**Student Life Fund extended indefinitely**

By Daniel Amick  
**New Editor**

Institute President Wayne Clough has agreed to extend the Student Life Fund for as long as he is president, according to student government leaders. The $250,000 fund was created earlier this year to support high-impact, high-visibility projects like campus-wide concerts, “Vicken’ and Rollin’” at Six Flags, and more.

Originally, Clough set aside $50,000 in discretionary funds for event/escalat spring, as well as $100,000 annually for the following two years.

The allocation was designed to be an incision meeting with a budget Life Endowment could be created. Graduate Student Body Presid college president. The $250,000 request in collaboration with Clough. The $250,000 fund is also available for students to use in creating endowments.

President Clough was very pleased with the fund. “The Student Life Fund is a great opportunity for students to create something that will have a long-term impact on the college,” said Clough. The fund is expected to continue providing the student body with resources to help improve the quality of life on campus.

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**Speak Up survey, focus group report released**

By Stephen Baebl  
**Senior Staff Writer**

The results of the Speak Up student opinion survey were released Tuesday. The survey, conducted by Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, aimed to gather feedback from students on various aspects of their experience at Georgia Tech.

The survey included questions on academic performance, campus life, and overall experience. Students were asked to rate their satisfaction with various aspects of their education.

The survey results are available on the Georgia Tech website. The data will be used to inform the development of new programs and initiatives to improve student satisfaction and academic performance.

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**CoC may cut undergrad TAs**

By Laura Masce  
**Senior Staff Writer**

The course everyone loves to hate may be experiencing even more structural changes come January. Next semester, the College of Computing will greatly reduce the number of undergraduate teaching assistants it hires for its two introductory computer science classes (CS 1321 and 1322).

For several years, TAs have played a major role in teaching the introductory CS classes, and more restrictive budgets will force changes. Merrick Furst, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs for the College of Computing, spoke about the changes ahead.

“There’s no secret that everybody’s budgets are tight right now,” Furst said.

In addition to budget concerns, the CoC has been forced to accommodate increasing numbers of students enrolling in CS classes.

“Our undergraduate population, the numbers of students who are serving, has really skyrocketed. It’s dramatically increased over the last few years,” Furst said. “As our numbers have skyrocketed, there hasn’t been anything like that kind of increase in our base budget,” he said.

This confluence of events has led the CoC to reconsider the necessity of undergraduate TAs, especially in the introductory courses.

“We’re trying to figure out how to spend the little money we have in the most effective ways we have, and it will definitely affect how many TAs we hire because money is just not as available,” Furst said.

“We are going to have to break out of the model that says you have to put 200 people in a classroom out of the model that says you have to have one professor and then break up into recitations with 30 or 40 people,” Furst said.

“We need to break out of that model for lots of reasons. It’s good to change it because it causes us to have to spend too much money at a time when we are trying to keep spending under control,” he said.

Some students consider the TA system to be invaluable. Jen Keskeny, a fourth year Management major, commented on her experience in the introductory CS class.

“One of my class requirements was CS, and it was a challenge,” Keskeny said. “My TA would conduct both group meetings and one-on-one meetings that made a huge difference in my performance in the class.”

Tina Deng, a third year Industrial Engineering major, is currently a TA for CS 1371 and was a Scheme TA for three semesters. Deng is in the computer language used in CS 1321.

“I think many students found the guidance provided by TAs to be helpful with the coursework,” Deng said. “Having TAs also allowed [students] to ask more specific questions, particularly during office and help desk hours, so they got exactly the help they needed,” she said.

Sometimes, students have trouble even coming up with a question.

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**SGA student org budgets due Friday**

The deadline for tier two and tier three student organizations’ budget applications is Friday, Oct. 3 in the SGA office. Budget applications are online at cybergate.gatech.edu/sga.

For more information, contact Joint Finance Committee Chair Lisa Brown.

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**SAC memorial planned at CRC**

The Campus Recreation Center will soon house a memory wall for the Georgia Tech Student Athletic Complex. The CRC is now accepting reflections on the topic: “What SAC meant to you.” The deadline for submissions is Sept. 30.

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**By Andrew Snodgrass, a publication of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, recently named Tech alum and chief technology officer of Atlanta-based Ciphertex Paul Judson to its list of the world’s 100 Top Young Innovators. Judge, 26, earned a Ph.D. in network security from the Georgia College of Computing in 2002. He is the lead inventor for seven Cipher Trust technologies in anti-spam and secure messaging technologies.**

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**High Rollin’**

Johnny Yao wins a round of roulette at Ramblin’ Nights’ “Vegas Night.” The event featured a hypnotist, a wedding chapel, magicians, a climbing wall and a food court full of gambling tables.

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Aggravated Assault
9/17/2003 20:00 hrs.
LOCATION: 531 Turner Place/Folk Dorm
INCIDENT: Report that a student was threatened with a pair of scissors.

Disorderly Conduct
9/21/2003 2:19 hrs.
LOCATION: Hemphill Avenue @ Tenth Street
INCIDENT: Offender arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

Larceny-Theft
9/18/2003 14:35 hrs.
LOCATION: 939 Hemphill Avenue/Center Street Apartments
INCIDENT: Report that two carpet cleaners were stolen.

DUI
9/21/2003 2:19 hrs.
LOCATION: Hemphill Avenue @ Tenth Street
INCIDENT: Offender arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

Information
9/17/2003 17:01 hrs.
LOCATION: Corner of Techwood/Bobby Dodd Way
INCIDENT: Report of a stolen water hose and two water hoses.

Possession of Alcohol.
9/18/2003 15:30 hrs.
LOCATION: Old CE Building

We want your opinions!
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Paying tribute

From page 1 to ask, and that’s where TAs have the most value, because they can explain, rephrase and describe a problem or concept to students until the idea is understood,” Deng said.

Furst said he hopes that the benefits TAs offer will still be present in the restructured class. Furst described the new system as one that will utilize more senior faculty members to teach lower-level classes.

“Right now we’re only making decisions about more senior faculty,” Furst said. “We’re looking at using more professors who might have been teaching upper-division classes and have them teach lower division classes, which actually I think will be educational and good for the students,” he said.

Furst also said that, without TAs to help with grading and teaching in recitation, professors will have to be active in finding new ways to teach and handle the classes.

“In a time where we weren’t constrained by budgets we might run the course one way, as a big lecture with lots of little sections,” Furst said. “Now we’re asking faculty to be creative and find new ways to offer their classes that aren’t quite so financially and labor intensive.”

