Recent changes to the housing selection process are intended to ensure greater efficiency and reliability for Tech students starting this fall. The changes primarily include an online conversion of the room selection process at various stages, as well as some revisions to the priority ordering system.

The Room Selection Committee, composed of six housing administration staff members, two SGA and two RHA representatives, met their goals.

Students who frequently shop in Georgia Tech's Student Center and Lakeside who had a mascot entered into a lawsuit with a minor league baseball team called the Salt Lake City Buzz who had a mascot that was exactly like our Buzz.

"And we had to protect our trademarks so we entered into a lawsuit against the team. That lawsuit went on for three years and absorbed all of the money we had available in the past for scholarships." Area also had a scholarship committee that was established by Auxiliary Services and we talked about how the scholarship should be administered.

Although the IMPACT scholarship program isn’t an entirely new idea, Steele made it clear that there were many changes between Under both the old and new priority systems, rising sophomores are guaranteed on-campus housing if they submit a housing application before the March 12 deadline. The same deadline applies to third-year and higher students, however those with sophomore-plus class standing will be selected for housing via a lottery.

The forum will take place on Wednesday, February 27 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center conference room. For more information, visit www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wlc.

On Tuesday, the AA staff since 1983, was named Associate Director of Communications.

AA names new sports info head

In part of continued fallout from the recent flawed biographies of Tech football coaches released to the media, the Athletic Association announced on Tuesday that Allison George, a member of the AA staff since 1988, has been named Director of Communications in the sports information office.

Women’s event starts Friday

Tech’s Women’s Leadership Conference kicks off this Friday at 6 p.m. The purpose of the Women’s Leadership Conference is to inspire and prepare Tech women to become equal partners in professional, community and social leadership opportunities. For more information, visit www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wlc.

Honor code forum Feb. 27

UHR and the Student Government Association will cosponsor an open forum on the honor code and academic integrity.

The forum will take place on Wednesday, February 27 at 11 a.m. in the Student Center conference room. For more information, visit www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wlc.
While Colbert said he felt confident that UCSU would make progress, Stump said it is too early to tell whether changes could be made. “It’s really a two-prong question: is it possible and how can it be done,” Stump said.

“I’m not certain it can be done, but it’s something we’re going to look into.”

**UC-Berkeley male sexuality class suspended**

By Steve Sexton

Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) University of California-Berkeley—The UC-Berkeley male sexuality class that came under fire last week has been suspended by administrators while an investigation into reports of illicit class activities is conducted.

The class’s female counterpart is also under review but has not been suspended, officials said.

A meeting between the instructors of the student-run classes took place Friday, following an inquiry into the classes by the Daily Californian. Students and instructors of the class said they took trips to strip clubs and watched an instructor strip.

The program is regarded as a triumph for liberal, democratic education. But some fear the activities in the male sexuality class have endangered the entire program.

Aside from indicating more supervision may be on the horizon, administrators have not said there will be drastic changes to the program. Instructors of the female sexuality class already have begun to distance themselves from the male counterpart.

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**College briefs**

**U. of Colorado SGA considers partner benefits**

By Jessica Fruchter

Colorado Daily

(U-WIRE) University of Colorado—If U. Colorado student government officials have their way, all employees of the Student Union will be eligible for domestic partner benefits. The issue of extension of health care benefits was raised late last week when two UCSU representatives authored a bill that would extend current health insurance benefits to domestic partners.

A similar initiative that would have affected all CU employees went before CU’s Board of Regents in September and was nixed by one vote. Zac Colbert, vice president of UCSU’s Legislative Council, said the bill is intended not only to provide health coverage to UCSU employees, but also to bring the issue back into the limelight so that the Board of Regents might reexamine its decision to deny University employees partner benefits.

“We wrote the bill in an effort to comply with the UCSU and the University’s non-discrimination clause,” Colbert said.

It was only after last Thursday night’s meeting that Colbert and other supporters of the initiative realized UCSU’s legislative council lacked the authority to change health care policies.

Despite the setback, Colbert said, the fight for domestic partner benefits is far from over. While Colbert said he felt confident that UCSU would make progress, Stump said it is too early to tell whether changes could be made.

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**Technique Online Voice Your Opinion!**

Last issue’s poll garnered 76 responses to the question: “How do you explain the rise in GPAs over the last few years?”

Grade inflation; the classes are easier: (36%)  
Changed Admissions, the students are smarter: (25%)  
Grad GPA’s? I don’t believe it. (39%)

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From the archives...

**The ‘Nique’s top stories from:**

10 years ago: Feb. 21, 1992—The Athletic Association approved a new seating allocation plan for Bobby Dodd Stadium. The changes were made after 2,000 seats were removed with the construction of the Student Success Center. The new seating plan took effect at the beginning of the next season.

20 years ago: Feb. 19, 1982—The Yellow Jackets were defeated by number one ranked Virginia in front of a packed house at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Although the Jackets led at halftime, the Cavaliers came back for a 56-52 win.

30 years ago: Feb. 18, 1972—Student Body Vice-President Ron Ovetsky began pushing for an off-campus pub that would be set up and run by SGA. The plan came after the idea of an on-campus pub was turned down by the Board of Regents. Several department heads and officials backed the project, including the Director of Campus Planning.
“We’re looking for students who have a lot of passion for their cause, who are successful in what they do.”

Rich Steele  
Student Center Director

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the program and its predecessors. "We have done scholarship programs in the past but this is very different," said Steele.

"The scholarship programs we did in the past included less scholarships and focused on leadership achievements."

However, the committee wanted to focus on students who had a great impact on campus life that was not necessarily related to leadership experience. "We know that students have an impact on the Georgia Tech campus in many ways and it’s not always through leadership positions," said Steele.

"We wanted to get away from the sense that we were rewarding the outstanding leaders, although we might still be doing that in some cases. We wanted to expand the search to include [all] students who impact the campus in a positive way," Steele elaborated on the characteristics the committee is looking for. "We’re looking for students who have a lot of passion for their cause, who are successful in what they do." Steele also stipulates other requirements for the UJC Chief Justice and Justices. These changes to the code have not yet been proposed to the UHR. Other constitutional amendments have been proposed, but they remain in SGA’s Internal Development committee.

**SGA elections on the way**

Let the schmoozing, handshaking, and mudslinging begin; SGA elections are right around the corner, as the Undergraduate House recently approved an elections code and schedule for this spring. The official campaigning begins on March 13, and the general elections take place just a few days later. The polls will be open March 25-27.

Students will be able to vote for a number of Undergraduate SGA positions. They will vote for the two main executive officers, President and Executive Vice President, as well as class and major representatives. Each member of the House must be reelected to keep his or her seat.

In addition to voting for executive officers and representatives, students will also be asked to vote on a number of referendums. The Undergraduate House of Representatives already approved one constitutional amendment that will be on the ballot in March. The proposed amendment will increase the size of the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet to twelve members, so that it will be better able to handle its increased caseload. The amendment also stipulates other requirements for the UJC Chief Justice and Justices.

In addition to UJC changes, the undergraduate student body will most likely be asked to approve proposed changes to the honor code written by the Honor Advisory Council. These changes to the code will be available starting today until March 8. The recipients of the scholarships will be announced in late April.

Although many may be reluctant to apply, Steele asks every student to consider the impact they have had on Tech before making the decision. "We encourage people that might not think they would be eligible to really think about how they have impacted the Tech community and consider applying," said Steele.

"We’re not necessarily looking for people who are president of numerous organizations. It’s a wide open process and I hope that idea will encourage a large number of applications.

