Armed robbery strikes East Campus

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

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Fire
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Domestic violence
4/10/2004 20:53:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 210 North Avenue/
Burge Apartments
INCIDENT: Report of a domestic
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4/11/2004 0:00:00 hrs.
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In the last undergraduate House meeting of the school year, representatives passed the student activity fee budget and cleared away all remaining bills in old and new business.

Executive Vice President Michael Handelman began the night by addressing the draft of the budget finished over the weekend by the conference committee. "The purpose of the conference committee was to bring representatives of the Undergraduate House and the Graduate Senate together to come to a compromise on this bill," said Handelman. "My idea going into the conference committee was that the majority views of both houses should be considered."

Vice President of Administrative Affairs Tiffany Turner, one of the undergraduate representatives appointed to the conference committee, had a chance to speak to the House during the night. "We invited all organizations to come and speak and many people came," Turner said. "We funded every SGA position as we thought it should be funded, and then we cut every Tier 2 budget by eight percent."

President Nate Watson, whose term is ending, gave his farewell address to representatives and reminded them to look past the responsibilities of UHR and remember the people underneath. "More important than any accomplishment, more important than any group you worked with, are the relationships you have made because that is the foundation of Student Government," he said.

Representatives then turned to other bills that remained up for consideration. Because of House rules, any bill not considered or passed in the same form as the Graduate Senate version automatically failed unless Watson called for an emergency session of UHR or a graduate senator made a motion to reconsider the bill in the form passed by UHR, and it was then passed by GSS. "No bill will go to conference committee," said Graduate Senate Coordinator Eric Clopper. "Any bill that you pass that we do not see will fail."

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The Senate also heard a bill funding equipment costs for the Music Department. Kasi David said the budget conference committee already added the money into the budget. He requested the Senate amend the bill to $0 and pass it. The Senate complied.

The Senate also approved charters for the Myanmar Student Association, the Order of the Arrow, the Atlanta Chinese Campus Christian Fellowship, the Pool and Billiards Club, Asha for Education, the Materials Umbrella Society and MOVE. They failed chartering bills for the Outlet College Ministry and Team Leader Advisory Board.

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“Supporting them in this bill will bring [about] a huge change in WREK radio and will be important to every student in campus” Watson said. The bill passed.

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ranked second. U.S. News has been ranking undergraduate programs since 1983 with the first graduate rankings coming out in 1994.

**Rankings**

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Tech had seven engineering programs ranking in the top ten: Industrial (1st), Biomedical (2nd), Aerospace (4th), Civil (5th), Mechanical (7th) and Electrical (7th) Engineering. "Rankings are not why we are here, but the trends reflected in these rankings are notable," Clough said. Browsing the U.S. News website revealed that several undergraduate programs are highly ranked as well. The undergraduate Industrial and Systems Engineering program again ranked first while Tech’s undergraduate Aerospace Engineering program was ranked second.

**Music**

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SGA typically funds the Tier 2 organization at a level of $40,000 to $50,000 each year, Band President Chris Rankine said. Last year, the department was budgeted $41,230. Additional funds are provided by the College of Architecture. "The College of Architecture provides faculty salaries and operating expenses; the majority of our budget," said Frank Clark, Director of Music. The marching band and pep band seen at sporting events are supported by the Athletic Association. Next year’s Student Activity Fee budget has $26,000 slated from SGA for the department.

"We’re in the situation now where we have no choice," Rankine said. "Other sources of funding must be found." Rankine said SGA’s funds usually pay for office supplies, equipment, equipment maintenance, performances and other things associated with performance classes. The performances at the Ferst Center made possible by SGA funds admit students free of charge. At the same time, however, students earn credit hours for classes they take through the department; so, some argue that this is not a purely extra-curricular activity. The line between student organization and academic department further blurs when considering the department’s recent history. According to Rankine, the past 15 years have seen tremendous growth of the department as it has incorporated student organizations like orchestra and chorale. The program combined these organizations and evolved to the point that it began offering course credit. Furthermore, a minor is currently offered through the department, and there is a push from the department to create a Master’s degree in Music Technology. So, some members of SGA felt the department needed to be academically funded, rather than supported by Student Activity Fee dollars as a purely extra-curricular activity. According to Handelman, this policy does not come out of nowhere. "It was an issue before, but it became a more apparent issue this year," he said, referring to high budget requests from other organizations. SGA refrained from removing the department’s budget completely, though, in order to give it time to find and establish alternate funding, he said.

Clark said he has spoken to a number of senators and representatives. "They have all expressed support for the Music Department and wish to see the program properly funded," he said. Rankine said the funding cut might hurt, but as long as it is temporary, the department can survive. "If it only happens once, it won’t be drastic," he said. Still, he said, problems will arise. "We will still have classes. This doesn’t directly affect the ability to have a class. It jeopardizes people wanting to be in that class." He said the department could end up recycling music and working with improper instruments. The Music Department will do all it can to avoid such a fate, though. "The department has recently submitted its Strategic Plan to Dean Thomas Gallaway [of Architecture]," Clark said. The plan outlines the creation of a Masters Degree program in Music Technology and also calls for enhancing the department’s performing ensembles. "The document identifies our current and future needs in a number of fiscal areas," Clark said. As the plan is developed and adopted, I look forward to working with a wide variety of constituencies: the College of Architecture, the Provost, the Development Office, the Alumni Association and SGA."
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**Current undergraduate treasurer and President-Elect Amy Phuong said she has been working on compiling information for fundraising strategies and aid for student organizations. Still, Handelman said that between the CRC expanding, more organizations coming to SGA for money each year and budget problems, money will only get tighter.**

**“What we have right now is a very serious problem,” he said. “The money isn’t keeping up with the demands.”**

**The problem could be compounded if the requested Student Activity Fee increase is not approved by the Board of Regents. This would result in massive additional cuts totaling at least $400,000.**

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A sour note

Music is a vital part of the educational and cultural enrichment for many Tech students. This nearly indisputable fact is a component of the power struggle that has arisen between the Student Government Association (SGA) and the administration over who owns the fiscal responsibility to ensure the continued life of the Music Department.

SGA announced at this week’s meeting that they will no longer provide the $50,000 that is usually given yearly to the Music Department. Instead, in an effort to relinquish their support of the department and force the administration or another entity to pick up the tab, the senators and representatives have agreed to fund $26,000 to float the department through the fall semester.

Through this dispute, it is the Music Department that stands to lose the most, and it is unfortunate that it was put in the middle of a budgetary battle. It was, however, considerate of SGA to fulfill their previously assumed financial promise for at least one more semester, instead of following the Joint Finance Committee’s recommendation to slash funds immediately. Delaying the cut will at least give the department time to find alternate sources of funding, without leaving them suddenly with no options.

The uniqueness of this situation, though, makes any solution a difficult one. The administration should pay for more of the Music Department’s needs, especially since the department has been transforming into more of an academic entity, moving away from its early structure as a collection of music-related student organizations. Since a component of the department is still geared towards students who are not in music classes but want to pursue their interest in music as an extracurricular activity, similar to a sports club, then SGA should be willing to shoulder a limited amount of financial responsibility for making such opportunities available.

Furthermore, SGA is currently funding things like sheet music and instrument repairs, items that students and schools are required to pay for in other areas—for example, Modern Languages students buy their own language texts. In order to be willing to shoulder a limited amount of financial responsibility for making such opportunities available.

The administration must recognize how important this issue is, and use this time to create a monetarily sustainable plan that will allow the Music Department to survive and continue of grow, adding to the diversity and culture at the Institute.

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Friendships key to good college experience

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So here it is, my last Tech- nique editorial, my own swan song, if you will. And as is true with most of my previous trips down this editorial route, my mind is filled with things I want to say with- out any idea of how to say them. Therefore, much like I did four years ago when my journey with the Techni-que first started, I’ll just jump right in and see where my thoughts lead me.

My life as a student is perhaps not only my life as the editor of the Techni- que coming to an end, but be- fore me lays one of the greatest changes I have faced in my young life. In less than 15 days, I will be a graduate of Ma Tech and yet this realization hasn’t quite hit me. With the numerous tests and projects that are cur- rently breathing down my neck (who decided to make graduat- ing senior take finals?), I haven’t had time to honestly sit down and process the fact that my life is changing and I won’t be returning to familiarity of campus in fall.

Thankfully, this editorial has given me the chance to take this time to reflect and look back. When I started the path that led me to Tech, I had no idea how far or how much I would lead me. I was the typical naive freshman who thought he knew it all.

School was first and foremost and everything else came a dis- tant second. I came to Tech to gain the skills needed for employment, and now I leave Tech with the skills needed to become a better person. This school and my experiences have changed me in ways I never expected.

For me relationships had lit- tle impact on my life. I was a com- coming freshman. At the time I was leaving behind all of my friends, my family and every- thing familiar, and yet the changes only affected myself. But now as I begin to embark on similar journey to everything unfa- miliar, I am almost scared to leave behind the friendships and relationships I have gained in my time here.

I come to the realization that relationships are essential and make life a little more bear- able. Of course, in my time at the Techni-que, it became clear that relationships, with both fel- low students and administrators, were necessary to the entire Techni-que community informed with fair and balanced reporting. How- ever, the importance of relation- ships extends far beyond simple reporting.