Deng recognized a few possible problems that professors may face without TA help.

“With over a thousand students taking introductory CS courses each semester, I imagine doing away with TAs will change the course dramatically,” Deng said. “I think it’ll make help harder to find. There would have to be dramatic changes in the way students are tested, perhaps necessitating a switch to electronic tests, or at least purely multiple choice exams.”

Prashant Gulati, a third year Computer Science major, worked as a CS 1321 TA for the past four semesters. Gulati was also concerned about possible problems with the new organizational structure.

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Associate Dean, CoC

This helped two to four professors handle classes of 1000 or more students. Grading homework, tests, finals and even coming up with them will be a huge issue for a staff of four instructors,” Gulati said. “I see either assistant-instructors being a part of the system or the whole structure of the class being revamped.”

Undergraduate TAs could potentially be replaced by a smaller pool of graduate students. Ye Yan, a former CS 2200 TA, found problems with this solution.

“I think the undergrad TAs can relate better to the students since they have just recently taken the course,” Yan said. “The graduate TAs require higher pay,” he said, “reducing the total number of TAs for the same budget. I think that would both increase the workload on the TAs and decrease their accessibility...”

“The changes we are making in the 1300-level classes, where a lot of our TAs are, are driven by two things,” said Furst. “The first thing they’re driven by is how to make those classes more exciting, more interesting, more innovative...but at the same time, we’re being put into this place where the budgets are shrinking really fast, so we’re also forced to think about ways to do it that are less financially stressed.”
Speak Up from page 1

on campus,” said President Wayne Clough. “This [survey] focuses on the fundamentals of teaching and learning and clearly is important to each and every student and faculty member. We want to make sure we hear from as wide a spectrum as possible before we take the next steps.”

McMath wants to be sure to use such input to bring about change.

“The most important thing is for the campus to have some discussion,” he said. To this end, he wants to use the survey as a guide to facilitate more communication between faculty and students. He said he then wants to use the input gained from the discourse to make improvements and to retain aspects students and professors like.

McMath said in the report, “I promise to publicize the results and to work with students in follow-up on their suggestions.”

Students opinion on how effectively the results would be implemented varied.

“One of the best things about how well we did this year is that we now have a good idea of what the students have to say,” said Undergraduate major Katie Ussery. She specifically referred to the Course/ Instructor Opinion Survey sent to students in each class at the end of each semester.

“The teachers need more of an incentive to follow through with student recommendations,” she said.

Chemical Engineering senior Richard Lau said students might answer the call of this survey.

“I think one of the major differences is that Dr. McMath is an administrator that has gone out and become personable with a lot of the students on campus. I feel that gives him quite a bit of credibility with the student body,” Lau said.

Deans and heads of schools as well as other administrators will receive copies of the report. McMath will also provide a copy to any student or professor who emails him. According to the report, the results will be used in “faculty-student discussions.”

“Speak Up is an important component of a larger effort to improve the learning and living environment on campus.”

Wayne Clough

Institute President

**Fund**

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other members of the campus community,” DiSabatino said.

“...I’d have to say that for the most part I think [the fund has] been a terrific success and it can only get better,” Norville said. “As the administrators of the fund become more experienced with how to use it and more ideas surface, I think we’ll continue to see its uses improved.

“The response to all events has been fantastic,” said Undergraduate Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lawder, “but I’m especially proud of the Six Flags event, where we reached around half of the student body at Tech. The concert was also a great first step and promises to be even bigger this spring.”

This year, the fund will be used to support Rambin’ Nights events, another campus-wide concert still in the planning stages and a speaker, psychologist Jane Elliot, famous for her Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes study.

Approximately $90,000 remains unallocated so far. Chartered student organizations and Institute departments will have an opportunity to submit proposals for the remaining amount later this fall. In the spring, organizations will submit proposals for the following year. A six-member Student Life Allocation Board made up of administrators and students reviews all proposals.

Selections are made based on a number of factors including the size of the event, the amount of capital required to fund it and the degree to which the event promotes interaction, the arts, cultural awareness or entertainment.

**Breaking the Bubble**

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

**Bush denounced by world leaders after UN speech**

President George W. Bush’s decision to use military force in Iraq was denounced by several world leaders after his speech to the UN on Tuesday. Bush’s staunchest adversaries included French President Jacques Chirac and leaders from Brazil and Indonesia. World leaders, however, did express support for UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan’s statements about instituting stable democracy in Iraq. The timetable for handover of sovereignty is still being debated. France wants sovereignty returned to Iraq within six to nine months, but Bush insisted that the restoration of Iraqi rule should not be rushed.

**NASA intentionally crashes Galileo into Jupiter**

Galileo, a robotic probe launched into space by NASA in 1989, crashed into the planet Jupiter on Sunday. The $1.4 billion spacecraft collected data about the gas-giant for eight years and was still collecting information even up to an hour before its electrical systems and fuel propellant failed. Some of the most important data Galileo sent back was about four of Jupiter’s moons, which are believed to have liquid water or even oceans. Researchers hope the oceans might harbor primitive microbial life-forms.

**Two suspected Guantanamo Bay spies arrested**

On Tuesday, Pentagon officials announced that Air Force Senior Airman Ahmad al Halabi had been arrested and charged with aiding the enemy and espionage. An Islamic Chaplain and Army Captain James Yee is also being held on suspicion of espionage. Both of the men had worked at Guantanamo Bay, the U.S. naval base in Cuba where suspected Taliban and al Qaeda terrorists are being held.

**Federal judge blocks FTC’s do-not-call list**

The U.S. District Court in Oklahoma ruled Tuesday that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) cannot enforce the national do-not-call registry. The registry would have prohibited most telemarketers and marketing firms from contacting consumers on the list. The FTC had signed up about 50 million phone numbers for the list, which was supposed to become effective October 1.
Grits, tea make the South sweet

Some people grow up, attend college, find a job, marry and then die. All in Georgia. Depressing? May be, but if it suits your tastes then why not? Having lived in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. for most of my life, at times it feels like I’ve stepped through some portal returning to school.

There are no regrets to be stated here for attending Georgia Tech, but sometimes the differences, whether good or bad, cause me to do more than lift the casual singular eyebrow. With that said, college has not yet turned out to be the liberal, idealistic phase of my life that books and movies have claimed it should be. I can hear the cries now, including from friends back home, “What did you expect going to a college buried deep in the Bible Belt of America?”