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**Undergraduate SGA Elections Schedule**

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midterm grade reports.

“The majority of students who received a ‘U’ on their midterm grade report did end up receiving a ‘C’ or better,” said McMath.

In his appearance before the Undergraduate House of Representatives last Tuesday, Institute President Wayne Clough noted that about 60 percent of students who received a “U” in a class actually wound up passing. Clough was pleased with this number, but also noted that more needs to be done to help the other 40 percent of students who did not pass.

However, it seems that to many students the “U” was a wake-up call to perform better. The average GPA for students last fall was 2.9, which was an increase over previous years.

The reality of Tech’s rigorous academics seem to catch freshmen early, and Tech realized that something was needed to ease the shock of receiving unexpected grades.

At the beginning of last semester, students in freshmen experience dorms were asked to estimate what their grade point average would be.

“Any other problems will be addressed. Hopefully with a solution,” Wang said. “The committee believes it has solved a lot of the problems that were there. We have two more years to work on it. By the end of the fourth year the system will be very sound and will be used in the future years.”

More statistics about retention can be found www.irp.gatech.edu.
**Senators cut SAC, approve budget**

By Jody Shaw

News Editor

The members of the Graduate Student Senate sank their teeth into the budget on Tuesday and made one amendment before passing it. However, because the Senate passed a different version than the House, the budget debate is not over. The $2 million-plus bill will head to a conference committee of graduate senators and undergraduate representatives who will attempt to write a compromise.

The two portions of the budget targeted by the Senators were two of the largest allocations in the bill—Student Athletic Center and Student Center Programs Board. SAC requested funds to buy approximately 80 new squash racquets, which a number of senators found extravagant.

Campus Recreation Director Burch Stamphill was on hand, and he noted that squash racquets are easily broken. Once satisfied with his answers about squash racquets, the senators moved on to questioning other portions of the SAC budget, including the money for office supplies, towels, and Buzz Card reader maintenance.

The office supplies particularly bothered the senators. Just three years ago, the amount of money allocated to SAC for office supplies was $5,000 dollars. Last year, SAC received $10,000, and this year, it requested $15,000. The Senators did not believe that the office supply needs had tripled over the past several years, even though Stamphill noted that intramurals, ORGT and some options programs used the SAC supplies. They decided to cut the allocation to $10,000.

After cutting SAC, the Senators moved on to the Student Center Programs. Maybury proposed cutting the budget of the Concert committee to nothing, since he felt its mission overlapped with two other Student Center committees, Major Programs and Special Events. Much debate ensued, but the majority of senators felt that the Student Center programming budget was already underfunded, and they decided against the cut.

**House debates its reapportionment**

By Jody Shaw

News Editor

The Undergraduate House passed two bills allocating over $15,000 to the Student Center Programs Board on Tuesday. The first bill provided a new projector for the movie committee to show films in the Student Center Theater. The second bill actually provided funds to renovate the sound system in the theatre, which currently uses equipment that dates to the 1970s.

An extended debate took place concerning each bill, as Biology Representative Brad Bolton suggested that ad hoc committees be formed for each bill to ensure that the equipment being purchased were the best values. Other members of UHR, however, argued that the Student Center has professionals who research to find the best equipment at the lowest prices. In the end, Bolton lost both arguments, and the bills were approved.

The most extended debate of the evening concerned a bill from the Internal Development committee to reapportion the House. Author Brian George proposed that the current freshmen and sophomore representatives be combined to form six underclass representatives, defined as individuals with 0-59 hours, and the totals for junior and senior class representatives be lowered to three. The argument is that under the current system, freshmen are represented by sophomores, and seniors are underrepresented, since they have only three reps compared to the five other classes have.

After much debate and little progress, Member-at-Large Stephen Popick motioned to divide the bill, which had many parts, and vote on each change individually. In the end, the only portions that passed concerned co-op representation, which was reduced to two representatives, one for each semester. The portion regarding the number of hours and when they must be acquired that defines each class representative was remanded to the Internal Development committee, and the proposal to combine the freshmen and sophomore representatives and equalize the classes failed.

**Bills Considered**

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Housing changes positive

The Department of Housing is once again making changes to on-campus housing selection. This year, the entire sign-up process will be conducted online. As a result, juniors and seniors will be able to find out if they were assigned a selection number much quicker than in the past.

A completely online process will prove to be beneficial for students. It should be much more efficient, and it will be helpful for students to know their priority in the selection process.

It is also positive that the Housing Department will try to fill more block housing requests than in the past, to create a better sense of community in residence halls. Students should be given the opportunity to live with as many of their friends as possible. However, this focus on block housing could make students who have no one or only one person to room with, feel left out or be given less of an option when choosing a room.

Hopefully, the Housing Department has adequately prepared for the inevitable online onslaught that will occur when students are able to begin signing up. By moving the entire process online, the department is relying heavily on the technical ability of its equipment. The system should be completely reliable and efficient, so that there is no chance that students’ important housing information could be lost.

Check facts before making accusations

I write in response to Mr. Kehuti’s February 15 letter, “Racism a reality at Tech,” for I feel that it touches us all very deeply. As much as I respect my fellow student, I simply had to know the validity of his accusation. Unlike Mr. Kehuti’s statements, my reply is based on a three day investigation into this affair including research with the Atlanta Police Department, the Georgia Tech Police Department and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). Mr. Kehuti’s statements are holistically inaccurate and slanderous.

He begins by noting that he came to a parking deck around to get his belongings. This is when Georgia Tech Police “rolled up on us three cars deep” and “Officer Ricker stepped out of his car.” The building he idled in front of was Georgia Tech’s nuclear reactor complex, the Neely Research Building.

Since September 11 Georgia Tech Police have guarded the Neely Building around the clock. According to official records, Officer Ricker was assigned to the reactor complex on the night in question and thus he was not even driving a patrol car. From his position at the Neely Research Building it would be impossible to see a car maneuvering inside the deck. All he could see was a car approach and stop in front of a high security building. Looking into headlights with high contrast background lighting at a distance it would be impossible to see into the vehicle - let alone clearly distinguish “gold teeth” and “braided hair” upon which Mr. Kehuti bases the racial intent.

As the timestamps on GTPD radio recordings will clearly show, Officer Ricker called for backup before he was able to determine who was in the car. The call placed was for a suspicious vehicle. Had he been
Olympics not one event, need many broadcasters

“There are too many events for one network to try and cover them all. There is more than one option for viewers.”

Daniel Uhlig
Photography Editor

The last couple of weeks I have watched the Olympics on and off. Every time my only choice is whatever NBC decides to broadcast at that particular time. Without tuning in to the option of CNBC, but that is mostly hockey. I sit down to watch a little every night, now with 50% of America I have one choice. NBC has exclusive rights to the Olympics broadcast.

Exclusive rights are quite common in the sports broadcasting business. For bogged exclusive rights to one team means that the only station able to broadcast the big game. The same thing happens when it comes to major sporting events. Most major sporting events have only one event in one place and if错过 it you can easily be covered by one network.

With a single linear event it makes sense for one network to try and cover the game. The game is always on and the audience does not miss part of the action. It will try and cover the event. There is limited space for camera crews, announcers and producers. For deliver almost everything a top sports event needs.

The Olympics, however, are not one linear event. There are simultaneous events going on. Slalom, hockey and speed skating all happen at the same time. You must pick something to show. They end up giving each a few minutes of coverage and hours of hours of coverage they show 12 events. That comes down to 15 minutes of air time per event, not counting commercial time. This means no event is show in great detail. The Olympics are not a singular linear event for which only one broadcaster is needed. There are many events, and people should be able to watch what interests them. If figure skating is on and you are not interested you are simply out of luck.

