.

Advantage: Wake

Coaching:
Chan Gailey has redeemed himself with the team’s great performance against N.C. State on Homecoming day. However, the inconsistency in the level of the Jackets’ play is troubling. Let’s see which team shows up this week. Hopefully Gailey learned from the three-point loss last year in Atlanta and will have the troops prepared and up for this game.

Jim Grobe is now in his third year at Wake Forest and has a 16-13 mark as head of the Demon Deacons. A winning record at Wake speaks volumes about his coaching ability. The run-oriented/ball control offense matched with his 3-3-5 defensive scheme keep opposing coaches always fearing the upset.

Advantage: Wake

Spread: Tech by 3
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It is incumbent upon the Jackets to stick with the offensive scheme that was so effective last Saturday. Continued showings like the one versus N.C. State will allow the Jacket

to improve upon an abnormal 16.5 points per game and 288.3 yards per game, numbers that are due in large part to the conservative approach taken the first five games. Offensive Grade: C

Defense: Tech’s run defense has been absolutely spectacular. Tech is surren-
dering only 86.2 yards per game on the ground and has given up five rushing touchdowns. Credit veteran

linebackers Keyaron Fox and Daryl Smith, as well as Tech’s de-

fensive backs for their aid in run support. Coach Jon Tenuta’s de-

fensive scheme has been largely ef-

fective from a run standpoint.

The pass defense is another sto-

ty. Tech is yielding 242.2 yards per game via the pass and has surren-
dered nine touchdowns. Tech’s ath-

letic but smallish corners are suscep-
tible to vertical passing games in which they are forced into man coverage. While Tech may not be able to compensate for height dis-

crepancies, something absolutely must be done schematically to rec-
tify the coverage schemes. The gi-

gantic cushions given to N.C. State’s receivers last Saturday were inexpli-
cable and were momentum-killers for a rush defense that played su-

perbly on first and second downs. Inserting Dennis Davis and Chris Reis in nickel packages has helped the unit to be more frequently employed. Defensive Grade: B

Special Teams: This unit has been the most pleas-

ant surprise of the season so far. What was largely considered the big-
gest question mark for this Tech team prior to the season, the play of the special teams has been outstand-

ing to date. Senior Dan Burnett is 10 for 13 on field goal attempts and 9 for 10 on PATs. Fellow senior Hal Higgins is averaging 38.8 yards per punt. His longest punt thus far was 52 yards. Five of his punts have been downed inside the 20. The Jackets have successfully converted two fake punts for first downs, blocked a punt for a touchdown versus BYU and recovered a fum-

bled kickoff against N.C. State. Fresh-

man Kenny Scott nearly returned a kickoff for a touchdown last week before being hauled down at the 10 following a 90 yard runback.

Special Teams Grade: A

Coaching: Even though Tech recorded wins over Auburn and Vanderbilt and played exceptionally well in Tallahassee versus Florida State, the game plans had been decidedly unimagi-
native and ineffective from an of-

fensive standpoint prior to last week. Give coach Chan Gailey credit for his loose offensive attack utilized against the Wolfpack.

The use of the option and stacked receiver formations kept the N.C. State defense off balance all game long. The decision to turn sensa-
tional Ball loose brings hope that the offensive shortcomings are a thing of the past. Tech fans are hoping that last week will mark the end of the Jackets’ enigmatic performance in 2003.

Coaching Grade: C+

Bottom Line: Despite the hand Tech was dealt prior to the season, the Jackets have shocked most of their critics through six games in 2003.

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By Kimberly Rieck

Lady Jackets start season with midnight festivities

On Oct. 17, the “Ball at Midnight” will kickoff the season for the women’s basketball team. There will be lots of giveaways and contests for fans.