Then again, it’s hard to tell when Tech acts as a conservative bubble in its own right. People from all walks of life are forced to go to friends more often for coding help. An autograder alone could do the grading—but this raises the question of assignments could also become simpler so that an autograder would become multiple choice, simpler and geared more towards general steps and not complex coding problems (to make the tests faster to grade by fewer people); the homework assignments could also become simpler so that an autograder alone could do the grading—but this raises the question of who will write the code for the autograder, since heretofore it has been a task of the TAs.

Additionally, collaboration has already assumed a large role in CS classes, and will now get an even bigger role as students are forced to go to friends more often for coding help. Some possible remedies for the situation include paying undergraduate TAs in credits instead of cash, a practice which has been done with some measure of success in the past. Also, group work on larger projects could be implemented as a partial substitute for the numerous individual homeworks currently assigned. This would result in fewer homeworks to grade, especially considering the number of students who collaborate on homework anyway.

The CoC has proven its ability to handle challenges and sustain changes with positive outcomes in recent years, and so we have confidence that once again the college will be able to react well to the radical re-engineering of its courses that is now necessary.

Lastly, the CS TA is an icon ingrained in Tech’s culture; losing this quirky figure would be stabb in Tech tradition.

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Positive changes abound this semester

The Shaft. We all know it, and we all fear it. We know it is unavoidable; if you haven’t felt it sting yet, you know you will. That’s just how it is here. Or is it?

Tech doesn’t have the repu-
tation of being the most stu-
dents-friendly school in the nation. Some, in fact, might describe it as a boxing match with Muham-
mad Ali. This naturally leads to another Tech stereotype: we, the students, complain a lot.

Is complaining bad? I hope not; I do it all the time. I am, after all, a Tech student. But when it is necessarily good to com-
plain?

Now would be a prime ex-
ample. Not thewhiny “I want to go home, mommy!” com-
plaints. I mean the ones that are helpful—constructive criticism.

Never have I seen such a co-
ordinated effort to listen to stu-
dents and make improvements within such a large and diverse commu-
unity as I have seen in the previous months at Georgia Tech during their War on the Shaft.

Ever since Tech’s second place finish in last year’s Princeton Review “Least Happy Students” poll, administrators have worked to remedy the situation. And, it must be noted that Tech does not appear on this year’s poll.

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**Editorial**

Clough, who himself said “Speak Up is an important component of a larger effort to improve the learning and living environment on campus,” students are a vital part in Tech’s War on the Shaft.

We’re the ones who feel the effects of the problems around campus, and we’re the only ones that can point them out for administrators to do something.

It’s not too hard to send an email to someone in the administration; you don’t even have to get up! And for the more adventurous, students may see open invitations to participate in student-faculty forums before the end of this semester as part of the Speak Up program. Go try one out—you may help make some changes that dull the Shaft’s sting.

**Letter**

we’re the ones who are tearing down the goal posts after exciting victories, the ones who are taking road trips to all the away games, the ones who are providing support so that Georgia Tech can have a nationally competitive athletic program. Wouldn’t it be nice to at least be rewarded with something as simple as a shaker, something that costs less than 60 cents for each bunch of yellow streamers, yet brings happiness to so many fans!

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**A former editor-in-chief, “The Student’s Liveliest,” Jody Shaw is a senior studying International Affairs and Modern Languages. He currently interns in The Carter Center’s Americas Program.**

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 Estimates from the Institute of International Education (IIE) put the cost of SEVIS compliance between $50,000 and $500,000 per school, depending on its characteristics. At Tech, the administration built off the BANNER system to gather its data for SEVIS. And though it funded three positions in the Office of International Education, a permanent SEVIS liaison, as well as another two temporary data-entry positions for the summer, the Institute built off its existing resources. Tech, thus, proved itself able to respond to the challenge, complying with the system rather easily, while other schools around the country struggled to do so.

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Out of the Trees no fairy tale

Dad’s Garage presents its newest play, Out of the Trees, which offers Monty Python-style humor at the hand of Graham Chapman. Page 13

Arr, matey! Students loot and pillage campus for Talk Like a Pirate Day

By Jennifer Lee

“Did you hear about the new pirate movie? It’s rated ARRRR!”

Students woke up last Friday morning to find sidewalks lined with pirate jokes and pick-up lines. With Pirates of the Caribbean being the movie of the summer, interest in pirates surged, but these seemingly random advertisements that appeared last week were actually the efforts of a student group celebrating Talk Like a Pirate Day, a real holiday that has been generating buzz and even has its own webpage at www.talklikeapirate.com.

The idea came from Danny White, an Economics grad student, and Tyler Smith, a third-year Mechanical Engineering major. “Last Tuesday night randomly said ‘Arr!’ to Danny when we were talking, and he said, ‘Isn’t Friday National Talk Like a Pirate Day?’” explained Smith. “[We] pretty much ran with the whole Pirate Day idea from there.”

The idea gained momentum through word of mouth, phone, email and instant messaging. “It was very grassroots,” White said.

Word spread fast, though, and on Thursday night a group of 60-70 students showed up in the parking lot in front of the Old Architecture building, ready and able to help unleash pirate jokes, flyers, and pick-up lines all over campus. “We had so little time everyone just did whatever they wanted,” White said.

The chalking they did, though unapproved, proved to be the biggest publicity for Pirate Day. “We were also ambushed,” said White.

Some pirate students also “ambushed” several classes throughout the course of Friday. For example, White said some other students ambushed a class in the Chemistry annex.

“We coordinated it so that I ran in (through the door by) the whiteboards, and yelled ‘Prepare to be boarded!’” White recounted.

And as soon as he said that, everyone else bustled those doors open and gave a big ARRR... "Something was said to the effect that “I’ll roast you over your Bunsen burners!”

Faculty, staff and students alike gave a positive response to the pirate shenanigans. "All the students we encountered, both inside classes and out, seemed to perceive it very well.” said Danny Puckett, one of the pirates.

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Students pursuing teaching certificate have limited options

By Kristin Noell

Contributing Writer

A career in education is not necessarily something that students at Tech think about for themselves, but students interested in pursuing teacher certification may have an even harder time now than before.