Other events are happening in Salt Lake City at the same time, and at least some of them would probably interest you if you were given the option of watching them. There are many events for one network to try to cover them all. There should be more than one option for consuming an American sports event. The contract that NBC has hindered the Games from being watched by as many people that would like to watch them.

The Olympic games are not like the Super Bowl. They are more like college football. No network signs exclusive rights to the NCAA football games; it would be of no use for them to do that. There are too many different games, and people do not always want to watch the same game with the same teams. If NBC bought exclusive rights to NCAA football, there would be three main networks, with Georgia Tech having a very slim chance of ever making an appearance. Or maybe television would show snippets of tape-delay action from a dozen games. You would sit around watching the game that interests you, just like you must now wait for three hours to find out how much speed skating will be covered.

If multiple networks could drive up the events, then a simple switch to CBS could give you speed skating for anchor. With an exclusive contract, there would be no regional broadcasts. The contract that NBC has hindered the Games from being watched by as many people that would like to watch them.

It's not the easiest academic approach to technical education, philosophy as a more “hands-on” learning. From the book.

What’s more is that most of what I learned came from my own ability to figure things out for myself rather than a detailed list of instructions from a professor.

Never forget to occasionally step back and appreciate the beauty of the true scientific education that you are receiving here at Georgia Tech. It’s not the easiest academic road to travel, but there is a spring board hidden within each road block we encounter.

The engine behind progressive tech is the science is powered by those who can see work together scattered pieces of information in order to exercise originality and sound functional command over scientific disciplines. Great scientists must learn how to find commonalities within familiar and to maintain perspective in the face of the confusing.

With every achievement that comes about there are always bumps with helplessness, you not only obtain knowledge, but you also lay claim on what you have learned. Instead of carelessly absorbing formulaic foreign methods of problem solving, learning the hard way would allow you by exposing a broad range of perspectives that relate to your problem. So it’s a apparently no accident or act of sabotage, there are reasons behind the. And the challenge of Tech is in finding ways to bridge the pitfalls and fill in the blanks. Some tech students use a learning environment using a human network—fellow students, professors or TAs and ultimately could lose others how to ponder on their own, diligently searching texts and the Internet for clues until the picture finally begins to come into focus. Regarding what avenue you choose, Tech prepares you to develop your own unique approach to problem solving. The impact your work will be on you is proportional to the impact you wish to have on the world.

All in all, the end result not only gives you the benefit of the solution, but gives you a broader understanding and self discovery. The less something makes when you first encounter it, the more rewarding it will be when you finally attain mastery over it. And only the shoulders of the strongest, and most pedantic plants are really worth standing on.

Tech allows students to learn and grow in many creative ways

Sir Isaac Newton claimed that he saw farther because he stood on the shoulders of giants. Well that somewhat true, but to me it seems just a little too easy. You don’t just walk up to a giant and expect him to happen by chance out of his shoulder and let you see everything you can see.

I would expect a rigorous period of familiarization and trust building before I stood on anyone’s shoulders. I would learn to identify with and understand their way of thinking. I would be content to slip and fall off the giant multiple times before I finally established upon him a secure footing.

In the lecture halls at Tech, it’s not uncommon for students to be numbed into a state of perpetual daydreaming. You mindlessly copy and paste, highlight and re-highlight the professor’s voice buzzes in the distance. You return a vague hope that you will sit in the audience, see the professor’s words and understand them. When you’re not busy daydreaming, you’ll revisit and actually learn the material.

And the problems that show up on your exams might be distant akin to the woes you went over in your head. You come away with a word of wisdom that you are being content to slip and fall off the giant multiple times before you finally established upon him a secure footing.
OPINIONS

‘Word’ not source of all misconduct

In the February 15th article concerning the Academic Misconduct Review Committee, Professor August Giebelhaus is quoted as saying that until “Word” is “changed,” there can be no addressing any other academic misconduct problems. I submit that this is a nonsensical view of the issue.

For example, the current rush of College of Computing cases is not attributable to Word, rather, it stems from inappropriate collaboration between students. To cite another example, in some courses, especially laboratory courses requiring extensive technical reports, use of Word often leads to clear signs of misconduct that make it easier to catch offenders.

If there is a cancer at Georgia Tech that threatens the academic environment, it is a lack of respect, either of students for faculty or vice versa, or of students for themselves.

When a student doesn’t respect a class, the class becomes an exercise in getting a passing grade instead of a learning opportunity. On the other hand, Word is only “dangerous” when a professor doesn’t take the time to provide challenging assignments for each new term.

For example, in the College of Computing, possible solution would be to make the first several assignments be more open-ended, with many solutions. Then it doesn’t appear to students that there is only “one right answer” and, if they don’t know it, that the only way they can get it is to get it from someone else. Of course, if a student doesn’t respect himself enough to believe that he can learn the material without resorting to cheating, then that student is a prime target for misconduct, Word or not.

There is no excuse for academic misconduct. Wherever there is choice, there is responsibility, and the decision to cheat is a conscious one. Likewise, the presence of Word is no excuse for faculty to throw up their hands and say academic misconduct is an inaddressable problem. Surely the faculty and students of Georgia Tech are intelligent and creative enough to tackle the issue of cheating in ways that will strongly enhance and support academic excellence.

Let us let this time of introspection and controversy be a time of opportunity and reform. Let us now choose to change and improve those things over which we have control and overcome those things outside of our reach, like the existence of Word, with thoughtful and inventive new procedures and policies.

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Techs and the City: A sinister side to Tech’s good reputation?

By Jennifer Hinkel
Focus Editor

Compared to many other American colleges, Tech can boast of relatively highly “town gown” relations. Despite a few rifts in the past, such as last year’s disputes between Home Park residents and their student neighbors, Tech students have enjoyed a good reputation in Atlanta. At the worst, Tech students go unnoticed amidst the throngs of crowded humanity between Buckhead and Downtown, the perimeter and the airport.

If anything, Tech’s stellar academic reputation bestows a certain aura around Tech students that conveys diligence, discipline and dedication, regardless of whether these qualities hold true for individuals. In the Atlanta job market, Tech offers a seemingly endless supply of attractive hires for the city’s technology and engineering firms. Our reputation for excellence precedes us to the job market, and potential employers recognize the quality of Tech engineers.

While this seemingly fine arrangement may benefit engineers seeking local employment, what about those non-engineers at Tech, or those that look for a future farther from the arms of alma mater? Along with Tech’s reputation as a breeding ground of bright engineering students, Atlantans and those beyond the city can also associate Tech with the things it is not. Amidst the accolades, could there be a more sinister side to Tech’s stellar engineering reputation. We’re an engineering school.

Therefore, does that make our non-engineering programs less reputable? We produce finely trained engineers, but does Tech’s lack of prestigious programs in literature and language count against us rather than for us? Though hard to believe, Georgia Tech’s name does not carry so much prestige in every part of the country. I can’t count the number of times that, while visiting home in Pennsylvania, I’ve heard surprised noises from the mouths of acquaintances expressing shock that a “technical school” has a football program. Tech’s shining reputation is not known everywhere.

The sinister side to our reputation arises when prestige translates into stereotyping. These stereotypes that cast Tech students as scientists, math geniuses, computer nerds, or engineers hurt those with interests outside of scientific and technological fields. Can the most prestigious law schools or Ivy League graduate programs in English or Philosophy trust that Tech has adequately prepared students to succeed in their programs?