In the end, the working rela- tionships I have acquired with the people I interviewed through reporting for the Techni-que are no more important than the ones I have gained through getting to know my staff and my friends. The closeness exhibited in these relationships have enabled me to grow as a person and give back to those same people. And therein lies the benefit to put- ting relationships first.

Often the outgoing editor uses his last editorial to offer advice to the student body, and if I was to offer my wisdom it would revolve around making relationship- ships and putting people first. Grades are important but they shouldn’t be what your life re- evolves around. Grades can’t cheer you up with a late night trip to Waffle House or listen to you when you just need to talk thing things. Your friends are the ones who are there for you in this situation, and therefore its im- portant to develop these friend- ships.

And even if you fail to get involved in student organizations or strike out on that attempt at a 4.0 (or even a 3.0), don’t take the time to make relationships and invest the additional time it takes to develop them. I can almost guarantee you won’t be dis- appointed with your college experience. Because in 30 years you probably won’t remember what grade you made in Fluid Mechanics, but you will likely remember the friends you made.

But now it all comes to an end. My life at Tech, my experi- ence with the Techni-que and this editorial. To end I would like to offer a piece of somewhat cli- ché advice that summarizes my experiences and lessons learned in the past four years: don’t let class (or anything for that mat- ter) get in the way of your edu- cation.

When do you plan to start studying for finals?

Ravi Lachman
STAC Freshman

“We have finals again?”

Ragav Kohli
EE Freshman

“I should probably start studying this second if I want to be at Tech next semester.”

Purvi Patel
ChemE Freshman

“Umm...next week?”

Michelle Lightfoot
BME Sophomore

“Dead week or finals week, haven’t thought that far ahead.”

PHOTOS BY SCOTT MEUCKENS
When I walk around Georgia Tech this spring, I am amazed how different the campus is than when I arrived six years ago as a college freshman. I still see bright-eyed pre-freshs walking around for their tours, sulen sophomores who have clearly learned some of Tech's harder lessons, the ebullient seniors who are on their way out, and graduate students surfing from their labs for a breath of fresh air.

I see the never-ending construction that tides to keep up with the elusive master plan, and I even see the same guys working at Junior's.

Somehow, though, everything is the same guys working at Junior's.

The room where I learned fresh-air. There will always be someone different.

Looking into the mirror, I see a different person staring back at me than I knew before: replacing indecision and inexperience is a sack full of knowledge and many more questions than when I began.

To complete this swan song, I'll give a few random bits of advice that are summarized in a all-time top 10 list.

5. Work at least one semester as an intern or co-op. Don’t wait until you already have a degree to find out you don’t like your discipline.

6. If you don’t like something at Georgia Tech, speak up! Policies are reasonably easy to change with a little constructive forethought.

7. Spend at least one semester overseas. Learn the language, explore the culture and find out how the rest of the world ticks. Gain some understanding for world affairs and why a drought or seasonal disease on another continent does affect you directly.

8. Take your classes seriously. An easy ‘A’ is worthless except in padding an already inflated G.P.A. figure. A good education bears resume fodder any-day.

9. Open your eyes to new experiences with not only interest and tolerance, but also a measure of personal restraint. Trying random things can be worthwhile, and yet some lines cannot be uncrossed.

10. Learn quickly about humiliation and don’t let it bite you on the backside. There will always be some smarter or better at whatever you do, so you should simply be happy with the fruits of your effort.

More distinct than a feeling of being in different surroundings is the realization that I am viewing Georgia Tech through a much more acute set of lenses.

My experiences while at Georgia Tech have shaped how I view the campus, my friends, my career prospects, and most importantly, myself.

Learning the language, exploring the culture and finding out how the rest of the world ticks will make a financial contribution to the American Red Cross and conduct a meeting for its members to emphasize the importance of donation.

American Red Cross spokesperson Jim Williams said the donated blood undergoes testing at a national lab to guarantee its safety.

He said such situations can occur at any blood drive, not just during universities Greek Weeks, which promote healthy competition among chapters.

“College-age students are typically in good health anyway,” Williams said. “It is kind of being blown out of proportion.”

“We are in this for a life-saving mission, not a competition,” Williams said. “If we save just one life, it is worth it, even if (donors) are dishonest.”

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Cathy Scruggs said, “I am sure there are students who looked at that email were disappointed with it.”
Students help design new Jake’s Ice Cream

ISyE professors provide real-world project for their classes by collaborating with new Jake’s at Hemphill and 10th

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

Jake’s Ice Cream has always been a popular destination for Tech students, so news of the location on Howell Mill closing last month was a blow to many.

However, there’s good news—a new Jake’s will be opening even closer to campus, in Tech Plaza, the small strip mall on the corner of Hemphill and 10th Street, next to City Cafe and Lil’ Dino’s. And even better news—Tech students may actually have a hand in its design.

Industrial Engineering students in professor Jane Ammons and Julie Swann’s ISYE 3104 Manufacturing Systems classes are collaborating with Jake’s as their final class project, though it was a last minute addition to the class curriculum.

“We got lucky because I go to Jake’s ice cream all the time,” said Swann, “and it just happened that a couple weeks ago, Jake was there himself.”

The two got talking, and Jake found out that Swann was a professor, while Swann found out that Jake’s was opening a new location right down the street. It was the perfect timing, Swann said. “I got to think about the project, and it just happened that a couple weeks ago, Jake was there himself.”

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Julie Swann
Assistant Professor, ISyE

The students work in groups of one to four, which means that at the end of the class, there will be at least 25 or more final designs for Ammons and Swann to present to Jake’s. Since this Jake’s is slated to open at the beginning of the summer, there wasn’t much time: students were only given two weeks to work on the project. In addition, it is much more open-ended than a regular test or project.

“We didn’t package it ahead of time for the students,” Swann said, pointing out that for most projects, the students receive a packet that includes all the information they need for the project. “Students had to figure out what the right questions were, just like you might on a real consulting project or like you might do in senior design.”

In addition, she said, there are two separate elements of the project that need to be addressed: the workplace area itself, which includes the machines, inventory and ice cream-making equipment; and the other parts of the facility, which include the sofas, chairs and tables.

“They have to think about customer flow and what they want as students,” Swann said. “So it’s also an opportunity for them to be creative, because Jake’s really wants to make this facility catered to Georgia Tech students.”

However, the creativity aspect may be one of the toughest things about the project, according to students. Though the students have had two site visits to scout out the space, there were some challenges and ask questions of the new location’s manager, there are still lots of unknowns. When I sat down to talk to one of the groups this week, their table was covered in rough preliminary drawings.

“D[d they happen]…give you dimensions on things, since they didn’t tell us that?” asked Melissa Vanderwood, a third-year Industrial Engineering major in Ammons’ class. “The hardest part is...”

Q100 road trip makes for Final Four memories

By Kristin Noell
Focus Reporter

Tech making the Final Four was the big news of the year, and many students were willing to do whatever it took to get to San Antonio and support the team.

Joey Spanjer, a fifth-year Management major, and some of his fellow Alpha Tau Omega brothers, girls that are involved, and some of his friends, such as John Putrich, a second-year International Affairs and Earth and Atmospheric Sciences major, put together a road trip for the students.

“When [people]…asked me how we were going to do it, I said, ‘That’s all details, we’ll figure it out on the road.’ And we worked out the details in the car,” Spanjer said.

Luckily for them, everything did work out. A girlfriend of one of the brothers called into Atlanta’s All the Hirs Q100 radio station and won a Final Four road trip, and graciously gave the trip to her boyfriend.

Among other things, the prize included two RVs from Bleakley RV, free drinks from Coke, unlimited stops for free food at any Waffle House along the way and hotel rooms in San Antonio. Spanjers said that they “already planned on getting a RV, so…we made it really easy because we already had a group ready to go, and nobody had plane flights or anything.”

The group consisted of approximately 15 students, including ATO brothers, girls that are friends of the house, guys from another fraternity and the two drivers (a stunt man from the radio station and an employee of Bleakley).

Before they left for Texas, Q100’s The Bert Show came to campus and did a live broadcast from the front yard of ATO house for the send-off. People from the community brought food, and the Tech bookstore donated flags and magnets for the RVs, as well as other Tech gear.

“Everybody in the area came out and supported us,” Spanjers said.

Considering that they were on a road trip, the students were quite comfortable. There were only seven or eight on each RV, which left plenty of room to walk around. They had everything they could possibly need on board and only had to stop occasionally for gas.

“We were traveling first class with the radio station,” he said. “They took care of us. It was quite comfortable.”

Prof causes student to file grievance

By Joshua Causee
Senior Staff Writer

Tech became a hub of political controversy last month when Ruth Malhotra, a second-year International Affairs student, filed a grievance against one of her professors for political discrimination.

According to Malhotra and others in her Public Policy class, the students were engaged in a political debate over President George W. Bush’s health care policy when the professor said, “You don’t know what you’re talking about. George Bush isn’t doing anything for you. He’s too busy pimping for the Christian Coalition.”

It was that incident that prompted Malhotra to file the grievance, although she explained that the professor’s comment exemplified the political bias that she felt had permeated the class all semester.

“She’s frequently told the class…including myself, ‘You’re ignorant. You don’t know anything,’” Malhotra said, adding that the professor would often stereotype conservatives, Christians and southerners “in a very derogatory manner…I felt the attacks were getting worse.”