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Students pursuing this option could take state-required education courses while earning their bachelor’s degree at Tech. Unfortunately, the program is no longer in operation. During her freshman year, Rachel Rose, an Applied Math major, discovered that she could get the certificate with only one additional semester. She began talking to her advisors at Oglethorpe the next fall. However, Oglethorpe cut the program that spring, so Rose, now a junior, has to wait to get her Masters in Education afterward, once finishing her degree at Tech.
Family from page 9

fasts and receptions offered during the weekend.
Families can also meet with faculty department members. Many of the individual colleges also sponsors Family Weekend events. For example, the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering gave laboratory tours to students’ families.
Many organizations showcase their events during Family Weekend as well.
For example, Tech’s musical ensembles, including the symphonic and jazz bands, orchestra and chorus, performed in a Family Weekend concert on Friday.
Unfortunately, one important event that was not covered by the registration fee was the price of the tickets to Saturday’s football game against Clemson.
For many parents, the highlight of the weekend was game day activities, and the game provided an exciting climax to the weekend’s events.
Pete Rosegger, a Computer Engineering freshman, said that his parents enjoyed the atmosphere and the excitement before the game.
Given that this year’s Family Weekend was the first time many parents had seen the new stadium, Tech took the opportunity to show it off.
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Family seats were allocated directly behind the student section in the newly constructed segment of the stadium.
Tech also took the opportunity to show off other aspects of the school as well. Georgia Tech encourages parents to visit not only for their own benefit but also for the benefit of the Institute.
After Family Weekend, parents are encouraged to donate to the school. A good impression during Family Weekend means a good donation for Tech.
For this reason, students with messy dorms are not the only ones cleaning up—the maintenance staff works to make sure the campus is looking as good as possible for visitors.
Dining and transportation services also put on their best face. If you want good food at Brittain or Woodruff, then Family Weekend is a good time to find it.
Supposedly, transportation services ran better during the weekend as well, though there was no noticeable difference in the Stinger busses.
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Teacher from page 9 which requires completion of a program of teacher education from an approved provider.

These programs include Master’s of Education and Bachelor’s in Education in addition to non-degree post-baccalaureate programs for people that already have a bachelor’s and are teaching with an intern or provisional license and need the education courses.

Another possibility is to obtain a Provisional License, a three-year, nontemporary license. This license requires a minimum number of teaching field courses, a bachelor’s degree and passing the PRAXIS I and II, the teacher certification test.

In recent years, the state of Georgia has created alternative certification programs because of teacher shortages, particularly in math and science.

“It became easier to become alternatively certified, and I realized Tech students had a gateway, an easier path,” said Dr. Leigh Bottomley, Academic Professional for the Undergraduate Vice Provost.

Prospective teachers may now obtain an Intern License, a two-year nontemporary license that is granted when the applicant is accepted into Georgia’s Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (GATAPP). It requires a bachelor’s degree in a related area, passing PRAXIS I, and is contingent upon a job offer from a county.

The program includes an intensive four to five week course during the summer, followed by teaching the next fall with mentoring and monitoring.

The professional training is completed at night during the first two years, and the two years of teaching count as field experience when applying for a Professional License after passing the PRAXIS II. In addition, the HOPE Teacher Scholarship Program provides forgivable loans to individuals seeking advanced education degrees in critical shortage fields of study.

These fields of study are published each year, and almost always include math and science.

According to Bottomley, math and science “almost always have critical shortages,” which creates a demand for students with degrees in engineering, mathematics, and science.

“I think it’s a great opportunity,” said Bottomley. “There have been 50 to 60 [Tech students] that I know about who are teaching in the metro area that were really well-received.”

Rose added, “Good math and science teachers are so needed, and Tech has some of the best math and science minds out there.”

Teacher salaries are going up as well. In the metro Atlanta area, for instance, most teachers make between $30,000 and $40,000 annually, depending on their license type and degree.

A few years ago, “they were so desperate for math and science teachers that they were offering a signing bonus, something unheard of in education,” said Bottomley.

In addition, teachers have longer summer and holiday breaks than most other individuals in the workforce. “Salaries are good, benefits are great,” she added.

Bottomley will also have a table at the Majors Fair on Nov. 15th in the Student Center Ballroom for students interested in teaching. Although Tech does not currently have a teacher certification program, it does “offer information and academic advisement,” she said. “I’m happy to promote teaching opportunities for students all over campus.”

However, some students would welcome a Tech-sponsored teacher certification program. “I would love to see a teaching certificate program here at Tech,” said Rose. “I think a lot of people would be interested in it, especially if it were here and not joint enrollment.”

Although that is not an option now, it does not mean that teaching is not a possibility for students, especially with the new alternative certification programs in the state.

As Bottomley said, “It’s a different career opportunity than students at Tech think about, but...[I] just want students to know it’s a career option.”

For more information about teacher certification, contact Leigh Bottomley at leigh.bottomley@carnegie.gatech.edu.
Student, faculty and staff alike part in the fun of Talk Like a Pirate Day. A few spent the day in costume, including Tomney Klemis of Junior’s, who serves a customer while clad in a skull and crossbones bandana.

Pirates

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the students who went around as a pirate Friday. "I think it was unexpected to have someone show up to a class, burst in, and start talking like a pirate," said Puckett. "If nothing else, it woke everyone up."

He added, "The faculty whose classes we ‘ambushed’ actually took it very well. Some even shouted support as we left or just laughed in shock with the students."

Sally Hammock, Associate Director of the Student Center, saw several of the pirates while they were in the Student Center publicizing. "I was delighted to see that there were many people dressed like, and even more people talking like, pirates," Hammock said.

"It was a fun diversion," she added, "and we can always use more of that."

The pirates also garnered attention from the rest of the student population. "When I’d pass people on the way, they would obviously be looking at me and I’d tell them in my pirate voice that it was International Talk Like a Pirate Day," said Chin.

"It was a lot of fun when random people came up to me and ‘arrr’ed at me and I’d ‘yo-ho’ back."

"I thought it was funny," added Sarah Hancock, a second-year Electrical Engineering major. "I saw a pirate walking around campus and one at the volleyball game."

The pirate at the volleyball game was Chin, who maintained his image even after classes. "I did paint up with some friends for the volleyball game against Wisconsin and kept my pirate attire on," he said.

Other students also got into the spirit of the day. "I saw one guy walking down the sidewalk who had folded up a Technique into the shape of a pirate hat and was wearing it proudly," Smith said.

"Talk Like a Pirate Day inspired me to start stealing from my roommates," Dan Richard, an Industrial Engineering sophomore, joked.

"I commandeered his side of the room, too…so now he sleeps in the hall."

Not all students were aware of the day. "Most didn’t care," said Nguyen Truong, who wore an eye-patch around all day. "But then, that’s not the point."

What is the point, then? Why celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day, of all days? Shelly Mosier, a second-year Industrial Design major, said, "Because Tech is too serious—this gives students a fun break from the routine and monotony of class. The question should not be ‘Why celebrate?’ The question should be ‘Why not celebrate?’"