If the majority of Tech students write with the same lack of grammar, inadequacies of vocabulary and dearth of style that I’ve seen in some of the average articles turned in to the Technique over the past few years, I would say that Tech students on the whole have not been adequately prepared for a future outside of science. Our popularity with Atlanta’s technological firms might be a boon to our engineers, but at the same time, our lack of prestigious programs in other areas sends a signal to Atlanta employers that our engineers may lack the skills necessary for business communication, team work and social networking.

If we recognize the downside as well as the benefits to our engineering renown, faculty and students can work to ensure a Tech degree signals education that encompasses all of the necessary skills for success rather than simply an understanding of engineering concepts. The skills I speak of do not necessarily need to be taught as individual classes, but instead they need to be integrated into the curriculum. If the faculty willingly raises standards for communications and teamwork skills within the academic framework of engineering and science classes, students will be compelled to develop these skills. The result will be Tech students known for success rather than just smarts, whether in Atlanta or beyond.
**Buzz Around Campus**

**Question of the week**

In honor of Presidents’ Day: “Who is your all-time favorite U.S. president, and why?”

Stephanie Belcher
MSE Junior
“Teddy Roosevelt because he’s very inspirational.”

Michael Johnston
EE Freshman
“I’d have to say FDR. He was a pioneer in international relations.”

Arum Balasundaram
ECE Grad
“Clinton—I think he is a good orator and seems broad-minded.”

Qeiu Chan
BC Sophomore
“My favorite would be Franklin Roosevelt; he greatly contributed to the U.S. economy.”

LaShawnta Beedles
CompE Junior
“George Washington because he set a lot of precedents.”

Caroline Seabrook
Physics Freshman
“Lincoln, because he was the most honest politician that we had.”

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able to discern the identities of the vehicle’s occupants, he would have called in a suspicious person. Officer Ricker has received only compliments during his distinguished service at Georgia Tech.

Mr. Kehuti asserts that police departments are racist and thus his complaint would not be “heard.” He has no evidence of Officer Ricker’s actions yet firmly concludes he’s a “House Negro” that is being persecuted. He has no knowledge of GTPD traffic enforcement statistics before/after the winter break robberies yet he can publish claims of profiling.

Such statements defile Black History Month’s recognition that persecution is deleterious. Simply declaring all investigations prima facie racial in nature harms the unity for which “our ancestors died.”

One of history’s greatest egalitarians, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., remarked, “The marvelous new (awareness) which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.”

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When stealing one... just won’t do

“Like anyone, I appreciate the ingenuity it takes to remove the ‘T’... To those who might think my concern is alarmist, I point to the young woman whose life ended tragically only a few months ago when she tried to climb one of our campus buildings. This unfortunate event serves as a vivid wake-up call to the risks associated with attempting to steal the ‘T’.”

—President Wayne Clough, October, 1999

By Madhu Adiga and Seema Nanavath
Staff Writers

This statement was made by Institute President Wayne Clough in response to rising concern about the danger of stealing the ‘T’ from Tech Tower, a tradition that began over 30 years ago. The safety of this tradition has always been a concern and the recent death referred to by President Clough has raised serious discussion over the danger involved in such a stunt. Although this practice has been discouraged, several students found an alternative.

Towards the end of Fall Semester, several students in the Caldwell residence hall formed a faction in response to having to move out of the dorm for renovations at the end of finals. A representative from the group, which called itself the Caldwell Liberation Army (CLA), was approached by the Technique for a statement, and spoke under anonymity. Because the Caldwell residence hall moved this semester, the CLA is now dissolved. (Names have been changed to protect the culprits, we’ll call their representative “Burdell.”)

“The first conception of the idea of stealing the ‘T’ came to us at the dinner table one night,” said Burdell. “We were all talking about stealing the big ‘T’ and how you couldn’t do that anymore. We then noticed how many other ‘T’s’ there were on campus buildings, and we thought, ‘Hey, wait a minute, I see all the little ‘T’s disappeared around Atlanta.’ That would be even bigger than stealing the big one.’ So we got together, four of us, and started.

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When you can’t afford Cancun, try a road trip

By Kimberly Rieck
Staff Writer

After almost two months of grueling schoolwork, papers, tests, and stress, there comes a time when every Tech student should take a break. Spring break is from February 29 until March 10 (March 2 to 6, officially). While some people may fly off to Cancun, the Bahamas, Vail or a plethora of other exotic and thrilling locations, others cannot afford the expensive airfare or trip cost. However, inexpensively alternative vacation natives exist other than spending the break at home.

A common college tradition is road trip with a few friends. One of the basic requirements is a car. Unfortunately, most rental agencies will not rent cars to college students, so the only ways to obtain one if you do not own one already is to borrow one or convince a friend with one to come along on the trip. If the friend is reluctant, a selling point would be to offer to share all gas and part of lodging expenses for the driver. Also depending on the distance, it might be necessary to convince three or more friends to come along to share the driving responsibilities.

As far as road trip accommodations, travelers can find many cheaper options. Instead of staying in hotels, some towns and places have nearby camp sites. Also it is important to budget how much you plan on spending on food, accommodations, souvenirs and attractions for each day, and how many miles one has to travel each day.

The most important step is to figure out the destination. There are many popular destinations this year for spring breaks. For some of the longer trips, it is necessary to leave on the 29 in order to make it back to tech on time. Luckily, several of them are only one or two days drive away from Atlanta.

One of the most common places for Techies to travel to during spring break is Panama City Beach, Panama. Panama City Beach has been rated the number one spring break destination in the U.S. For those looking to swim and get a tan over break, it has 27 miles of white beaches. Places to check out there are the beach clubs such as Spinnaker, LaVela, Shucky’s and Harpoon Harry’s. Panama City is 388 miles away from Atlanta.

In recent years, Key West, Florida has become a popular place for college stu

Interview with Stephanie Ray
On Tech, diversity and Black History
By Jennifer Lee
Contributing Writer

When Stephanie Ray has something important to say, she leans forward on the edge of her chair, plants both feet on the ground, and by golly, she says it.

Her words are carefully chosen and eloquent, but at the same time, she seems totally genuine, and above all, the thing you carry away from an interview with Stephanie Ray is her passion and enthusiasm for what she does.

Stephanie Ray is the Associate Dean of Students and Director of Diversity Issues and Programs. She earned both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Western Kentucky University, with undergraduate degrees in history, government, and speech communication, and a graduate degree in Student Personnel Services in Higher Education.

After graduating, she worked for several institutions (her alma mater, Mississippi State, and Georgia Southern, to name a few) in a variety of areas such as disability, women’s issues, student activities, and organizations, counseling, and multicultural affairs before she finally coming here in 1997.

Before Dean Ray’s arrival, there was no Office of Diversity Issues and Programs, which may come as a surprise to many. Another surprise is that Dean Ray had a hand in creating not one, but two diversity programs: in 1994, Georgia Southern decided to create an Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Ray, who had previous diversity workshops and speaking at different colleges and universities in the region, was hired as their first director. When she arrived at Tech in March 1997, she was again asked to head Tech’s first Office of Diversity Issues and Programs. She is proud of both.

“I have the distinct privilege and honor of having created two offices from scratch. That is a unique opportunity, and I feel so blessed and honored to be able to do that, because that’s the apex of a person’s career. It is possible to do something new. And I’ve been able to do it twice, at 40 years old, or 40 years young, or whatever,” she echoes at the end of our interview that reminds me of her humility and respect for the students and her work.