Malhotra’s actions generated opposition from some of her classmates, such as John Putrich, a second-year International Affairs and Earth and Atmospheric Sciences major.

Putrich had a different take on the incident, saying that the class provoked the professor into sharing her views when she was trying to review for an upcoming test.

“She seemed kind of frustrated with not being on task because of the test the next day,” he said.

Furthermore, he added, she was trying...
Skinny Sliver Box

Hmm...a flamer? a friend? an enemy? Someone's been reading my slivers who know me. I actually disagree with you with that one: For RHA, that's not too much of a problem because they are doing fine, and they do have a better turnout of "lay citizens" as before. SGA, however, Oops, I did it again! The unsung heroes of GT>>>JWMBBSJHP. Go figure.

Hrm...Hewitt is concerned about getting the Bball team back into class while Calhoun is trying to get his players into the NBA. Well, who's got more family class? Oh, that's right, Hewitt does!

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An outgoing person would be better for getting "lay citizens" into SGA. I know you can't get everyone in, but I don't want to find out that SGA has gotten worse.

Why did it get cold again? I hate the physics dept and their non-working website that happens to die RIGHT before a major 6th test!!! Pretty sneaky Adrian

Damn automatic flushing toilets...you never work right...

I'm so tired of all the ignorance and incompetence of Ga Tech faculty, administration and staff

Down with capitalism! Why is a UGA grad speaking at our graduation? And why is our governor named Sonny?

Congrats to the GT Cheerleading Squad, Dance Team, and Buzz for their big wins at competition! YA'LL ARE AWESOME! GO JACKETS! 15 days until graduation!

Congrats on your wedding, Tony!

Thanks to all my loyal sliver readers...I will miss you...

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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that we don’t have specifics, we don’t know how long stuff is, and we don’t know exactly what they have, so we don’t know what we can include,” she said.

In addition, much like a real-world project, the students have to work with shifting criteria as the project goes along.

For example, the manager had said that they are looking at creating soundproof booths with drafting tables for students who want to work or study. Groups must also take into account things like a two-sided fireplace, which has been a fixture for some of the other Jake’s locations.

Because they just have a general idea of space constraints, and much of the furniture and equipment has already been purchased, the end result will mostly be something on which Jake’s can base their ideas, rather than a concrete design.

“We have a feeling that’s sort of what they’re looking for, because when they’re actually going to start setting this stuff up, if they use one of our suggestions, they’re basically looking for a plan to go off of,” said Kevin Keene, another student in the group.

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Melissa Vanderwood Thirdyear ISYE major

The main thing the professors are looking for in the project is for the students to be able to justify their designs in terms of the concepts they have learned in class, such as flow, efficiency and cost.

“They only have about $5000 to work with in addition to what they’re already set out, so if we have some new idea for TV or something, we’d really have to really justify that in terms of how it’s going to help them,” Keene said.

For the project, the students are required to come up with one final design and three to four alternate designs for the space. They presented their final project this week in front of the class, with representatives from Jake’s present. Students also gave critiques of their peers’ designs, much like an architecture review.

“I’m looking forward to seeing what they do,” Ammons said.

However, Vanderwood noted, “They kept saying that this isn’t interior design…you have to find the line between layout and engineering.”

The project was met with mixed reactions from the 100 or so students in the classes, perhaps because it came at a busy time for students, with finals coming up and other tests and assignments due.

“Some of the students… were asking if this could be an optional project; some people clearly wanted to have a test,” said Keene, “even though I prefer this to a test any day of the week.”

In addition, the fact that it is Jake’s Ice Cream serves to sweeten the project. “It is neat to tell other people about it [who are] just asking what’s going on with school,” said Brad Gammill, another member of the group.

“It’s better than some made up from a textbook problem that is all cookie cutter.”

“And when Jake’s opens, and we go, maybe we’ll be like, ‘Oh, we suggested that,’ and… that’s kinda neat to think about,” Vanderwood said.

“When I’ll take someone in there, I’m going to tell them it’s my design anyway,” Gammill joked.

“Unless something’s bad about it,” Vanderwood retorted. “Then it’s not your fault.”

Students in Jane Ammons’ and Julie Swann’s ISYE3401 survey the empty space that will be the location of the new Jake’s. They are designing possible layouts for the ice cream shop as part of a project for their class.

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Harvard, UPenn withhold data to protest college rankings

By Cindy Yee

The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) Duke University, N.C.—In a move intended to protest college rankings that are often seen as misleading and unfair, Harvard Business School and the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School announced they would no longer fully cooperate with news media creating such rankings.

Harvard and Wharton’s decision was announced Tuesday after the two schools—both of which have ranked among the top five MBA programs in numerous publications for years—refused to release current and former graduate students’ contact information for Business Week for the magazine’s biennial survey of MBA programs. The magazine typically uses the contact information to help measure students’ levels of satisfaction with their education.

David Lamp, a Harvard spokesperson, told The Chronicle of Higher Education that the business school’s decision was not meant to limit the information available to prospective students.

“Our interest is not in restricting information, but in improving the usefulness and transparency of that information,” he said. “The media haven’t paid particular attention to the rigor of their method or the real needs of the students.”

Both Harvard and Wharton will continue to provide basic data, like class size, to news media.

Discussions about college rankings are by no means limit-
Online banking convenient, sensible choice for students

By Carol Hsu
Contributing Writer

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Have you ever wanted to go postal to save postage money and pay your bills online? The answer is yes, and many of you are already doing it. In fall 2001, the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) online bank started offering customers the ability to pay their bills electronically. This shift from snail mail to online banking has been successful, with more and more consumers choosing to pay their bills online. According to the most recent report by the TAG online bank, 65 percent of the students have signed up for direct deposit, and the Bursar’s Office direct pay online will transfer the funds to a student’s bank account. One of the biggest advantages to bank online is the promptness of the payments available. In the past few years, online banking options have improved so that customers can access their accounts at any time they wish.

In addition, customers who receive bills via online payments are not needing to use postage stamps. This gives banks and credit card companies an efficient way to take care of payments without the need for envelopes and stamps. In fact, some credit card companies will reward customers with $5 for using online payments—the $5 which would have covered a year’s worth of postage for bills.

Contributing Writer
One of Spanjers’ best stories involves an amusing incident. The Tech bookstore had mentioned having shirts for the road trips, but Spanjers told the Oklahoma fans waiting at will call, “I’ve got 2700 shirts waiting in the RV for you guys when you lose today, so Monday come find me and I’ll give you a shirt to wear to the game!”

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For more pictures of the road trip, visit http://www.q100atlanta.com.

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Most applications used for online payments do not have any faults since they have undergone excessive testing before public use. However, there is always the chance of internet failure. For example, halfway through the payment process, a customer might lose his online connection, making it unclear as to whether or not his payment completely went through.

A second major concern regarding online payments is security. According to Meridien Research’s estimates, online credit card fraud totaled nine billion dollars by 2001, despite the success of Visa and MasterCard in reducing the total volume of bank card fraud to 6 cents in every 100 dollars.

While many people are afraid to try online payments, Matt Smithson, a fourth-year Computer Engineering major, said he has no qualms about paying for charges, such as his electric bills, online because of his credit card company’s promise to repay or refund fraudulent bills. Besides frauds, some people are concerned about the security of their information.

For example, Sung Jin Paik, a third-year Industrial Engineering major, said, “For my information to be public worries me, but thus far, Wachovia, the bank I use, has been relatively good with securing my information.”
Fuel ignites, Bubba just throws Sparxxx

By Hillary Lipko

Staff Writer

When the Student Center Programs Council conducted a survey last semester asking which bands students would like to see at a proposed spring concert event, I must admit I was a bit skeptical that the concert would be worth attending. I figured that of all the bands worth seeing, the odds of one being chosen and then actually being booked were about the same as it snowing in Atlanta—not entirely improbable, but still rather unlikely.

The fact that it did snow this winter should have wasted all of the good odds for any other unlikelihood, including that of a good line up for the planned Strings Break concert. Fate must have made a compromise with fortune though, because in exchange for getting the short end of the stick when it came to getting a snow day, Tech managed a fairly decent concert bill for Strings Break.

While I wouldn’t necessarily call it the fairest of exchanges, or assert that white guys are generally not cut out to be rappers. Following Schming’s awkward yet still-entertaining set, it was a welcome relief to the audience and removed any way around it. Sparxxx proved once again that Eminem is the exception rather than the rule, and that white guys are generally not cut out to be rappers. Following Schming’s awkward yet still-entertaining set, it was a welcome relief to the audience and removed any way around it.

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Bubba Sparxxx failed to impress. The performance seemed to be heading in a better direction as DJ Scientist was given the spotlight, but soon took a crash landing as the heavier Sparxxx proclaimed his sensuality to the audience and removed his shirt. As he crossed the stage, his low-slung shorts also revealed to the audience a reminder to just say no to crack.

While a few audience members seemed to genuinely enjoy Bubba Sparxxx’s performance, it was an entirely improbable event. Sparxxx proved once again that Eminem is the exception rather than the rule, and that white guys are generally not cut out to be rappers.