Indeed, the participants stress that the point was entirely to have fun. "Tech’s a great place, but it can always use a bit more levity," said White.

"Hopefully there’ll be people who can keep the tradition going and do this again next year."

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"[They’re the] people who build stuff and blow them up," said Salomone.

From his experience in the military and his passion for foreign affairs, he has continuously sought to play an active role in both advising different agencies of the Department of Defense and teaching students the progressive tendencies of war.

As for the class itself, Technology and Military Organization focuses on one aspect of war: the advances in technology that have allowed different groups to modify their war efforts and become successful in combat.

From the Battle of Agincourt to the second Gulf War, the class traces the steps humanity has undertaken to embrace new technology. “I have never seen a shot fired in anger,” he gladly asserted.

"The special topics class on technological adaptations of the military, though not in session at present, was offered this past summer and last fall and will most likely be offered in the coming spring semester. No prerequisites are necessary.
Dad’s Garage brings new play

By Erich Hansen
Contributing Writer

The late Chapman, formerly of Monty Python fame, wrote Out of the Trees, which premiered Friday, Sept. 19 and runs until Oct. 25. Dad’s Garage Theater Company has a bit of humor from Chapman; his Oh Happy Day premiered at Dad’s Garage roughly three years ago.

Dad’s Garage was founded in 1995. It includes a 148-seat main stage and a 40-seat black box theater (known as the Top Shelf). In addition to this new play, the venue is known for having great improv.

Out of the Trees doesn’t stop for the intermission. In the concession area, an overly ambitious employee satirizes a bank robbery. A professional wrestler in drag lights a folding chair and a laundry basket. Then the show starts again.

“As with the opening of O Happy Day, we have on good authority, the fans’ shoes will be in attendance, opening night,” said Director Sean Chapman in a press brief. “I think we’re going to work them into the set.”

Out of the Trees is a series of sketches Chapman wrote which have been adapted for the stage. The play is reminiscent of Monty Python’s Flying Circus. Fans of the show would be pleased with the production. The sketches touch on everything from the crucial issue of icebergs — gay professional wrestlers, and of, course, plenty of satire. Gong-Huhn satirizes throughout the show, as does an anonymous historical fan.

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Gigantic car show invades Atlanta Speedway

By Vivian Vahidi
Senior Staff Writer

Fast cars, slow women and, well, lots of free time: this could possibly be the catch phrase for Number One Parts Incorporated (NOPI) Nationals — this fast-paced race show this weekend.

NOPI Nationals is an opportunity for those interested in customizing cars to show off their accomplishments. This year over 100,000 people attended, which made it as big as a small, back alley get together.

Among the events, one could find competitions for Registrant with best use of NOPI theme on, or in around vehicle, Best of Show Exotic, Best of Show Luxury and Best Celebrity-Driven Vehicle. The winner of this latter competition was basket ball star Shaquille O’Neal for his customs Cadillac Escalade.

The drag racing competition was perhaps one of the most interesting. For those unfamiliar with drag racing, here is a brief synopsis. First, the vehicles are sorted according to class. They are then ranked according to loudness, with the noisiest vehicles in each class usually getting trophies.

Spectators find this competition quite the sensory experience, as many of the competing cars have an exorbitant amount of woofers, amplifiers and batteries to increase both the noise that the car makes while racing and the changes of going home with a trophy.

Yet another event was the United States Autosound Competition. This is a competition based upon a set of criteria including sound quality, imagery and installation quality. Generally speaking, the vehicles are ranked by how loud they can play.

Other crowd-pleasing events included the Street Glow Off competition, the Foam Pit and the swim-suit competition. The Street Glow Off competition is held on the track in the evening. As NOPI describes it, this is where the “hottest cars with the coolest lights hang out around the stage and foam pit.”

Speaking of the foam pit, should one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath one have tired of watching strobe-like neon lights twinkle underneath.

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Rocky Horror is one musical everyone should see. It is a trip. Screening run every Saturday at midnight at Lefont Plaza Theater.

Medu Records releases first album

The record company started by a group of Georgia Tech graduates has finally released their first album. Medu Movements, The First Occasion, a hip-hop and soul compilation featuring all their artists, drops today. It can be purchased at www.cdbaby.com and Tower Records on Peachtree. Look for in-depth coverage next week.

Great Storytellers converge at Phips

This weekend wraps up the second annual Atlanta Literary Festival. The festival aims to provide an amalgamation of authors and literary fans in the south. The main event will be held this weekend at Phips Plaza Mall Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday jazz show at Ferst Center

Jazz sensation Peter Cinciripi, 19, performs this Saturday at the Ferst Center. His talent has been compared to that of Harry Connick, Jr. and Frank Sinatra. Check out our review next week. The show starts at 8 p.m. with tickets ranging in price from $20 to $30.

Heavy, loud and dangerous clogs

This Broadway production showcases Irish dance, song and culture in a visual spectacle. Whether seen for the first time or the fifth, the production is big on entertainment value. Tickets range from $15 to $50 at the Fox Theatre. Shows run at 8 p.m. on weekdays and twice on the weekend.

Party at Tapped in the Park with 99x

Atlanta’s Oktoberfest! Local Atlanta rock bands converge at Park Tavern in Piedmont Park Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bands include: To Whom It Concerns, Transient, Area 51, Big Atomic, Bachelor Red, 13 Stories, Down Virginia and Waterproof Fear. Tickets are $5 for Freeloaders, and eight for everyone else.

Do the timewarp again at Lefont

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Scream! It will make you feel better

By Evan Zasukhi
Contributing Writer

Don’t bother going to Netherworld if you’re just going to play the tough guy who refuses to get scared. You won’t have a very good time, and on top of that, you will fail. So unless you’re willing to suspend a little disbelief and let yourself get scared, and I mean pee in your pants scared, you’ll be wasting your time.

Located on Dawson Blvd. off of I-85, the Netherworld is Atlanta’s premier haunted house destination. It was founded by Billy Messina and Ben Armstrong as a way to get all the fun rewards of working in the horror film industry without having to be away from home most of the time.

Prepared the whole year round by a dedicated core of enthusiasts, the Netherworld offers much more than you’re likely to find at your local fair or Halloween carnival. Nothing from "Bob’s Joke Shack" will come out drenched in sweat, you won’t get your money’s worth, and you won’t get your money’s worth. As much as I hate detracting from what is so obviously a labor of love, it’s not my job to write their publicity ads.