By Kimberly Rieck

Fans will get their first chance to see the 2003-04 women’s basket-

ball team Oct. 17. The team is host-

ing “The Ball at Midnight” at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

The free event will get underway at 9:30 p.m. with live music and free food. The first 300 people to come will receive free T-shirts. Fans will be able to get autographs from their favorite players and there will also be various prizes given away at the event, which has been a tradi-
tion at Tech for several years. At 10:30 p.m., there will be a series of competitions. The compe-
titions will include 3-point shoot-
ing contests against volleyball and basketball players and a special game. “Our whole coaching staff actually played college basketball and they will be competing against the me-
dia,” head coach MaChelle Joseph said.

Before midnight, the 2003-2004 team will be announced, and Tech will then have an intrasquad scrimm-

age at 12:10 a.m. to open practice for the season.

Joseph said it has been hard to get students to come out in years past because the men’s team does not participate, but hopes it will be different this year.

“We’ve created a lot more ex-

citement and free stuff to get the students to come out and look at our team,” Joseph said. The first exhibition game will be Nov. 8.
No. 13 Alexandra Preiss goes in for the kill during Tech’s sweep of ACC rival Maryland. The Jackets handed the Tarps their first ACC loss of the season. Tech also swept Georgia State and Maryland last weekend.

By John Scaladi
Contributing Writer

Jackets sweep ACC and local rivals

Tech volleyball continued an early season romp through the ACC with wins over Maryland and Virginia this past Homecoming weekend. The Jackets also defeated Georgia State. With the three-match sweep, the Jackets’ squad has equaled the 1996 team for best start in school history at 16-0.

In the process, the team also handed the Terrapins their first ACC loss of the season while remaining undefeated in conference play. Alexandra Preiss also closed out the home stand by earning ACC Player of the Week honors.

Jayme Gergen led the charge Friday against Maryland by posting a career high 17 kills while hitting .565, and Kele Eveland also chimed in with a season-high 76 assists.

Four starters ended with double-digit kills as the Jackets used a .337 hitting percentage to take care of the Terrapins in four games, 30-25, 32-14, 30-22 and 30-22.

Tech dominated Georgia State in the early match on Saturday, holding the Panthers to a .072 hitting percentage and responding with a .361 of their own. Freshman Abby

By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

football forecast

Tech vs. Wake Forest
Virginia vs. Clemson
Miami vs. Florida State
Duke vs. Maryland
Kentucky vs. South Carolina
Georgia vs. Tennessee
Florida vs. LSU
Michigan vs. Minnesota
Ohio State vs. Wisconsin
Arkansas vs. Auburn
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Terry Chadwick

SPORTS

by the numbers

3
Number of times Reggie Ball has been named ACC Rookie of the Week. Ball completed 24 of 37 passes for a career-high 283 yards with no interceptions.

2
Tech’s cross country team finished second at the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships last weekend. The women scored 38 points while the men earned 53 points. Georgia State won the men’s and women’s races.

155
Number of yards Jonathan Smith received in the N.C. State game. Smith tied his career record with 155 yards received in the N.C. State game.

Place the Yellow Jackets finished at the Carpet Capital Collegiate tournament last weekend. Tech completed the tournament with an even-par score of 290-284-284-864.

4.4
Number of kills Alexandra Preiss averages per game. Preiss was named the ACC Volleyball Player of the Week after leading Tech to three wins last weekend.

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Paxten, Gibbs win Mr. and Ms. GT

By Laura Masce
Senior Staff Writer

At Saturday’s Homecoming football game, the winners of the Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech titles were announced. The honors went to Kirsten Gibbs, a fourth year biology student, and Michael Paxten, a fourth year biomedical engineer.

“I was very shocked,” Gibbs said. “I didn’t expect it at all. At first I didn’t even realize that they had called my name…It was a very exciting day.”

The naming of the new Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech takes place every year, and Kirsten Gibbs explained the process.

“Any student organization can nominate you, then from there you submit an application, which is basically your GPA, your activities and the honors you’ve received. You also write a paragraph about your career aspirations,” Gibbs said.

“From there you have your picture taken [to be displayed in the Student Center], and then you have an interview. The panelists that interview you typically consist of previous Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech winners, a dean or professor and an alumni…so the panel represents different aspects of campus.”