Tarantino slices Kill Bill Vol. 2 from new angle

By C. Jason Malhe

Senior Staff Writer

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Tarantino is at least an amusing notion to entertain. I also can’t pretend that the supposed exchange of fate left us on an entirely even keel, as after all, we do still have to get shafted somewhere.

In the second film, it would be that it is full of action and little sustenance, though by no means does it disappoint. Volume II takes quite the opposite approach, focusing mainly on story line and dialogue. Intense relationships are described and nurtured within the second film, supporting actions and moves from Volume I, and characters are more fleshed-out, a certain necessity for the conclusion of the film. This is not to say that Volume II is by any means lacking in excitement and action. It is quite the contrary. However, Tarantino has devised a method by which his story is told less by gore and the blade than by calculated moments and precise interactions.

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Cotton Club hosts Dexter Freebish

Dexter Freebish and the Pat McGee Band will perform at the Cotton Club this Saturday, April 17. The show will cost $15 and it begins at 9 p.m. Josh Groban will appear at Tech Theatre this Tuesday, April 20. The show is at 8 p.m. and tickets range from $39.50 - $59.50.

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Tons of performers to choose among

Comedian Lewis Black will return to Atlanta June 11, at the Tabernacle. The show is at 8 p.m., and seating is reserved. Tickets will cost $32.50 and will go on sale today. Buy early, as his performances tend to sell out. John Mayer tickets go on sale tomorrow. The show will be August 29 at the HiFi BUs Amphitheatre. Maroon 5 opens the show, which begins at 7 p.m. Lawn seats are $35.50 and reserved seats are $10 more.

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INTRO TO INTERPRETIVE DANCE MAY NOT BE SO BAD...

by Brian Lewis [gtg043f@mail.gatech.edu]
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After the first few songs, however, the crowd grew significantly, and by the end of the show, the park appeared to be rather full. Their set included well-known crowd favorites such as “Hemorrhage (In My Hands)” and the new single “Falls On Me.” The highlight of Fuel’s performance was when Brett Scallions and Carl Bell began a guitar duet of the intro to Led Zeppelin’s “Stairway to Heaven,” much to the delight of the audience. But Scallions killed the moment as he half-heartedly sang the first line and then stopped. “Sorry, we can’t play that for you,” he said to a rather disappointed crowd, “but we can play a good pot smoking song.” This introduction to the cover of Tom Petty’s “Mary Jane’s Last Dance” was met with laughter and cheers. Scallions led into the conclusion of the band’s set by proclaiming that he wanted Fuel to become the house band for Tech. A performance of the band’s most well-known song and finally a three-song encore rounded out the show. As enthralled as the crowd that had gathered seemed to be during Fuel’s performance, it cleared out pretty quickly. Unfortunately, this served as a reminder that it was in fact a Thursday night and that I still had classes the next day. On the upside, the show provided a nice diversion as well as completely different atmosphere from the usual pushing and shoving crowds that one usually has to battle in order to see a good rock show.

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For fans of the Quentin Tarantino library, Kill Bill: Vol. II will offer surprises in terms of directorial tricks, much as his audience is used to, but some are even fairly decent by his standards.

Expect plenty of nonlinear story-telling, strange characters and occurrences and the typical perplexing moments, but appreciate the variety in the direction of each of the remaining five chapters.

One of the beautiful elements of these Tarantino films is the wide variety of film genres he manages to combine in a more-or-less plausible manner. If the first film was Asian-saturated, Volume II is almost pure spaghetti western, with some exciting martial arts training sequences thrown in for good measure and story progression. Be prepared for a heated cat fight, as well as more Hattori Hanzo swordplay action. Certainly the most developed and admired actor emerging from this volume would be Uma Thurman. She illustrates her ability to tell of her plight through dialogue and interaction even better than through her ass-kicking talents developed in the first film.

Viewers will appreciate the air that Thurman has brought to the Bride and the relationship with Bill could not be better executed.

Needless to say, Kill Bill: Vol. II is an incredible film. Due to the copious but not overbearing amount of story it includes, not to mention the conclusion of the conflict, Volume II stands alone as a complete movie better than the first. The masses will more than likely be split as to which is the favored film, with no clear winner shining, but Volume II, even if less on the visuals, is likely to be the ultimate champion.

Quentin Tarantino has outdone himself yet again, and this is hopefully a trend that will continue. Rumors speak of a third installment, but not for some years in the future, so be on the watch.

Don’t enter the theater expecting Volume I, or else disappointment will be hard found. As with all his films, Tarantino loves to make an appearance. This one is no exception. Kudos to anyone who locates the director within the film; he is easy to miss, but his hand in the crafting is not.

Kill Bill Volume II opens in theaters today. Definitely make sure to rent the first Kill Bill if this film piques your interest.
Phantom Planet talks about drummer replacement, O.C.

By Eric Ridenour

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(U-WIRE) San Diego—After a decade of playing together with three albums under their belt, the members of Phantom Planet are finally beginning to feel like they are actually getting some respect. At first, Phantom Planet began gaining a reputation as “that band with the guy from ‘Rushmore’ in it.” Just as people began to respect them as a band they evolved into “those guys with that song on The O.C.”

The experiences of the band for the past two years have been for the benefit of all, between almost non-stop touring and the replacement of their actor drummer, Phantom Planet is finally going somewhere with it’s talent as a band, instead of it’s reputation from other forms of pop culture. It’s definitely an improvement.

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Guitarist

something that needed to happen,” says Guitarist Darrin Robinson. “It was time for [drummer Jason Schwartzman] to decide which direction he wanted to take.”

It looks like the direction Phantom Planet is taking is the right one. With a new CD on the “Feared Artist” shelf at K-Mart (“Are you serious? Wait until the guys hear about that!” was Robinson’s reaction to hearing the news), and most shows selling out, you won’t be hearing many complaints out of them.

“Our shows are selling great! Tonight is sold out at Irving Plaza,” Robinson said. “New York is one of my favorite cities, and Irving Plaza is one of my favorite venues. Most shows sell out. If they don’t, we come very close.”

Along with the killer album and touring sales, Phantom Planet sees no slowing down in the near future. “Since Jason left, we are all getting along better now, like our heart is in the right direction,” observes Robinson.

“It’s like the band has taken on a new dynamic.”

The band will be finishing up it’s headlining tour at the end of April, followed by a spot on the first day of the Coachella Festival in Indio, Calif., followed by a two-week break.

“It’s gonna be amazing! We are playing the same day as Radiohead and the Pixies,” said Robinson, obviously excited about the gig. “It will be a very surreal adventure.”

After Coachella, they will go on a four-show supporting tour leg for No Doubt and blink-182. “After that, we plan on touring more, but nothing is set in stone yet,” said Robinson.

With stories of busses breaking down, being away from family and friends for almost a solid two years, one would think a break for the band would be in order. “I wouldn’t mind a couple days off, but whenever I get it, after a couple days I can’t wait to get back on the road.” Phantom Planet has no intention of relaxing in the near future — and why would they? They have a strong new album, sold-out shows, and are beginning to shed the stigma that comes with being labeled as “The O.C. guys.” Even with the tour bus breaking down lastly, “The generators been going out, two flat tires, some cabinets falling off, our tour support has been cut back a little,” said Robinson.

Time for a Heineken sponsorship?

“Hell ya,” Robinson lightens up, “I love Heineken, too.”

Regardless of a few curbed backs being made, Phantom Planet is riding this album into the fast lane. With their sophomore album “The Guest” now re-released due to new-found teen soap opera fame, the band has a growing audience to cater to.

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When originally approached, “California” was all agreed worked; commented the guitarist on allowing the hit song to act as a soundtrack to The O.C. “We initially said no, but they showed us the pilot, it had sex, drugs, violence and how could we say no?”

Their newest self-titled album is abidifferent from their past projects. It wasn’t recorded in a trendy Los Angeles studio. Their current release was done entirely in Fredonia, N.Y. — an Amish town — after coming off a grueling 18 months on the road. With this album, you can hear the band has developed into a tight-knit group.

“The new sound isn’t intentional, all the touring just made us more aggressive,” said Robinson.

Touring like that can either make or break a band as we discuss further. A lot of bands on the fringe learn a lot at this point where every penny is earned, and the millions given to rock stars is well deserved. “I don’t think it is all worth it.”

“The Guest” was a good representation of where the band was, more pop-ish, said Robinson. “This is where we are now.”

Phantom Planet knows how to do it.

I remember they used to have on their rider (a list of items required by the band for the dressing room), a baby tiger, just to see if the new guy was paying attention. “We never got the live tiger,” Robinson admits.

“Actually we gave up on that. We went to a human skull. People gave us all kinds of stuff, but we did get the skull.” Robinson gives little details as if trying to avoid prosecution. “We’ve been given several plastic skulls, but one time we got a real skull, I bet Alex (Greenwald, vocalist) kept it.”

Suggestions of a new hood ornament went laughed at, almost in a wondering way. When thinking about the “Big Ben” idea we all had for their new single from “Phantom Planet” which features decaying zombies feasting on each other’s rotting flesh, one would have to. “I would think about making a live show out of it (the zombie effects), but no make-up or anything,” said Robinson.

“Alex enjoys it the most, I’d always look into the horror—when I was a kid.” What young boy didn’t? When asked if he had anything to say as a message to fans of the band and good rock music, he chose to keep it simple.