The Netherworld does, in fact, have its downside. For one thing, it’s a bit too long. It hits its peak about three-fourths of the way through and by the time the home stretch rolls around, your adrenal glands are pretty well pumped dry. Thus, if I really can’t, in good conscience, recommend that the casual phobophiles plunk down the extra chump change for the Vault 13 upgrade, which is pretty much a continuation of the same.

Though, since there’s nothing actually wrong with Vault 13, you hardcore types and full-on sissies will have a blast. Minor gripes not withstanding, Netherworld is great fun, and good times will be had by all who attend.

In conclusion, if you don’t come out drenched in sweat, you just weren’t trying hard enough.

Amazon

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By Myles Arnowitz / Universal Pictures

Amazon, with the legendary artifact. The plot thickens as Mariana, played by Rosario Dawson, bartender by day and rebel leader by night, accompanies the duo as their guide through the jungle maze. The overall result is that The Rundown hits-and-misses in several areas. The Rock’s role emphasizes his physical presence and fighting skills instead of highlighting his comedic abilities, as were evidenced in his Saturday Night Live performances of the past few years, and Scott is typecast once again in a Stifler-esque role.

The outcome is little chemistry among the leading men; what may look like dry acting is honestly a lacking script. Walken is brilliant, delivering his trademark style, and Dawson surprisingly shames them all with a very gritty, real performance.

The downfall of this picture is that the comedic relief in the form of midgets, horny monkeys and an incoherent jeep driver/guide just doesn’t flow dispersed between solely dramatic scenes.

The theme is not “action-comedy” but “drama-comedy” which simply doesn’t make sense. Had the movie been primarily dramatic or primarily comedic, then the overall package would have been more coherent and more entertaining.

If you’re looking for a passive movie-going experience, with matrix-like kung fu fighting, beautiful scenery, a killer soundtrack and a few amused laughs, then this movie is for you. Otherwise, spend your money on something more engaging and wait until this one airs on TBS some lazy summer afternoon.
Pot, teachers, bikers and tattoos...is it love?

By Erin Gatlin

Contributing Writer

If you like romantic comedies, but they’re all beginning to look a bit the same to you, here’s an independent film you may want to check out—Richard Bean’s Tattoo, a love story. I’ll warn you now, if you’re looking for Hugh Grant, fancy ball gowns á la Mamma Mia, and the usual suspects from everyday life, you will hate it. You will hate it...is it love?

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If you think about it, humans specialize in a chosen field. I, for example, work as a system administrator, and I think setting up enterprise spam filtering is easy, because I could do it.

On the other hand, I don’t think just any random neuroophthalmologist could handle the same system administration task. Monkeys are clearly better suited for the work force due to their versatility.

How often has a math professor here told you that a fifth-degree rational gradient is so easy to find that a monkey could do it? Ask a mechanic...flushing a radiator is so easy a monkey could do it. According to one of my CS4400 students, designing and implementing a database with SQL is so easy a monkey could do it.

In all of these cases, the monkey has the job by virtue of the fact that the host will never let someone else do the job. The host will refuse to start over if the caller has a solid response to the host’s babblings. So, I’m stumped. Why is it that all the jobs that monkeys can do, we just waste their time by putting them in zoos and circuses...?

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I probably shouldn’t spoil the surprise, but next year, look forward to Left-handed Anorexic Day.

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Standard romantic comedies don’t involve post-smoking elementary school teachers fantasizing about strangling third graders.

Tattoo most definitely defies any formula viewers may have come to expect, and for those feeling let down by mainstream movies lately, here’s a film to make up for the lacuna and boost your spirits. Who knows, it may even inspire you to get your own bit of body art. 

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ENTERTAINMENT
Incoherent Scribblings by Matt Norris

Garage

as discrimination and religion to an extent beyond Pythonesque humor. The play proves a little more controversial.

To accommodate the plethora of visual stimuli, a visually stunning set was needed. To this end, set designer Lizz Dorsey did a remarkable job creating a unique stage.

Seamless sketch transitions are possible due to dividing the stage into three different areas, allowing one sketch to begin as the previous ends.

Out of the Trees proves to be an interesting, entertaining, and hilarious evening for both fans and non-fans alike. Make sure to take some time out and attend the show.

Performances are Thursday through Sunday at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $15 to $20 with a Pay-What-You-Can performance on September 29th. Dad’s Garage is located at 280 Elizabeth Street.

Yummy in my tummy, plus some class

By Art Seavey
Entertainment Editor

Each year the Macy’s parking lot at Lenox is overtaken by a horde of the most exquisite restaurants Atlanta has to offer. This year’s Taste of Atlanta’s opening party proved to be a stomach-filling event carried out in style. The charity event carried a hefty price tag, but was well worth it. Since when is a chocolate fountain followed by a gigantic ice sculpture of an Absolut Vodka bottle not heaven on earth?

The nouveau riche of the city took the chance to display what they thought was fashion forward for the time, with the classic tuxedo making an appearance every now and then. The atmosphere was communal, however, especially once the free alcohol and music started to flow.

To top that, the Iron Chef himself, Masaharu Morimoto, performed special demonstrations throughout the night. He has opened his own restaurant in Manhattan after canceling his hit television show. The reason? According to the chef, he had no time to eat.

Over fifty restaurants were represented Friday night for the opening.

A decent simplistic penne pasta with marinara sauce was supplied by Roswell Road’s Food 101. The Imperial Fez off of Peachtree, provided tiny delectable chocolate and berry filled phyllo pastries along with juicy lamb.

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Emeril’s Atlanta proved to be the lone exception of the night. Their undecipherable attempt at a gumbo-type stew was simply salty and bland. Emeril needs to return to Atlanta to put the “Bam!” back in his restaurant.

Roy’s had truly the tastiest fare. Their shrimp and sausage skewer with pineapple salsa was amazing.

Now to the desserts. Carvel had a huge bar of ice cream and toppings to mix and match that ended in a sugar overload. Of course, there was still room left for creamy oreo cheesecake from Atlanta Bread Company.

When next year rolls around, take the time to volunteer or attend this tasty slice of Atlanta.
Quarterback:
Florida State and Clemson figured out how to stop Reggie Ball: blitz linebackers. Tech has been unable to pick up the blitz, forcing Ball into mistakes. In the last two games Ball has been sacked eleven times, as opposed to twice in the first two games combined. Ball needs to do a better job of reading the blitz and either getting rid of the ball or dumping the ball off before the blitz gets to him. He is struggling, completing only 48.6 percent of his passes for 165 yards per game with just one touchdown and three interceptions—an efficiency of just 96.16. The Commodores will rely on sophomore Jay Cutler to lead the offense. He has played rather well so far this season. Cutler is completing 53.4 percent of his passes for an average of 201.2 yards per game.