Ray also gives much of the credit to the students. “It would not have been possible without the students,” she said. “It was the students that requested there be a Director of Diversity; they asked, ‘Other college have them, why don’t we?’”

One of the most unique things about Tech and what I love the most is that students are very involved in making decisions that pertain to them. And so Tech’s Diversity listened to the students, and hired me and started this office.

“And,” she said, smiling, “that is so Tech! I don’t think that could have happened elsewhere.

Her job as Director of Diversity Issues involves closely working with students to relay messages to the administration, as well as providing diversity training and educa
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Winner will be selected randomly from correct entries and receives a Technique T-shirt and free Papa John’s pizza.

Last week’s Tech Up Close:
The eye of a stone carving by Brittain Hall

Last week’s winner:
Michael Verba
ed pillaging Tech for all the little
'T's."

A total of 32 'T's were stolen from six-teen different buildings on
campus over a time period of two
ights and one day. The first inci-
dent occurred when the group stole
both 'T's from the back of Fitten
residence hall. The second building
was Woodruff North.

"We had attempted to steal a
frat letter, but we realized that they
would find out who we was and kill
us, so we decided no fraternities or
sororities," Burdell said.

According to Burdell, the easiest
buildings to retrieve the 'T's from
were the newer buildings. "The 'T's
on the Health Center were the hardest
to get, but it was the easiest build-
ing to get to without being noticed.
The hardest ['T's] to reach were on
the College of Computing and the
Electrical Engineering Building."

The Van Leer Building's 'T's were
stolen in broad daylight. Two of
the former CLA members stood
watch from a distance while the third
member climbed the building armed
with a hammer in his bookbag and
died off the 'T'.

The removal from the CoC, how-
ever proved to be more difficult.
"When the person...was hanging
off the CoC, he was literally holding on
with his legs." Anonymous
Student

Campus 'T' stealer

"If the student[s] were success-
ful in their actions, it doesn't
mean that the next student...will be too."
Karen Boyd
Sr. Associate Dean of Students

"When the person...was hanging off the building] took a
nice ten-foot fall to the ground."

The incident revealed that the
issue of safety was still a concern,
despite the smaller scale of the prank.
According to the Office of the Dean
of Students, the degree of danger
involved in committing such an of-
fense is a major contributing factor
in taking disciplinary action.

"The stealing of the Tech 'T' is an
issue of damage and extreme phys-
ical danger," said Karen Boyd, Se-
nior Associate Dean of Students.

"The only reason we would be
involved is because of the percep-
tion of it being a tradition and the
danger that is associated with it," said
Boyd.

In addition, the magnitude of the
financial cost associated with the
crime would have to be assessed
in order to make accurate judge-
ments on the nature of the sanction
on the student. In the case of the
stealing of the smaller 'T's around
campus however, the cost has been
estimated by the Department of
Facilities as being approximately 15
to 20 dollars per letter.

"Insurance doesn’t cut in until
you have a damage value of $5000,
so in terms of making repairs, inci-
dents like this are minor compared
to the Tech Tower vandalism," said
Warren Page, Director of Opera-
ations and Maintenance.

When vandalism and external
damage occur, the type of building
involved determines who is in charge
of repairs. The Department of Fa-
cilities handles cases involving ad-
ministrative and academic buildings,
such as the College of Computing
and the Rich Building, but the De-
partment of Housing handles any
damage to the residence halls.

"With buildings like the Health
Center and the Bookstore, the staff
would have to notify us and put in
a request for a replacement. In this
case, the cost of replacement would
come out of their budget rather than
friendships are fading because we
are now split up all over the place
and not even in freshman dorms," Burdell said.

The former CLA feels a sense of
accomplishment for having thought
of such a creative prank and hope
that it may become a tradition for
them. However, according to Dean
Boyd, this may be yet another rea-
son to charge the students if caught.

"We evaluate each incident in-
dividually," Boyd said. "However,
if the student was successful in their
actions [sic], it doesn’t mean that the
next student who follows their
tradition will be too. We assess the
element of danger to future stu-
dents potentially," said Boyd.

Wondering where the missing
letters are now? You won’t find them.
According to the former CLA, some
were given away as party favors last
semester. Then, at the semester’s
close, the remaining letters were taken
to various out-of-state residences.

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frequently encountered increduli-
ty, disbelief, and immediate argu-
mentative reposition when I express
them.

Obviously, the best place to seek
such an education is the classroom,
but unfortunately, I have discov-
ered that the educational system
is fraught with superficiality, degrad-
ing its underlying value.

Students in the classroom evalu-
ate who is most intelligent through
test scores, grades, and academic
standing, but such numbers are am-
biguous, for a less intelligent stu-
dent may earn great grades while a
more intelligent student may strug-
gle in a class. The student who
earns a 1600 on his SAT is not
necessarily a genius, nor is the stu-
dent who fails trigonometry a math-
ematical moron. When I enter a
classroom, I understand that the
primary objective of the class is
to learn something and learn it well,
regardless of whether I find the ma-
terial interesting. I do this because
I believe that it is vital for everybody
to study every subject, even of most
subjects are pursued as a sideline
activity, for if a person limits his
focus to one particular academic
field, he will develop a narrow-mind-
ed and one-sided outlook on life.

I think that most people under-
estimate the importance of main-
taining a varied education, especially
when they focus more on the grades
than on the material. The world
around us is so vastly and mysteri-
ously complex that nobody can even
begin to perceive it without a thor-
oughly developed well-rounded
knowledge base. Every fact that I
have learned in the classroom aids
in solving the puzzle of the real-
ity we all share. Religion, science,
English, history, visual arts, mathe-
matics, computers, current events—
all illustrate a different facet of our
very existence, so unless each stu-
dent is willing to devote his time to
this diverse educational pursuit, he
will never understand the complex-
ity of reality as a whole.

Once I began to recognize this
nature of reality for myself, I real-
ized that any need I might have to
fit into social convention was insig-
nificant by comparison, and I be-
came less afraid of asserting my own
attitude and beliefs, regardless of
how radical and incomprehensible
they may be. The true geniuses of
the world, then, are those who have
fully comprehended reality in this
fashion. They have become skilled
in accumulating a wide berth of
information and then manipulat-
ing it to enhance their outlook on
reality and uncover deeper truths
about life. This insight keeps them
intelligent and modest, and they
succeed in making discoveries and
developing philosophies that bene-
fit the entire human race by assist-
ing in its intellectual evolution.

The direct polar contrast to the
true genius is, of course, the arro-
gnant and egotistical blockade who
practices style over substance in or-
der to incite the admiration and en-
vy of his peers, perhaps eliminat-
ing his private insecurities at the
same time. Whenever I hear some-
one branded a true genius, I stop
and carefully consider if that indi-
vidual has met the criteria for au-
thentic ingenuity. I believe that each
person must be analyzed for the
qualities of the true genius before he
is called such.