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Getting tired of that out-of-date cell phone? Pimp out your van with latest toaster

I think the American people need a new status symbol. I remember back in the 1980s, when a cell phone really was a status symbol. Spend nearly two large to buy the phone, and then four dollars per minute to use it.

In fact, the only person I knew in the 1980s who had a cell phone was my kindergarten teacher whose husband had made a lot of money in oil—at least, that’s what she said to keep suspicion down about the school’s teacher prostitution ring. However, it’s crazy that people still rely on cell phones as a status symbol when you can live in a housing project and own a camera phone.

If you don’t believe me when I say that people still consider cell phones to be status symbols, consider Annoying Cell Phone Girl. I don’t know her name, and I wouldn’t print it even if I did, but if you’ve ever had a class with Annoying Cell Phone Girl, you know who I’m talking about.

She’s that girl whose phone rings in every single class. Since she and I are the same major, I’ve had semesters where I would take three classes with her, so I could hear that annoying noise three times a day. I’m trying to understand the psychology of Annoying Cell Phone Girl here. Obviously she is popular, but if she needs that many calls a day, she should just go for silent mode. Of course, that wouldn’t draw attention to her, so her status symbol would be powerless.

What makes a cell phone such a weird status symbol is that people have grown dependent on them. I can understand becoming dependent on something useful, like food, for example, but how did we build our society around cell phones? It shames me to say, but I too have fallen victim to this trap.

Not only would society at large be a lot less annoyed if the toaster became the new status symbol, but it would really piss off the Atkins freaks, and let’s be honest here: If there’s any one group of Americans who deserve mockery, it’s those who count carbs. If Annoying Cell Phone Girl became Friendly Wheat Bread Girl, and we would be just that much closer to world peace.

I look forward to a day when you can see a pimped out Excursion with six toasters in it and spinning hubcaps. I mean, just in case you plan on driving with five friends and want to all be making toast at the same time as you roll through Buckhead on a Saturday night. A glorious day it will be when the Georgia Tech bookstore sells Buzz faceplates for your toaster, and when that day comes, people will finally have something to take their minds off their cell phones.

Of course, I realize that there are some naysayers among you. “Isn’t it a fire hazard?” you might wonder, but the way I see it, all shifts in societal norms take a little getting used to. If it takes a couple calls to the fire department to end the use of the cell phone as a status symbol, then ya gotta do what ya gotta do.

At any rate, I’ll be happy when people focus a little less on their $39.99 a month yuppiness. Until then, this is the Two Bits Man reminding you that as long as you have that phone on, The Man knows where you are.
Tech drops second game of Georgia series

Georgia tied the season series one run against Tech when Bulldogs freshman Josh Morris hit the go-ahead homerun in the eighth inning off Tech’s Brian Burks. It was a game of missed opportunities for Tech as they left 13 men on base which included letting Georgia off the hook on three separate bases loaded situations. Bad fielding also contributed as the Jackets allowed UGA to score three unearned runs. The 6-5 loss dropped Tech to a 20-13 record while the visitors improved to 21-15.

The game started well for Tech, when first time starter Blake Wood pitched a 1-2-3 first inning, inducing three easy groundballs. Leadoff hitter, Eric Patterson walked and then produced a Ichiro-esque performance on the base paths as he stole two bases on consecutive pitches. He then scored easily on a wild pitch by Georgia’s starter Johnny Dobbis. Tech quickly found itself on top as Georgia’s left fielder Bobby Felmy was about to field the ball and throw it in for a play at home, home plate umpire waved off the play and called it a foul ball, to the surprise of everybody in the stadium. Dobbs then got out of the first inning jam by striking out Owings with the next pitch and getting Clifton Remole to pop out.

Things didn’t improve much for Tech in the second inning when a fielding error by Wes Hodges with two outs, allowed UGA to extend the inning. The Jackets paid for the error when Georgia’s Clint Sammons hit a two RBI double to right field, driving in two unearned runs and giving the visitors the lead. Hodges’ glove let him down again when another error allowed Sammons to score and extend Georgia’s lead to 3-1. Tech finally got out of the inning when catcher Mike Nickeas caught Kyle Kierm stealing second.

In the third inning, Tech walked in a run when Dobbs couldn’t find his control with the bases juiced, to cut the lead down to just one. However, Georgia answered right back in the fourth with a run of their own from a double by Derek Smith. The fifth inning provided more drama as Georgia extended their lead to three with a sacrifice fly by Justin Holmes. Tech struck back again when Georgia’s Josh McLaughlin couldn’t find the plate. Tech scored the first of its three runs in the fifth when McLaughlin threw a wild pitch with the bases loaded. Then Whit Robbins came through for Tech with a two out two RBI single, scoring two more runs and tying the game.

From then on, it became a pitchers duel as relievers from both teams pitched well. Burks made his first appearance from the bullpen this season and was effective in a familiar role. However, he did make one mistake in the eighth and allowed what turned out to be the game winning long ball to Georgia’s Morris. The homerun and loss marred what was otherwise a good pitching performance by Burks, who struck out four and had zero walks in three innings of work.
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ational Championship in the event and earned all-conference honors in the high, long and triple jumps during the indoor season.

Freshman Ashley Kidd won the 400-meter title at the Indoor ACC Championships and has the top times in the ACC in the 200 and 400 this outdoor season at 23.62 and 52.70, respectively. She will be looking to continue her success at the Outdoor Championships this weekend.

Also, look for Brandy Depland’s good start to carry over to this weekend’s event. She has the team’s top marks in the long and triple jump, and her triple jump mark of over 42 feet is tops in the ACC this season.

Other athletes to watch for on the women’s side include Amandi Rhett in the 100-meter dash, Dana Rogers in the 100-meter hurdles, Shanta Smith in the triple jump, and the women’s 4 x 100 relay team of Rogers, Ameca Williams, Adriane Lapiley and Rhett.

The men’s team is also hoping to find themselves at the top of the ACC by the end of this weekend. “As always, we are looking forward to competing in the 2004 Outdoor Championships in Chapel Hill,” said men’s head coach Grover Hinsdale. “With a few exceptions, we are healthy and ready to go, and we look forward to a great competition.”

Montrell Person, who won an ACC title in the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor season, leads the men’s squad. He is currently No. 1 in the ACC in the 110-meter hurdles, and his time is a half-second better than the next best mark in the conference this season.

Marcus Canty, Holt McPherson and Jeb Ston are also expected to make major impacts in the Yellow Jackets’ push for the title this weekend. Canty is second in the javelin throw with a mark exceeding 218 feet, and McPherson is third in the long jump, flying just over 24 feet. Ston, a junior, broke the school record in the shot put, and he currently owns the third best toss in the ACC this year.
Get ready for Buzz, cheer tryouts

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Tired of cheering from the sidelines for your favorite Tech sport? Next weekend, the Athletic Association is offering fans the chance to become a part of the action as it hosts the annual Buzz, cheerleading and dance tryouts. Tryouts are open to all students, male and female.

As a member of the cheerleading squad, Buzz performs at all Tech football games both home and away, men’s and women’s basketball games, NCAA tournaments, bowl games, pep rallies and official Georgia Tech events such as the annual President’s Dinner. Buzz is also involved with charity events, sports conventions, photos and can also be hired for social events, including weddings and birthday parties.

Judges at the tryouts will look for very specific qualities in choosing potential mascots. “We’re looking for someone who is energetic, has good skills with the crowd, has good nonverbal communication, which is very difficult to do,” said Lauren Gryszkiewicz, head coach of the Georgia Tech cheerleading squad, and coordinator for the Buzz mascots. “We look for pantomime strength and athleticism. “[The Buzzes] do pushups every time we score. If we score 52 points, they have to do push-ups,” Gryszkiewicz said. Another key requirement is strength and athleticism. “[The Buzzes] do pushups every time we score. If we score 52 points, they have to do push-ups,” Gryszkiewicz said. Besides being strong, Buzz has to be able to balance academics and the requirements of the job. Buzz has to attend a weekly meeting, attend all home football games and other related events, while Buzz contenders will learn tumbling, jumping and stunting, while Buzz contenders will learn the walk, manners and gestures required for Buzz. Tryouts for Buzz will begin April 24 at 10 a.m., with cheerleading tryouts starting immediately after at 11 a.m. For more details, check out www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/cheer.

No. 6 golfers face nation’s elite at ACC championships

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Tech’s golf team, ranked No. 6 in the nation, will compete for its fourth ACC title in six years this weekend at the 51st annual ACC Championship in New London, N.C. The ACC currently has five of the nation’s top 28 teams, according to the Golfweek/

The tournament begins Friday at the Old North State Club at Uwharrie Point. Since 1995, Tech has won two tournaments and finished in second place three times at the course. The Jackets finished in fourth place last year. Two of the current players, Nicholas Thompson and Chan Wongsukiet, have played at the course before. Thompson tied for second place at the championship in 2002. Head coach Bruce Heppler coached the Jackets to three ACC titles in 1999, 2001 and 2002.

“It’s a wonderful golf course that inspires good play,” said head coach Bruce Heppler. “It’s a prestigious championship. The last four or five years, the ACC has been the best golf conference in America. You don’t win it without playing well, and it’s extremely competitive.”