Advantage: Tech

Wide Receivers:
Jonathan Smith has been consistently good all year. The senior has twenty-two receptions for 355 yards, an average of 16.1 yards per catch and 88.8 yards per game. However, Smith has yet to catch a touchdown pass, mainly because of the conservative nature of Gailey’s passing offense. Wide outs Erik Davis and Brandon Smith are the big playmakers for the Vandy offense. The duo has combined for twenty-two receptions for 465 yards and five touchdowns.

Advantage: Vandy

Running Back:
P.J. Daniels was held to a season-low 34 yards against Clemson, with his longest run being only five yards. The former walk-on has been the workhorse most of the year for the Jackets. But Chan Gailey decided to throw the ball 42 times in order to come back from the huge deficit, leaving the Jackets without an opportunity to establish Daniels and the running game. Norval McKenzie will start but he will split carries with Kwane Doster. The duo has combined for 85.6 yards per game on the ground. The Commodores average 143 yards rushing per game, compared to 88.8 for the Jackets.

Advantage: Vandy

Offensive Line:
Eleven sacks in two games. Yes, P.J. Daniels had over 100 yards against Florida State, but Tech mustered only 45 yards against Clemson. It may rest in the hands of the Tech coaches to change blocking schemes and play-calling, but someone needs to give Reggie Ball some time to make plays. Vanderbilt’s offensive line is rather unimpressive. Justin Geisinger and Brian Stamper will start at the tackles, Brian Kovolisky and Mac Pyle will start at the guards, and Steve Brent will start at center.

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Kelly Anderson  
Sophomore  
Tennis

The first women’s tennis player in Tech history to be named the ACC Rookie of the Year, Kelly Anderson joined the Jacket’s lineups in the spring of 2003, making an immediate impact on both Tech’s singles and doubles lineups.

Last season, Anderson joined Jaime Wong to form Tech’s top doubles team and finished the season ranked at No. 28 in the nation. She is ranked No. 32 in doubles this year.

Anderson and her brother Roger, who is a senior on Tech’s men’s tennis team, are the only two Tech tennis players to earn the ACC Rookie of the Year title in school history.

Steven Blackwood  
Junior  
Outfielder- Baseball

This spring will be Steven Blackwood’s second season with the Yellow Jackets. Blackwood finished last season with a .353 batting average, five home runs and 38 RBIs on the board.

This left-handed outfielder from Roswell, GA spent the summer with league champion Keene Swamp Bats of the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL). Blackwood ended the summer with a Most Valuable Player award for the NECBL and was ranked among the league leaders in a variety of offensive categories.

Blackwood was named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll for 2002-03, along with several of his teammates.

Lauren Sauer  
Junior  
Outside Hitter- Volleyball

Junior outside hitter Lauren Sauer was tabbed the ACC’s Volleyball Player of the Week this past week after leading the Yellow Jackets to three wins last weekend at the Georgia Tech Invitational against Wisconsin, Western Carolina, and South Florida.

In her third season starting for the Jackets, Sauer earned MVP honors for the tournament after tallying up 58 kills, eight blocks and five digs. Last season, Sauer hit .944 in the match against NC State, good enough for an NCAA record in a match with 15 or more attempts.

Named the 2001 ACC Rookie of the Year, this Management major from Huntsville, Alabama is the tallest person to ever play for the team.

NC State’s Washington suspended

North Carolina State wide receiver Richard Washington has been suspended indefinitely after violating unspecified team rules. The freshman was also suspended for the season opener against Western Carolina. Washington was third on the team in catches with 17 for 188 yards and had two touchdowns. The loss comes as the Wolfpack prepares for this weekend’s game against arch rival University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Gilchrist named Super Sophomore

Maryland sophomore point guard John Gilchrist was named one of five Super Sophomores by ESPN broadcaster Dick Vitale last week. Last year, Gilchrist was third on the Terps’ team in assists with 52 and averaged 4.6 points per game for the season. He shot .833 from the field during the Terps’ postseason run to the Sweet Sixteen last year. Another ACC player, Duke forward Shavlik Randolph, joined Gilchrist on Vitale’s list.

‘Noles beat No. 21 Ole Miss for title

Florida State’s women’s soccer team defeated No. 21 Mississippi in overtime, 2-1. The win clinched the 2003 Nike Seminole Classic tournament title for the ‘Noles and is the ninth time since 2000 that the soccer team has defeated a ranked opponent. It was the third consecutive win for a team which began the season 1-3-0.

Tar Heels earn fifth shutout

The North Carolina field hockey team earned its fifth shutout of the season when it defeated Miami of Ohio last Tuesday by a score of 10-0. The No. 2 Tar Heels improved their record to 9-0 with their third victory in the past four days. Miami of Ohio fell to 1-5. UNC-Chapel Hill will take on No. 1 Wake Forest tonight at Kentner Stadium in the team’s ACC opener.
Clemson from page 24

more yards, but Tech had a longer possession time and fewer penalties. If Tech could have just made the right plays, find the weaknesses in the defense and maintain control of the ball, they could have made this a good ballgame, yet.

However, all of those hopes were dashed when at seven minutes into the third quarter, Ball was sacked in the Tech end zone for a safety. Tech was held scoreless for the rest of the quarter, but couldn’t hold Clemson off, allowing a pair of touchdow-nows in the Fourth quarter to make the final 39-3 and the rout official.

Tech’s season has already been a rollercoaster of events with some extreme highs and lows. After a sea-son-opening loss to BYU, Tech roared back with a victory over pre-season favorite Auburn and a 1 point loss to highly ranked Florida State.

There had been some concern at the beginning of the season when Head Coach Chan Gailey started true freshman Ball as quarterback, passing over his seasoned players A. J. Suggs and Damarius Bilbo. Ap-prehensions dissipated when Ball led Tech’s win over Auburn.

“Obviously, I did not get this team ready to play this week,” said Head Coach Chan Gailey in his statement to the press after the game. “It would be easy to point a lot of fingers, but just point them right here at me. It’s my responsibility to get [the players] ready to play.”

Tech’s game plan was plagued as Clemson ended the game with 436 total yards, five sacks on Ball, an interception and a four for four showing in red zone appearances.

Ball ended the game 19-for-42 with 289 yards, and the Yellow Jackets failed to score a touchdown at home for the first time since 1996. Tech’s normally sparkling defense was lack-luster as it struggled to adjust to Clemson’s secondary.