Now, I'm not stating that those
who are not geniuses lack intelli-
gence. I go to school and I’m sur-
rounded by hundreds of intelligent
people every day. Nor do I believe
that those who are not geniuses lack
individuality. I simply mean that the
true geniuses of the world are the epitome
of social individuality, analytical in-
sight, and educational development.
I am not a true genius, but I aspire
to this model, and I encourage ev-
everybody, for the sake of their own
self-improvement and that of the
human race, to seek every opportu-
nity to improve their own mind in
the same manner.
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tion, not just for students, but for faculty and staff as well. “One of my roles is to provide training and programming for Tech students in areas of diversity education. But in order to do that, you also have to provide training for the faculty and staff, because you can’t satisfy student needs without working with the faculty,” said Ray. She holds workshops, which are open to everyone and should be starting soon this spring, for this purpose. More importantly, she tries to modify her workshop schedule to accommodate the busy schedules of students and faculty. For example, student workshops are usually on Saturdays, and shorter than faculty workshops. “My heart is in office, though, is just a place to go. ‘My office is here so that students who need my services, or feel that they have been mistreated or misunderstood in any way because of something related to diversity, have a place to report it, or just be able to ask a question and get some information.’ In addition to doing workshops, Ray is the advisor to the Diversity Forum, a student organization, and is in charge of the Women’s Leadership Conference taking place this weekend. She is also working with the student affairs committee to bring Operation Integration onto campus, a weekend retreat to discuss diversity issues and get training. She also has a project of her own, a program called Hearing for Healing, that she wants Georgia Tech to host, hopefully sometime in April. And she mentioned that she had a meeting at 9:00 a.m. the next morning to talk about bringing speakers to Tech to help faculty, staff, and administrators address the needs of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered community. The range of the projects she’s working on demonstrates the broad definition Ray has of the word diversity. “We look at diversity in very broad terms here: it’s much more than race and ethnicity. When you hear the word diversity, you often think about differences. Diversity often focuses too much on differences and not enough on the similarities… and the similarities are what bring people together,” said Ray. Most people don’t think about diversity on a daily basis, maybe because Tech is such a diverse campus, with international and out-of-state students of all different ethnicities. When asked how this affects diversity at Tech, Ray replied, “I do think that students come to Tech with a broader understanding of just how valuable diversity is in their lives. But Tech is a microcosm of society, and just like anywhere else, we have diversity dilemmas that we have addressed and that we still need to address.” I also think that each part of the university has to play a role in making diversity an important issue for Tech, not just the students. So you always have work to do.” What kind of work? Ray immediately lists some specifics. “I would love to have some money set aside for diversity programming, for ethnic student organizations to have the opportunity to present programs to the public,” said Ray. She also wants to create a Web-based way for students to report incidents of discrimination and harassment. She also mentions the need for better access for students with disabilities, citing the frequent breakdown of the elevators in Skiles as an example. In view of Black History Month, Ray, who considers herself “African-American with French and English ancestry,” affirms that “Black History Month is important to me because I have a degree in history, and from a historian’s point of view, history has always been taught from a Eurocentric perspective. And while I’m very comfortable with my European ancestry, at the same time, I’m also aware of how my African-American ancestry has been so left out.” That’s why, she says, Carter G. Woodson, a historian himself, started Black History Month. “It’s all about finding a way…” “That’s not to say that I don’t think that Hispanic American Month, Native American Month, etc., aren’t equally as important,” she continued, growing more passionate with every word. “I wish there would come a time when we don’t need to have months at all, that all these cultures would be recognized and appreciated and celebrated every day.” But until this time comes, “I think we need to have these types of programs in place to bring awareness.” She puts a pragmatic spin on diversity—a subject that is easy to idealize. “In college, not only do I want you to get a degree, I want you to get an education. And at Tech, you can get the best education that money can buy, as well as the best degree that money can buy. If you come out of college and you don’t get an education and you just get a degree, then Georgia Tech has failed you, and you have failed Georgia Tech. You should capitalize on these diverse experiences that you get at Tech because ultimately, diversity will give you the competitive edge in life and in the business world.” When asked whether she worries about being politically correct when it comes to diversity, she laughed and shook her head. “PC—that is a taboo word for me. For the record, I am not into PC,” she said with emphasis. “When being PC is all we’re thinking about, it prevents us from asking questions, and if you’re too scared to ask questions, that keeps me from getting to know you. I’m so afraid that I might call you the wrong thing, step on your toes, that it’s easier just to avoid you than to address you.” “But, you know,” she says, drawing from her seemingly endless well of memorable quotes, “I cannot tell you how many times I have been called out of my name. But the names that I have been called—they don’t bother me; they just run like water off me. Because the most important thing is not what you are called, but what you choose to answer to.”
dents to flock to during their vacation. MTV picked the locale for its spring break shows last year. Key West features opportunities for snorkeling, historic sites and gorgeous beaches. Popular sites include Hog’s Breath Saloon, Sloppy Joe’s Bar and the ever popular Hard Rock Café. Key West is 854 miles away from Atlanta.

If you want to avoid the beaches, a cool road trip would be to travel to Washington, D.C. and then stop off at the Outer Banks in North Carolina on the way back to Georgia. In D.C., the cherry blossoms will be in bloom to see. The numerous museums on the mall, including the Holocaust Museum, the Museum of Natural History and the Air and Space Museum, can provide hours of free or inexpensive entertainment. Georgetown is a popular destination for tourists and shopping. Its numerous restaurants, ranging from Ethiopian to Moroccan, can feed the weary traveler.

Once in D.C., you can use the Metro system to travel around. From D.C., it will take 339 miles to get to Hatteras, NC. At Hatteras, there is a ferry to the Outer Banks. From Hatteras, Atlanta is 553 miles away.

If you enjoy being in the car for long hours at a time, then a trip to the Four Corners would be an interesting experience for any road trippers. Four Corners is where Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico meet. One of the sites there is Monument Valley Tribal Park. Admission is $2.50 for those 8-59. The advantage with going there is that camping costs only $10 a night.

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New York City has its own share of attractions to check out, from the old favorites (the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center and Times Square) to countless new spots. Plus, you could do anything from the playing softball in Central Park to clubbing with Big Apple socialites or visiting El Museo Loco, which features odd-ball attractions. The numerous clubs, Broadway shows, and restaurants make NYC a great trip playground. Accommodations can be expensive, so one possibility is to stay in nearby New Jersey and to take a train into the city each day. While in NYC, the subway system provides easy transportation and that will save wear and tear on the car, as the drive to NYC is 883 miles.

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Imbruglia sheds ‘one-hit wonder’ label

After reaching initial success with her single ‘Torn’ from the album Left of the Middle, Australian-born singer Natalie Imbruglia proves her talents have staying power with White Lilies Island, her biserial recording.

By Kimberly Rieck
Staff Writer

Natalie Imbruglia proves her talents have staying power with White Lilies Island. The pop scene has changed dramatically since that time. Her newest album fails to reflect the popularity of current dance-driven pop hits. Imbruglia stays true to her first album heavily in her sophomore debut. In many ways this is a welcome sign because if the tides of pop change once again, then creativity and originality by artists will become popular again.

All of the songs on White Lilies Island are either written or co-written by Imbruglia. She appears to be determined to disprove critics who stereotype her as another international star with little U.S. success.

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Norwegian black metal supergroup
Dimmu Borgir thrashes Masquerade

By Matt Flagg
Online Editor

Norway’s finest black metal band, Dimmu Borgir, played to the Atlanta metal crowd for the first time on Wednesday night at the Masquerade. A unique and easily recognized slice of the population exhibited a strong sense of community with black T-shirts bearing slogans such as “Metal Above All” and “Evil Inside.” Although many may find black metal to be too dramatic, with its screaming vocals and interspersed operatic singing, this crowd took these bands quite seriously. Characterized by variations on melodic keyboard instrumentals, guitar solo transitions to classic death metal speed and emphasized by double bass drum blasts, Dimmu Borgir contrasted strongly with the preceding three metal bands Datholic, Rekasm, and Cryptopy.