Tech will go in the championship with top 10 finishes in all of its spring events. The Jackets won first place at the Taylor Made/Waikoloa Intercollegiate in February. The team tied for eighth at the Puerto Rico Classic, tied for sixth at the Southern Highlands Collegiate in Las Vegas, finished third at the Western Intercollegiate and tied for fifth at the Atlanta Intercollegiate two weeks ago.

Aiding Tech in its pursuit of ACC glory is the fact that the Old North State Club course is similar to many of the courses the team has faced this season.

“It’s a lot like the Golf Club of Georgia, where you can see the greens, and condition,” Heppler said. “The speed of the greens to the difficulty of the golf course suits us just fine. I’ve always felt like that is a place where we can play well.”

The team is led by Thompson, who ranked No. 19 nationally and has finished in the top 10 in Tech’s last two events.

The Jackets’ team includes Wongsukiet, freshman Roberto Castro, sophomore Mike Barbara and freshman Kevin Larsen. Castro has the team’s second-best stroke average at 71.83, behind Thompson, and finished in the top-ten at the Western Intercollegiate.

Going into his third ACC championship, Wongsukiet has tied for fifth at the Waikoloa, and averaged 72.82 for the year. Barbara averages 73.19 and his season-best finish is fourth. Tech’s fifth player, Larsen, has a 73.25 stroke average for the season.

Live scoring for the 54-hole tournament can be accessed each day at www.golfstat.com and at www.ramblinwreck.com.
Georgia Tech’s 2004 baseball season began with high expectations, really high expectations. High expectations, as in preseason rankings of No. 4 according to Collegiate Baseball and No. 5 per Baseball America. Tech was the unanimous selection to finish first in the loaded ACC. The hoopla was understandable.

The Jackets returned the core of its lineup from a 2003 team that finished 44-18 and won the ACC Tournament championship. What’s more, coach Danny Hall added yet another prized recruiting class. Micah Owings, a freshman All-American, was back as the Jackets’ No. 1 starting pitcher. All of the pieces were in place for a run to Omaha.

After a 6-0 start in which Tech outscored its opponents by a combined count of 61-17, things seemed just peachy, but then something odd happened: Tech stopped hitting. Tech stopped scoring, and started to lose...a lot.

The Jackets averaged just 4.1 runs in their next 12 games. That ain’t a whole heckuva lot in the aluminum-laced world of college baseball. Tech went 3-9 during that stretch. Suddenly, the Jackets were sitting at 9-9. The team plummeted out of the national rankings faster than you can say, “Luke Schenscher has a posse.” Players, coaches and fans alike were scratching their heads.

Newsflash: things are better now. Tech will make the NCAA Tournament. They may even host a regional. Heck, they may be playing in June in Nebraska’s Rosenblatt Stadium. No, I’m not insane.

The Joltin’ Jackets are starting to click on all cylinders. The bats have awoken, nay, erupted from a slumber. Tech is averaging 11.4 runs per outing over its past 17 games. The Jackets are 11-6 during that span, including woodshed routs over national powers Auburn, Miami, and North Carolina, as well as a good ole’ fashion pasting of metropolis neighbor Georgia State.

The starting pitching has been solid for the most part. The bullpen has been shaky, but coach Danny Hall has addressed that issue: Micah Owings is now the Tech closer. Brian Burks is the Friday starter, Andrew Kown the Saturday starter and freshman Lee Hyde is the Sunday starter. For those who don’t know, Hyde is pretty good. He tossed two no-hitters last year as a high school senior in Fayette County.

But the most lasting impact has been the one made by Owings out of the bullpen. Arguably, Owings is directly responsible for two Tech wins during the recent surge, and both were BIG wins. Owings came on in relief of Hyde versus Georgia on March 24 with the Jackets trailing 3-2 in the latter innings. He came on in relief of Kown versus North Carolina on April 10 with the Jackets trailing 4-2 in the late stages. Tech won both games: 4-3 in Athens, and 8-4 in Atlanta over the Tar Heels. Owings’ line in those two outings: 7.1 innings pitched, five hits, two walks, 11 strikeouts, zero runs, 2-0 won-loss record. Me thinks he’s found his niche.

Make no mistake, however, Tech is winning with offense. The Jackets boast a team batting average of .324. Six of Tech’s nine regulars are batting over the .300 mark. A seventh, right fielder Clifton Remole, is at .299. Five of those six have averages over .325. A new hero steps up each and every game at the plate.

With 20 games remaining in the season, Tech sits at 20-15 and 4-5 in the ACC. Granted, things could be a lot better off, but it’s not where you start, it’s where you finish. The 2003 Jackets couldn’t finish, losing two straight in the regional to end the season. The 2004 Jackets are tougher. Such a fate will not haunt this team.

Rest assured, the streak will continue. Tech will lose some games over the next few weeks, but they’ll win much more than they lose. Right now, all the pieces are in place. Once again, Tech is playing like they expect to win.
Gailey strengthens offense and defense teams at spring drills

By Clark Nelson
Contributing Writer

Tech’s spring football practice is winding down, and the team is looking very different from when it began practicing a couple of weeks ago. Most of the changes have occurred in the linebacking corps and on the offensive line. Gerris Wilkinson, who moved back to his natural position of linebacker, has been shifted from an outside position to an inside position.

Chris Reis recently moved from strong safety to outside linebacker in hopes of getting on the field more this season.

Sophomore KaMichael Hall is starting at the other outside linebacker position as of now, after contributing mostly on special teams last season.

Last season, Reis had played a hybrid linebacker position in run-support and pass-rush situations, acting as a blitzer or a fifth defensive back. But the 210-pound junior will have an adjustment to make now as an every-down player.

“Usually at safety, you don’t take on any 350-pound linemen, so it’s a little tough in that aspect,” Reis said.

Wilkinson should have easier time since he had to learn to shed blocks last year at defensive end.

Another area of change has been the offensive line. Senior Andy Tidwell-Neal takes over at center for the departed Hugh Reilly. Leon Robinson is starting at guard where Tidwell-Neal played last season.

With Nat Dorsey’s decision to apply for the NFL draft, a huge void was left at the tackle position. Kyle Wallace has been wrenched from right to left tackle position, while Kenton Johnson and Sahil Besirevic are vying for Wallace’s former position.

Gailey says Besirevic has improved the most of anyone in spring practice.

Reggie Ball is coming off an ACC Rookie of the Year campaign, but is being pushed hard this spring by another freshman, Patrick Carter. Carter was injured most of last season and dislocated a knee in February but has shown great athleticism in his limited spring action.

“If [Carter] can stay healthy, he gives us so much at quarterback,” said Head Coach Chan Gailey in the Atlanta Journal Constitution. “He gives us an opportunity to have an excellent athlete at the position.”

In a spring scrimmage, Ball threw for three touchdowns, while Mark Logan threw for two and freshman Taylor Bennett threw one. Logan, who originally came to Tech as a quarterback, moved from wide receiver to quarterback when Carter injured his knee. Bennett enrolled for the spring semester and has shown promise for the future.

With Carter’s return, it is likely that Logan will be moved back to wide receiver. The coaches have introduced the shotgun setup this spring, which they hope will take better advantage of Ball’s all-around skills.

The coaches know what P.J. Daniels can do, so they have been taking a harder look at backups Chris Woods and Reshaun Grant. Woods took the opportunity to rush for 99 yards on five carries in an early spring scrimmage. Grant also ran well, rushing for 50 yards.

Nobody has emerged at wide receiver to start opposite of Nate Curry. Chris Dunlap, Damarious Bilbo, Levon Thomas and Xavier McGuire have all been getting reps. Bilbo and Dunlap have had the best spring of the group so far, but competition will still be wide open come fall.

The defensive backfield returns 3 starters from last season, including All-ACC safety James Butler, although Reuben Houston and Dennis Davis have been sidelined this spring with injuries. Sophomore Kenny Scott has impressed Gailey, but the Jackets have struggled to find a replacement on the other side of the field.

“We have to find another corner,” Gailey said.

“We’re trying out just about everybody back there,” Butler has been tried at corner, but admits he is not fast enough to play there. Last season, cornerbacks Houston and Jonathan Cox played well enough in pass coverage to allow the safeties to help stop the run. Both Houston and Davis should be ready to go it the fall.

Travis Bell has had a strong spring showing at place kicker, while walk-ons David Smith and Andy Thompson have been competing at punter.

David Smith is a former track athlete at Tech. “Travis Bell really stepped up today and kicked the ball well. He kicked the ball very well and side-kicked the whole way,” Gailey said.

Scrimmages this spring have mirrored last season with the defense playing strong, while the offense has shown bright spots, but lacking consistency.

Tech will be concluding its spring football practice with an annual spring football game this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Bobby Dodd Stadium.
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The Best of Tech (and worst)
Success of Hewitt, Jackets mark the “Best of Tech”

By Tony Kluemper
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The past year marked a change for the Tech community. After years of building new facilities and relationships, it was Tech’s year to shine in the spotlight of many different avenues. In the fall, Technology Square opened, and the city of Atlanta took notice. Then this spring, Tech proved it was more than just that engineering school in the South, when Coach Paul Hewitt led the Jacket basketball squad to a place in the NCAA championship game—a feat we had never before accomplished.