“They’re big, tall guys that can run,” Gailey said. “They can run the ball well enough, you have to keep people around [the line] and you want to pressure the quarterback, so that leaves your corners one-on-one. They threw the ball up there and said, ‘Here’s a jump ball. Go make a play.’”

Tomorrow Tech travels to Nash-ville to face Vanderbilt in its last conference game of the season for Friday’s thriller, sweeping both complete an inspiring come-back.

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The hitting of Sauer and the defense on to its undefeated season behind a.- his campaign with a match-high 15 kills and .480 hitting percent-age. They also outhit the Bulls as a team, .355 to .134. It was a domi-nating performance that complet-ed Tech Volleyball’s fourth tournament title of the 2003 sea-son, as they remained undefeated going into Tuesday’s NCCState game.

The NC State game was the first conference game of the season for the team. The Jackers swept NC State in three games: 30-14, 30-18, 30-27. Preiss recorded 14 kills in the win. With the team improved to 12-0, 1-0 ACC.

“Our offense was fairly effi-cient but our defense seemed to lack in-tensity. It was good to get some conference experience for our young-er players. Now we will return to the gym to begin preparation for North Carolina,” said Shymansky.

**Intramural Notebook**

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By Billy Sayers

Contributing Writer

Any student walking by the CRC fields on weekday nights can see fourteen intense students running around throwing a football. It’s nearing the end of the Sep-tember, which signals the arrival of intramural flag football playoffs. This ups the efforts of student athletes as teams start the push to get a few last wins.

The next two weeks will hold some exiting games in all four leagues. The exiting competition and the opportunity to vent the frustration of Friday’s loss, makes watching these games one of the most enjoyable ways to spend your weekday evening on campus.

The A league is in full swing with most teams only having one or two games left on their schedules. The competition is very close with seven teams still playing without any loss. The Bluetick Hounds and FIJI, who have each claimed one flag foot-ball title in the last two years, are in prime positions to claim the title once again.

Other teams like Sigma Nu, Grand Hustle and Backfield in Motion are also in contention, either being undefeated or winning their respective divisions.

The next big games to look for-ward to are: FIJI vs. Sigma Nu and Backfield in Motion vs. Grand Hust-le. Both games will serve as a good lead in to the playoffs which kick off Oct. 8.

The B League is the largest league at Georgia Tech with over 90 teams. The B league has over 10 underfa- ted teams. Only two teams really stand out in the league—the Beta Dragons and the Johnny Boys. Both have held opponents scoreless all year.

These two teams are clear favor-ites for the championship, but after that it is anybody’s title to win, with almost half the teams still in the hunt for playoff spots.

The Co-Rec league, with only one week of play left before the playoffs, is being controlled by the Spongebubbers. The Spongebub-bers, who have a perfect 4-0 record, have scored an impressive 120 points without being scored against. All of these leagues will come down to the wire, with the pride and hopes of the players on the line. If you think that the excitement over flag football is an over dramatization, take a walk to the CRC and watch a few games dur-ing the playoffs.

For more information, see www.sac.gatech.edu/IM

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With Phase 1 intramurals coming to a close, the competition has heated up tremendously in the past week. The current leader in the woman’s flag football league is Phi Mu. Pom Poms in Motion is in second place currently.
Though the Jackets managed a sweep of three matches in taking the Georgia Tech Volleyball Invitational last weekend and crushed NC State last Tuesday, they came within one match of watching their flaw-less record and No. 5 ranking vanish.

The first game of the match saw the No. 4 ranked Badgers execute to near perfection, as they dominated Tech in hitting percentage. 488 to 205 and took the game 30-24. Tech was able to fight back in the second game to tie the score 31-31, but a kill by Wisconsin’s Sheila Shaw and a hitting error by Lynnette Moster left the Jackets in a 0-2 hole in the best-of-five. The Badgers again outhit the Jackets in the second game, 311 to 204.

Shymansky’s squad regrouped and moved into the third game, where they spirits were back in mind and two straight games to take the match.

Junior middle blocker Jayme Gergen helps lead Tech to its current winning streak by contributing a crucial kill. Tech remains undefeated in its current winning streak by contributing a crucial kill. Tech remains undefeated in its current winning streak by contributing a crucial kill. Tech remains undefeated in its current winning streak by contributing a crucial kill. Tech remains undefeated in its current winning streak by contributing a crucial kill.

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No. 5 Tech dominates the field
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As the Jackets built up momentum from the crowd, Sauer knocked out eight kills with only one hitting error, taking a 30-27 win.

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As the Yellow Jackets left the field at halftime, they left to the collective “boo” of the entire Tech crowd of students, alumni, parents and future students. There aren’t words for some things and the only ones that came to most people’s minds that night were embarrassing and disappointing.

Tech came into the game with the deck in their favor. They were facing a home crowd after having built up momentum with a 17-3 win over Auburn and a near victory against Florida State. Reggie Ball had declared just a week before that the Yellow Jackets weren’t “going to lose again,” and the fans found it easy to root for their faith upon the words of their new-found star.

By halftime purple-clad Clemson had racked up 269 yards of total offense and stretched the score to 20-3. Ball was throwing only 11 for 21, counting for 121 of the Jackets’ 154 yards, but at that point there was still hope in the back of people’s minds.

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Tigers give Jackets reality check
Tech, fans letdown as Clemson hands team first home loss

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Georgia Tech/Vanderbilt football game at Vanderbilt will be available on pay-per-view through Comcast Cable to most digital cable customers in Georgia. Cable customers who want to order the game may purchase it for $29.99 and can contact their local cable provider for more information. The game will kick off at 7 p.m.

Former North Carolina All-American Allen Bradd has joined the men’s and women’s track and field staff as assistant coach. He comes to Tech from Syracuse University, where he spent one season as assistant men’s and women’s track and field coach. Bradd will handle all throwing events for the Jackets.

Tech Rugby falls to Clemson

Last Saturday at the Burger Bowl, the Tigers’ rugby team defeated GT Rugby 45-12. Tech’s lone half score came on a try by Stephen von Brem- sen. In the second half, winger Matt Walliser dotted in the corner for an unconverted try. Tech will travel to Athens this weekend.

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Family ties
Parents visited campus last weekend to check out how their money is being spent. Read what happens when the ‘rents invade Tech. Page 9.

Lookin’ to rebound
Tech travels to Music City to face off against the Commodores. The Jackets are looking for a victory after dropping two straight. Page 21.