The current line-up of this European superband is quite a motley crew: Shagrath, lead singer of Dimmu Borgir, receives approval from his fans Wednesday night at the Masquerade. This black metal band played to a crowd of 600. Shagrath, lead singer of Dimmu Borgir, receives approval from his fans Wednesday night at the Masquerade. This black metal band played to a crowd of 600.
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Dimmu

So, who is Dimmu? You know who you are. I’m talking about those of you who were actually here in the quarter days. If you remember the quarter days, then I’m sure you remember how there used to be a nice unfettered walkway that you could use to walk from Boggs all the way to West Campus. Oh, how the TwoBits Man could back to a simpler time, remembering the easy lifestyle of yesterday. You see, when I was a freshman, stuck on the Freshman Experiment meal plan, we used to like to walk to Wood- druff, because the food was much more so much closer to edible than Brittain. Of course, all that stopped when they just arbitrarily stuck a building in the middle of the path.

This Norwegian Grammy-nom- inated band is a welcome treat for the biggest fans could be seen mouth- ing the words.

This Norwegian black metal band Dimmu Borgir brought their musical stylings to the Masquerade, just up North Avenue from campus, Wednes- day night. For more on the band, check www.dimmu-borgir.com.

The night’s most popular songs were off the latest release titled Pu- nitarian Euphonic Misanthropia. Kings of the Carnival Creation, a song consisting of fragmented one-liners with seemingly deep mean- ings that touch on the band’s disapproval of modern society and the voyages of life and death, was the most well-received song. The other crowd-pleaser was titled In- doctriNation and contained such lyrics as “On behalf of water made to wine, elements of deception must entwine, righteous greed and de- rangement devine, vacuum is given to the blind.” Of course, in true black metal fashion, these lyrics were indecipherable and only the band’s greatest fans could be seen mouth- ing the words.

Though the Architecture building may or may not be considered “right in the middle of the pathway” by the always insightful TwoBits Man, many of the buildings on campus are. For campus walking tips, keep reading.

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Innovoxx a unique experience

By Rob Hill
Staff Writer

I recently sat down with Jeff Ford, the mastermind behind the café/connectivity lounge/performance space known as the Innovox Lounge.

Rob Hill: Innovox is pretty unique as a coffee lounge, seeing as it is the only connectivity lounge in Atlanta, what inspired you to open such a thing?

Jeff Ford: I started Innovox because I looked around Atlanta for the place I wanted to hang out and I couldn’t find it. I graduated with a degree in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and worked at a computer company for twelve years and knew that I wanted a place that was at least somewhat connected to the emerging field of the Internet.

Rob: How would you best describe Innovox?

Jeff: I wanted a place that was late night, non-alcohol oriented, smoke free, community oriented. Even though I’m a gay man, I didn’t want it to be gay only — definitely diverse and gay friendly, though. I didn’t feel that Atlanta needed another gay only place — definitely diverse and gay friendly, though. I didn’t feel that Atlanta needed another gay only place — definitely diverse and gay friendly.

I knew I wanted a large place, but I also knew I wanted it to be open. I wanted it to be large enough to accommodate lots of people doing different things at once, but with enough space so that people weren’t trodding on each other.

I also knew that I wanted a conference room, so that community organizations would have an in-town place to meet with plenty of parking so that the little groups that do such good work didn’t always have to meet in someone’s living room.

In short, I wanted to create a little utopia, where the food was good and the internet was fast and people would come to have a good time and maybe learn a little something.

Rob: What kind of food do you serve?

Jeff: We offer coffee, tea, espresso, capuccino, latte, mochas and a full line of juices and smoothies pressed locally from Arden’s Garden. We have vegan wraps and pocket sandwiches from R. Thomas and we offer soups and chili from Radial Cafe.

Rob: So what are some of the top reasons why Tech students need to check out Innovox tonight?

Jeff: We have open mic nights and poetry slams, sober karaoke and acoustic performers, DJs spinning everything from lounge to downtempo to trance and sometimes house. We offer a quiet place...
Sub

than really taking in Tuckett’s introspective lyrics and comparing them to our own life. Luckily, Sub.bionic is talented enough to vary their song style and still maintain cohesiveness.

Each song has a different mood that visiting a full spectrum of emotions, and “love trans Holistic Bottle” is proof. Whaling moans of grief dominate this track and convey nothing less than empathy. Some might call that whiney but nevertheless it was enjoyable while relaxing in the evening.

Sometimes, the breathy and lush vocals on you I lov/// remind listeners of a certain British band who recently moved away from the melodic yet powerful style inherent in Sub.bionic. It may be a stretch to compare Sub.bionic to Radiohead but not too big of a stretch. The songs all have the appropriate amount of bizarre meaning, and the quality is a good rival. But most importantly, Sub.bionic is not afraid to try something new, get a little creative and fully explore their own bounds.

For instance, “God in Neutral” tones down the singing and stresses keyboard and somber guitar chords. A few unrecognizable samples of nature sounds in the background complete the tone.

Sub.bionic produces the kind of sound suitable for any activity level.

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Sub.bionic is trying to chart a new musical course with “you I lov///,” and their style can be compared to Radiohead in quality and subject matter.

Two Bits

If you still think that the Two-Bits Man is a psychopath, well, you’re probably right. Still, perhaps they could put a tunnel under each of the new buildings or install teleportation devices by each walkway that they break. Personally, if Tech offered me the opportunity to periodically dematerialize to get from place to place, I would be willing to forgive the casually placed buildings that terminate walking paths. However, until that day happens, I’m a little cheesed off. Still, there is yet one more way to stop this problem. Georgia Tech could continue allowing means of transportation around campus by not placing conspicuous buildings in the middle of otherwise functional paths. Until next week, this is a respectfully indignant Two Bits Man reminding you that you can casually toss out your recyclables and toxic waste, but please don’t casually toss your buildings in the middle of the paths that let us get to class. Thank you.
to read and check your email during the day, and lively place to have a coffee and a brisk conversation and a killer game of Scrabble at night. You can draw on our bathroom chalkboard. We keep games and cards and chess and checkers sets around for people to keep themselves entertained.

Innovox is located off of Ponce de Leon in the Kroger shopping center. Hours are 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 24 hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Correction
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Natalie
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The two strongest songs on the album are “That Day” and “Wrong Impression.” “Wrong Impression” is the first single off of the album. The song defies typical love song conventions. It begins with a great guitar riff. In an approach that not many songs take, she gracefully accepts that her love does not share the same connection, or feelings that she has, and she moves on. The guitar sounds on “That Day” give the upbeat song substance, and makes it very enjoyable to listen to. The lyrics are strong, fast-paced, and in a defiant voice.

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The Live List: To February 22, and beyond!

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March Madness is almost upon me.
This, folks, is the pressure week for intramural action. It’s a time where teams like Pike and ATLiens can cement their claims as the top seeds in the men’s and women’s tournaments.
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ciation, said, “Luke has worked hard in both the weight room with the lifting coach Scott McDon-
ald and in the cafeteria to get those pounds on.”

When asked about his weight, Schenscher said, “I am trying to work with weights as much as I can. My time off with my injured foot was bad. But I just try to eat as much as I can, and then eat a bi- t more.”

Since his re-

turn to the game line-up, Schen-

scher has helped out enormously for the Jackets. Holding his own in the paint, he has helped the team keep opponents to a low 40.6 shooting percentage in the last six games. He currently leads the team in field goal percentage at 54.3 percent and in blocks with a total of 17.

“He’s the best passing big guy I’ve been around,” says Hewitt, “and probably the most intelligent post player I’ve had the chance to work with... He sees the floor very well, passes well and is very unselfish.”