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This issue marks the continuation of a new tradition started last year by the staff of the Technique. However, this year we have reached further in garnering actual input from the Tech community. We wanted to get everyone’s opinion on what makes Tech—and the parts of Atlanta that the Tech community frequents—so great, which we did via our online survey.

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Best news of the year

Readers’ Pick: Presidential candidates visit campus
Our Pick: Presidential candidates visit campus

In a somewhat slow year in terms of truly impactful campus news, the visits by three presidential candidates to our Insitute injected some of the excitement of national politics into our own community. While all three visitors were Democrats who would eventually go on to lose their party’s nomination, they shed the spotlight on our Institute for a few moments, and they gave Tech publicity in a context it normally does not receive. So here’s to Clark, Edwards and yes, even Kucinich, for making campus a little more exciting this year.

Worst news of the year

Readers’ Pick: State budget cuts hit Tech
Our Pick: CRG drains student activity fee

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Worst bet for an easy ‘A’

Readers’ Pick: HPS 1040
Our Pick: HPS 1040

“Total breeze” is how most students describe their high school health class when they arrive at Tech. These students are in for a rude awakening when they take HPS1040. To succeed in most sections of HPS1040, students need to both attend class and study hard for the tests—far more than one would expect from a two-hour course. There’s a reason Health is winning this “award” for the second year straight: if you want an easy A, look elsewhere.

Best computer lab

Readers’ Pick: Library West Commons
Our Pick: Library West Commons

The Library West Commons sports the largest, most easily accessible computer lab on campus. Here sit dozens of sparkling new PCs loaded with every conceivable software application, and the lamp-shaped Macs provide a ready alternative for Apple-loving gurus. As a bonus, around the corner is the latest in multimedia technology for video geeks. There is a short wait if you show up during normal work hours, but the most clever students will sneak down the hall to the auxiliary lab, where one or two stations are usually available.

Worst computer lab

Readers’ Pick: Student Center
Our Pick: Student Center

Sure, the Student Center has all those newfangled computers, but the lab’s small size incurs a much greater wait time, even with those new walk-up stations with a ten-minute limit. And don’t even think about trying to grab a workstation during midday if you have a class within the next hour. Printing can also be fun, with several student clustered around the one-page-per-ten-seconds machine while the other sits inoperable or out of paper. (And, of course, the person before you always has a 30-page job sitting in the queue.) This lab is best suited for masochists who love waiting in long, slow lines.

Most active administrator

Readers’ Pick: Gary May and Bob McMath
Our Pick: Gary May and Bob McMath

Though their offices are tucked away in the basement of the Carnegie Building, Executive Assistant to the President Gary May and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs Bob McMath have been the most active administrators this year, and that’s saying something during a year when Rosalind Meyers’ leadership led to the opening of two brand new facilities in Technology Square and the Student Center Commons. McMath’s “Speak Up” campaign and May’s work on the grade substitution proposal will likely impact campus for years to come.
How many students said to their parents and friends after FASET, "Wow, the dorm rooms aren’t as bad as I thought they would be." FASET leaders don’t explain to the incoming students that the “nice” rooms they stay in during the program are fought over tooth and nail every year by students wanting to avoid cramped, decrepit rooms and the community showers found in the remaining dorms on this campus. The apartment-style dorms are available only to juniors who get housing or those with priority—a fact often spun during the summer scam.

Cheesiest Institute slogan
Readers’ Pick: "Auxiliary Services Loves Students"
Our Pick: "Open for Business"

Tech has a long history of cheesy slogans, like RHA’s “We Know Where You Live,” but some slogans are so bad they don’t even manage to be funny. “Open for Business,” the name of the commemorative video of the GT-Auburn football game, is just plain awful. The slogan refers to the opening of the refurbished Bobby Dodd Stadium, where the game took place, but it comes off too cheesy by Tech standards, and most students fail to make the connection to Grant Field’s reopening.

Best campus make-out spot
Readers’ Pick: Paul Meyer (Skiles) Garden
Our Pick: Paul Meyer (Skiles) Garden

That little enclosure of green space that borders the East side of the Skiles building is Georgia Tech’s secret garden. Tucked away beneath foliage and trees, most students forget that it’s even there, but those who remember can detour through it from the game room and the clatter and clang from the food court, the beeps and clacks of the Student Center if you want to pass your next test. But most are usually too busy hurrying to their next class to notice anything below.

Best looking majors
Readers’ Pick: Management
Our Pick: Management

Maybe it’s because they have a little bit more time on their hands to worry about fitness and fashion, or maybe there is something special in the water at Technology Square. Whatever the case, the guys and gals that roam the halls of the College of Management are among the hottest you will find on Tech’s campus, and given their majors, they are also probably some of the most fun as well. Next time you are looking for a man- or lady-friend or perhaps just some eye candy, stake out a seat over on Fifth Street.

Best place to study
Readers’ Pick: Library
Our Pick: Library

Finding a place of solitude to study at Tech can prove to be a difficult task, as almost any student knows, so those who need an escape from the commotion of the daily rush can take refuge in the Georgia Tech library. Here, quiet is an unwritten rule and the walls block any outside noise. Plus the musty smell of old books simply adds to the building’s peaceful quietness. (If this puts you to sleep, the lobby of the Flag Building with its characteristic white noise is an excellent alternative.) Another great feature is that the library has almost anything one would need on a night of studying. Whether it’s books, computers, individual desks, group tables, the help of a friendly librarian or a quiet corner to hide away, it can all be found in the library.

Worst place to study
Readers’ Pick: Student Center
Our Pick: Student Center

The Student Center, being the central hub of all student activity, is by far the least productive study environment on campus. Between the weekly movie and Pizza Hut traffic downstairs and the TV and music rooms upstairs, the beeps and clacks from the game room and the clatter and clang from the food court, and, of course, the hubbub of conversation from the multitudes of passing students, a student looking for a quiet place to study might be overwhelmed by the noise. The area attracts a hundred different distractions at any time of the day, so, unless you’re one of those rare individuals who thrives on chaos and noise, don’t even try studying anywhere near the Student Center if you want to pass your next test.

Best student life event
Readers’ Pick: GT at Six Flags
Our Pick: GT at Six Flags

It’s no secret that most students don’t come to Tech because of its student life. However, this past year marked a new era with the establishment of the Student Life Fund and a renewed interest in improving student life at Tech. These efforts combined to put on Georgia Tech at Six Flags night last September. The event was a phenomenal success and attracted over half of the student body, a feat that most events don’t even come close to matching. It proved that despite the diversity of our student body, large-scale student life events could be successful. Sure the lines were a little long, but no longer than a normal day at the park. Thankfully, the event will likely become an annual tradition.
It’s hard to top a construction project like Technology Square, which was last year’s winner in this category. However, Tech administrators did a great job revamping some of the space left open by the bookstore’s move. Although not everything is complete, the new Student Center Commons is quickly becoming a popular gathering place for the student body. Pan-dini’s and the soon-to-open Jackers provide students and faculty with more dining options in the center of campus and the new flat screen TV viewing area is sure to attract its share of students. The new spaces and offices for student organizations that will open in the summer and fall will only make it better.

Our Pick: Pink Tech clothing
Our Pick: Student Center Commons

Readers’ Pick: Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center
Readers’ Pick: Skiles Building

Perhaps Skiles should get the title not only for the worst bathrooms, but also for the most confusing ones; there is no consistency in the bathroom configuration throughout the building, with each floor having a totally unique bathroom tucked into some hard-to-find nook. Furthermore, some bathrooms have a bizarre sign that prohibits showering. Considering how dirty and run down this building’s bathrooms tend to be, many students would be hesitant to wash their hands there, let alone take a shower.

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Our Pick: Outside near Brittain
Our Pick: Tech booty shorts

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The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center shows once again that Tech is entirely capable of building gorgeous facilities as long as they aren’t meant to be used by students. The entire building from the ballroom to the bar is stunning, and with their nice ambiance, they are always worth checking out even if you don’t need to use them.

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**Best green space on campus**

Readers’ Pick: Yellow Jacket park
Our Pick: Tech Tower lawn

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**Worst green space on campus**

Readers’ Pick: Peters parking deck
Our Pick: Peters parking deck

What can we say about this mass of concrete? Besides not being anywhere near a green space (unless you count the green of the poorly-kept tennis courts on the top level), it’s a low topographical point on campus, which means that whenever it rains, the parking deck floods.

**Best form of campus transportation**

Readers’ Pick: Walking
Our Pick: Walking

Though the Stingers have improved a lot this year with the addition of new buses and Tech trolleys (now with GPS!), walking remains the best way to get around, especially since the busiest buildings on campus—Van Leer, Skiles, D.M. Smith, and the library, for example—aren’t reasonably close to any main Stinger stop.

**Best lecture hall**

Readers’ Pick: College of Management
Our Pick: College of Management

Although Management majors may have to walk a little farther than the rest of us to get class, once they arrive they definitely learn in style. The lecture halls in the COM building look like they belong in posh settings and not Tech. The chairs alone make going to class that much easier. Plus, what other school can claim to have flat panel monitors outside each lecture hall and classroom detailing the day’s class schedule and any other pertinent information.