“From your interview [the panelists] narrow it down from the initial twenty people to ten, and then the students vote based on the bios that are posted in the Student Center and also just on how well they know you,” Gibbs said. “Then it is narrowed down to five people, which is announced at the [Homecoming] talent show, and those are the five people that get to go out on the field escorted by their family and friends.”

“[The decision is based on] half your interview and half student vote. I think that having clear career aspirations and always working towards those made a big difference in my interview portion. Most of the things I’ve been involved with directly relate to what I want to do, and other

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2003 Homecoming Results

Overall Winners

Fraternity
First: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Second: Delta Sigma Phi
Third: Theta Xi

Sorority
First: Alpha Gamma Delta
Second: Alpha Chi Omega
Third: Alpha Delta Pi

Independent
First: Band
Second: NROTC/Omega Phi Alpha
Third: ODK

Event Winners

Display
Fraternity
First: Tau Kappa Epsilon
Second: Lambda Chi Alpha
Third: Phi Kappa Tau

Sorority
First: Alpha Gamma Delta
Second: Alpha Chi Omega
Third: Alpha Delta Pi

Ramblin’ Reck Parade
Fraternity
Contraption: Kappa Sigma
Fixed body: Delta Sigma Phi
Classic car: Tau Kappa Epsilon

Sorority
Contraption: Chi Omega Tau
Fixed body: Alpha Delta Pi
Classic car: Alpha Gamma Delta

Fraternities
Banner
Theta Xi

Sororities
Chi Omega Tau

Mock Rock
Fraternity
First: Delta Chi
Second: Tau Kappa Omega
Third: Alpha Chi Omega

Sorority
First: Phi Mu
Second: Zeta Tau Alpha
Third: Alpha Xi Delta

Mini 500
Fraternity
First: Theta Xi
Second: Phi Kappa Phi
Third: Delta Chi

Sorority
First: Alpha Chi Omega
Second: Alpha Delta Chi
Third: Chi Omega Tau

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Jackets’ victory leaves Wolfpack licking its wounds

By Billy Sayers  
Contributing Writer

Heisman hopeful Phillip Rivers threw for 334 yards and two touchdowns, but N.C. State did not have enough to overcome the Yellow Jackets. Tech continued its winning ways with an impressive 29-21 victory over the visiting Wolfpack.

The campus was already buzzing with excitement due to the Homecoming festivities of the week, and the football game brought on a perfect ending to a fun weekend. N.C. State has now not won a game at Bobby Dodd Stadium since 1987.

The game started quickly, with the Jackets driving easily down the field, only to miss a 38 yard field goal. N.C. State then took the ball back down the field for a 41 yard field goal, after the Jackets muffed a punt return.

On the next drive, quarterback Reggie Ball completed a 42 yard touchdown pass to Josh Smith to make the game 7-3. Tech went on to cruise to two more touchdowns and three field goals.

Ball, who was named the ACC Rookie of the Week for the third time this season, stole the show with 291 yards passing and three touchdowns. Josh Smith also had an amazing game, catching nine balls for 159 yards and a touchdown. Smith was named the ACC Offensive Player of the Week as he moved into the second spot in the ACC in receiving yards for the season.

Tech dominated on the defensive side of the ball as well. They came into the game with the No. 25 best rushing defense in the nation and did not disappoint. The Jackets held the Wolfpack, who have averaged over 120 yards a game on the ground, to an ACC low of negative eight yards rushing for the game.

Tech’s defensive performance moved the Jackets to the top of the ACC in rushing defense. Sophomore backup Chris Reis also had a breakout game for the Jackets. Reis recorded eight tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery.

The win improves the Jackets record to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the ACC. With games against Wake Forest, Maryland, Duke and North Carolina coming up, the Jackets have a chance to move atop the ACC standings and receive a bowl bid. The Wolfpack fell to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the ACC with the loss.