Schenscher didn’t have to work too hard to adapt to an American college basketball atmosphere out-

side of his previous international experience. He says his favorite as-

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Yet his biggest challenge when he moved here didn’t actually have anything to do with athletics. “It was hard for people to understand what I said. I have to speak more clearly and slowly for peo-

ple to understand,” he said in his charming Australian ac-

cent. Marc Connolly at ABC Sports said he sounds more like Mel Gibson than Cro-

codile Dundee, but Schenscher still insists, “I don’t have an accent. People here are the ones with the accent.”

Accents haven’t seemed to stop him. He has found a significant other in Jamie Ostric, a high jump-

er on Georgia Tech’s women’s track team. When asked if it was difficult to date another college athlete, he replied, “It’s actually a little easier...you can both understand the time re-

strictions and situations that the other is dealing with.

Schenscher seems to have adapted well to the Georgia Tech and U.S. climate and lifestyle. Missing his family the most, and Vegemite sand-

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tralian sandwich spread. Second, Schenscher has accommodated to the fact that he lives halfway around the world from his home. Keeping busy with basketball training, games and school, Schenscher seems to have found a new home here at Georgia Tech and the fans are all the more happy because of it.

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Frontcourt
Travis Watson and Chris Williams anchor UVA’s frontcourt. Watson averages 10.5 rebounds a game. Both players average nearly 14 points a game and forward Jason Clark comes off the bench as a blocking presence. Tech’s front court is a young corps that is surprising all and is led by Ed Nelson and Isma’il Muhammad.

Backcourt
Roger Mason Jr. has become the Cavs front court since Adam Hall was forced to miss the rest of the season with a foot injury. Mason has over 100 assists already this season and averages 19 points per game. Tony Akins and Marvin Lewis lead the Jackets but there is little to back them up off the bench.

Defense
The Jackets play the Cavalier’s very well. Since 1990 the Jackets have dominated the series by winning 20 of the last 27 meetings. Earlier this year, when the Cavs were ranked seventh in the nation, the Jackets controlled the game until the closing minutes when Virginia took lead and won by a score of 69-65.

Coaching
Pete Gillen is finishing up his fourth season as the head coach of the Virginia basketball team. He is characterized as having an active sideline persona and is known as a player’s coach. Tech coach Paul Hewitt is developing a young team into a potential powerhouse in the ACC. In only his first year at Tech he took an underachieving team into the NCAA tournament.

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Struggling Cavs
Virginia, who was ranked as high as No. 5 in the country at one point, has been tumbling down a very steep slope. The losing continued Wednesday at FSU, where the Cavaliers fell to the 6th place Seminoles 66-59. The Wahoos have lost six of their last eight and are it might not be too early to start sweating an NCAA tourney bid.

Tech, on the other hand, has been playing better but are not exactly tearin up the hardwood. The return of Luke Schenscher to the center position has boost ed Tech’s interior defense and will show an element of the Tech team that the Cavs haven’t seen.

One advantage for Tech is that the Cavs might be looking past Tech; they close out their season against Duke and Maryland.

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last week’s winner

Congratulations to Matt Pavlick. He was the first to correctly answer that 9,15,18 are the rankings of the Tech Baseball team. After defeating Tennessee Tech three times and Wofford once the Jackets are now 8,11 and 17.
Baseball

Perry wowed the crowd with his two HRs. His first in the bottom of the third was hit so hard that it cleared both walls in right field. His second was no slouch either as it easily cleared the 400 ft. mark in center field. Freshman catcher Mike Nickeas was also a triple shy of completing the cycle. Jeff Watchko seems to like his expanded role as starter as he picked up his second win of the season. He came close to throwing a no-hitter until it was broken up in the sixth inning by a scoring decision that didn’t go over well with the crowd. Second baseman Eric Patterson made a good defensive play but overthrew to first base resulting in the first Tennessee Tech runner on base. The official scorer ruled it a hit much to the chagrin of the home crowd.

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In the top of the 9th, broke the Wofford goose egg. Parker continued his hot streak from the previous game by going 2-3 with three RBIs. Patterson did him one better by going 3-4 but chalking up the same number of RBIs. Brian Burks pitched four scoreless innings to pick up the win, as Tech spread the pitching duties around. Kyle Schmidt, Chris Goodman, Jeff Kindel, and Nick Wagner are running on all cylinders.

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Baseball Commentary

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Walking on stilts

7 ft. freshman Luke Schenschher has to adjust to a new country, a new diet and thunderous crowds all while wearing size 17 shoes.

By Katie Neal
Contributing Writer

Have you ever sat at the top of a ladder and looked down, wondering what it would be like to really be that tall? Oh walked around in a pair of stilts, having to duck under doorway or low ceiling you confront? Probably not, but if you had, you would be one step closer to living in Luke Schenschher’s world—where the shirts are long, the pants are longer, and the shoes are enormous (size 17, in case you are wondering).

As the only true center on the Georgia Tech men’s basketball team, Schenschher (pronounced SHEN-sher) was one of the last additions to this year’s freshman class, but had attracted a good bit of attention from Tech for his size and playing ability. He played for three years with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) club team as well as being the first high school player ever named to the Australian National Team.

“We were in need of a center, and Luke could not have come along at a better time for our program,” Head Basketball Coach Paul Hewitt said at the beginning of the season. “His commitment to come halfway around the world to continue his education says a lot about him. He’s an outstanding student, and we feel confident he can add a lot to our program.”

Schenschher was happy with his decision to come to Tech. He said, “I felt comfortable with the coaches—they are really approachable. I felt the situation was going to be a good fit in the best league in college basketball.”

At Schenschher’s arrival, he was immediately put onto a weight program to help put some pounds on his lanky frame. Coming to Tech at 214 lbs., he has worked hard to build up muscle and size, increasing his weight almost 30 lbs. in the last seven months. With a twelve game break from a broken foot, Schenschher was allowed to return to the court in his new diet and thunderous crowds all while wearing size 17 shoes.

Tech opens Ritzy C in record-breaking fashion

Jackets out-score Tennessee Tech and Wofford 62-7 in first homestand at revamped field

By Joseph Jeong
Staff Writer

Tech’s baseball team seems to like its new $9.7 million home. The team continued its fast start to the season by going undefeated in its first four games, three of which were against Tennessee Tech. In last Saturday’s game, Tech scored 11 runs in a single inning.

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Women's track ends UNC's indoor title streak at nine

Renee Metivier set a school record and ran the nation’s second-fastest time in the 5000 meters as the Jackets out-scored the Tar Heels 122-113 to win their first ACC track title of any kind.

North Carolina had won 13 of the last 15 conference championships, but a strong team effort by Tech was too much for the Heels. Freshman Shanta Smith won the triple jump and set the school record with a jump of 14’10.75.” The 4x400 relay squad of Dana Rogers, Nicole Campbell, Jessica DeFreitas and Smith placed first with a time of 3:46.01.

The men’s squad placed third behind second place Florida State and first place Clemson.

Gunn named ACC Women’s Tennis Player of the Week

Catherine Gunn, a freshman from Winchester, England was named Player of the Week after garnering a pair of wins last weekend in South Carolina.

Gunn, who is 7-0 in dual match play, defeated South Carolina’s Kathy Boyanov and Harvard’s Alex Marritte in straight sets.

Ex-Jacket stars change teams

Charlie Rogers, a captain on the 1998 football squad, was chosen by the Houston Texans as the 13th pick in the expansion draft. Rogers, formerly of Seattle, is expected to return to the pants and kickoffs for the Texans.

In the NBA, former Tech point guard Travis Best was part of a seven player deal that sent him from Indiana to Chicago.