**Worst lecture hall**

Readers’ Pick: Old Architecture
Our Pick: Boggs-Chemistry

We’re not sure if it’s the uncomfortable seats, tiny writing surfaces, horrible echo, lack of natural light or the smell of chemistry experiments that put Boggs lecture halls at the bottom of our list. Perhaps it is a combination of all the above. But regardless of the cause, we don’t think anyone will disagree that after a class in Boggs, you are bound to leave feeling as though your very soul has been sucked out of you.

**Worst pedestrian spot on campus**

Readers’ Pick: Bobby Dodd and Techwood
Our Pick: Fifth and Spring Street

This year, Fifth and Spring bears out the intersection of Bobby Dodd and Techwood as the place a student is most likely to be run over. As great as Technology Square is, the fact remains that it is bisected by one of the most heavily traveled streets in Midtown Atlanta. This means that not only do lots of cars zoom through the intersection at high speeds, but it’s also an exit point for car-owning students who are looking to leave campus.

**Best beard**

Readers’ Pick: President Clough
Our Pick: President Clough

This superlative is indisputable—the Institute’s President, Dr. Wayne Clough, has the best-kept beard in all of campus. His pristine, snowy-white, soft-looking whiskers always appear as if they’ve come right from the freshly-sharpened blade of a barber. His characteristic beard has become almost as much of an icon of Tech as the Campanile.

**Best Tech tradition**

Readers’ Pick: Budweiser song
Our Pick: Stealing the ‘T’

Though talk about stealing the ‘T’ is now more taboo than talking about ANAK, older members of the Technique staff still romanticize the now outlawed tradition—especially since its occurance made for great headlines. Though newer than some Tech traditions—the first time a group of seniors took one of the letters off the Tower in 1969 to honor the retirement of then-President Ed Harrison—and now shunned by administrators and student leaders alike, it should nonetheless remain a part of the Institute memory and tradition. It represents the ingenuity in all Tech students, though the Technique now discourages any new attempts.

**Worst Tech tradition**

Readers’ Pick: RAT caps
Our Pick: RAT caps

Out of all the many traditions at Tech, only one is a tradition in name only: the RAT cap. All freshmen are given one only to put them in some obscure corner of their dorm room. No one wears these hats. After all, who wants to wear an extremely tight hat with the bill jutting out at a ridiculously perpendicular angle?

**Best place to park without a pass**

Readers’ Pick: Student Center parking deck
Our Pick: Tech Parkway

Although the permit for the area is residential, the parking along Tech Parkway is anything but. First of all, it is rarely if ever visited by those wonderful parking patrol officers that once roamed the CRC. Now it is bisected by one of the most heavily traveled streets in Midtown Atlanta. This means that not only do lots of cars zoom through the intersection at high speeds, but it’s also an exit point for car-owning students who are looking to leave campus.

**Best dining hall meal**

Readers’ Pick: Breakfast
Our Pick: Breakfast

The best dining hall meal by far is breakfast. There is a great variety of foods, from the traditional eggs and sausage to several different types of delicious pancakes, waffles and French toast. There is also an abundance of food for those running late to class, such as bagels and cereal. For those “lucky” enough to live on East who can enjoy Britain’s fine dining, the most notable breakfast offering is Diane’s famous omelets. Although they are usually means getting up a bit earlier for class, Diane’s omelets have reinstated breakfast as the most important meal of the day.

**Worst dining hall meal**

Readers’ Pick: Dinner
Our Pick: Theme Meals

For a flashback to the good old days of elementary school, all you have to do is pop in for a bite at a dining hall “Theme Night.” They usually include food that is even more saturated with fat and calories than normal dining hall fare, as well as loud, irritating music and someone’s sick idea of “cute” decorations. Although most theme meals include some redeeming quality (REAL ice cream!), it’s just not enough to balance the bad ones. In fact, some theme meals (namely the southern one) were downright insulting to what is truly considered “southern” cooking. Students from the south could deal without insinuations of being brought up in a hick or redneck environment.
Moe’s wins our pick for best burrito over stiff competition including Willy’s, Q-Doba and Chipotle. The fun-loving atmosphere, the clever names for menu items, the proximity of the Technology Square location and—most important—the quality of the food make Moe’s the best place to grab some beans rolled in a tortilla with some combination of meats and veggies.

Our Pick: Moe’s
Readers’ Pick: Moe’s

Finally, a way to get Asian fare that’s not delivery, or worse, the stuff they call Chinese food at the dining halls. Besides the colorful decor, you’re sure to see at least one or two fellow students you know, either working there or having a meal. Though there are probably better Asian restaurants around, the food is decent and entrees are reasonably priced at between $6-8 dollars—definitely within a student’s budget.

Worst on-campus restaurant
Readers’ Pick: St. Charles Deli
Our Pick: St. Charles Deli

You’re greeted with a friendly “Welcome to Mama’s!” walk-through the door. That sweet Asian aroma hits next. The variety of affordable noodle and rice bowls make this a favorite. Make sure to check out the psychedellic lime-green stylings of the bathroom. For a starter don’t forget the potstickers, as they’re seared to perfection.

Our Pick: Mama Fu’s
Readers’ Pick: Waffle House

It hasn’t been closed since it first opened some time in the Paleolithic Era. Majestic Diner’s décor is straight out of a fifties diner; probably because that’s what it is, and they make a mean cup of coffee for those “Oh God, I’ve got class in an hour, and I haven’t slept in two days” moments. It’s the kind of late-night hang-out that you only see on television, and it’s just down Ponce a little ways. Find a friend with a car next time you’re up late and let the Majestic feed your fatigue away.

Our Pick: Majestic Diner
Readers’ Pick: Majestic Diner

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<td>If you wanna rock out with the best burger in town, then you’d best make your way on over to the Vortex on Peachtree. Seriously, dude, after a whole semester of British food, you owe yourself. Plus, the décor, something akin to a TGI Friday’s in Hell, so perfectly skims the line between cool and kitschy that it cannot help but be awesome. Moderately priced and walkable from campus, the Vortex serves up fun food in a unique atmosphere.</td>
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<td>The world pasta is just not descriptive enough to account for the endless combinations of fine Italian food available at Figo. Located near the intersection of Howell Mill and 14th Street, its nondescript exterior can fool you. The name of the game here is to pick your pasta then add a sauce. Don’t compare this to Eats though, as whoever opens the can there isn’t worthy to mop the floors at Figo. The brushetta is definitely the highlight of the menu, but don’t forget to reward your palate with the sinful Tiramisu. While getting to Figo probably requires a car, it is still close enough to be considered “in the neighborhood.”</td>
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<td>Tucked away on the corner of West Peachtree and 11th, this is the best place to go where nobody will know your name or even care for that matter. Unlike some other Tech bars, this place feels very relaxed and low key because there is no chance of running into your ex or your professor or that random person in your physics class you feel obligated to talk to. There’s a good beer selection and a late night food menu for those much needed study diversions.</td>
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<td>Everyone who’s anyone from Atlanta scurries to Lenox on the weekends. With its newest edition of the New York borne Bloomingdale’s there is no stopping this retail powerhouse. Whether you walk through the valet overhang and gawk at the millions of dollars worth of cars, stop at the Corner Bakery for a Kiwi Mocha or check out the latest plastic from the Apple store, there is an endless list of possibilities for even those with an aversion to shopping. Neiman Marcus will cost you a semester’s tuition for just about anything, but if urban-chic is more your thing there is always Urban Outfitters. The food court has an endless selection, including the delicious California Pizza Kitchen.</td>
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<td>Tech Square’s Ribs ‘n Blues is the best place to play trivia for several reasons. It’s advantage in terms of proximity is obvious. It also serves up great food and a variety of beers at reasonable prices and accepts Buzz Card for all purchases—except alcohol of course.</td>
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<td>NOMAH!!! That’s what the Boston fans call Nomar Garciaparra, one of the only major leagues famous enough to be identified by first name only, and the Technique’s favorite athletic alum. Nomar was the twelfth overall pick of the 1994 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox, and he was the unanimous rookie of the year in 1997.</td>
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<td>Who knew the IM department could come up with a sport that would excite more than bowling? In all seriousness, this old school “sport” is a throwback to the playground days that excited nearly everyone who participated—a nd even some who just watched.</td>
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<td>It’s been quite a year in sports at Tech from a fantastic freshman emerging as a leader on the football field to the volleyball squad’s enthralling run to Hawaii. As significant as these events were, nothing quite compared to the men’s basketball team’s run to San Antonio. From the opening round nailbiter against Northern Iowa to the championship game against Connecticut, the team captivated the entire Tech community. This Jacket squad returned to the Final Four for only the second time in school history and was the first to make it to the Final game. However, the story was more than just a single game; it was a string of magical moments, on and off the court, that brought out the best in the Tech community.</td>
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<td>Long before the men’s basketball team was turning away students at the Coliseum, the women’s volleyball team packed O’Keefe Gymnasium with the loudest sold-out crowds in the ACC. Boosted by the pep band and huge student support, volleyball games were the hottest weekend ticket last season. Events like “I am the Gym,” where thousands packed AMC for the match-up against rival Georgia, made new fans out of even the most novice sports fan. Kele Eveland led the way with her exciting, aerodynamic moves. The team never disappointed their fans, winning match after match in thrilling fashion. By the end of the season, the team had made it as far as the Elite Eight in the Hawaii, and earned its spot in the record books for both Tech and the ACC.</td>
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