April Fool’s housing joke

By Nasir Barday
News Staff

According to the Department of Housing, an individual whose identity was not known at the time of publication sent a mass April Fools e-mail at about 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening to certain students who had been chosen for the room selection process for Fall housing.

The e-mail, forged to appear as if it came from the department’s information@housing.gatech.edu address, informed recipients that their selection numbers had been recalculated because a lawsuit had been filed against Georgia Tech Auxiliary Services. A correction e-mail sent by the Department of Housing’s Miles Edison hours after the April Fool’s e-mail stated that “This e-mail was not sent by the Department of Housing and/or Auxiliary Services and appears to be a very clever April Fools joke.”

“It appears that freshmen who went through room selection are the ones who received this e-mail,” said Dan Morrison, Associate Director of Housing and/or Auxiliary Services.

Students feel that the disqualifications can be appealed to the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet (UJC). “I expect a couple of these cases, for turning the reports in after the specified deadline, several of the representatives claimed to be unaware of the deadline or failing to turn in campaign expenditures,” said committee chair Rusty Johnson, who was elected as the Chemistry representative.

Move-out date changed

The Department of Housing announced that students graduating at the end of this semester or continuing studies over the summer term will have the option of checking out from campus housing on the Sunday after graduation rather than the Saturday of commencement ceremonies.

For more information, visit http://www.housing.gatech.edu.
Undergraduate Election Results

Undergrad Student Body Pres
Chris Kavanaugh
Undergrad Executive V.P.
Nate Watson
Freshman Representatives
Katie Rhode-Pres.
Caroline Pfiarger
Mike Conner
Nadia A. Mahmood
Sophomore Representatives
Andrey J. Hairson
Carrie E. Anderson-Pres.
Carmen Jackson
Victor Allen
Michael L. Powell
Andrianne J. Hairson
Junior Representatives
Tiffany Massy-Pres.
Lindsey T. Mazza
Camille Y. Allen
Dusty Riddle
Jeremy Collins
Senior Representatives
R. Jason Fowler-Pres.
Craig Tommasello
John Englandhardt
Full CO-OP
Clair Conner
Matthew Davis
AE
Brian W. George
Architecture
Dan Moore
Biology
Brad Bolton
Chemistry
Rusty Johnson
ChemE
Lance Hollner
CE
Michael O’Rourke
CS
Danielle Drees
Bryan Billings
Trent Roche
EAS
Brandon Lenfest
Econ
Stephen Popick
ECE
Eric Woods
Andrew Morris
Eric Clopper
Brad Brady
Bill Asher III
HTS
Kristen Parker
INTA
Andrew Hamilton
IE
Carolina Andrade
Ian Carr
Sunny Singh
Management
Jim Pauley
Andrew S. Keen
Allen Coye
Math
Anthony Ritz
ME
Josh Alexander
Mark Randolph
Michael Corsos
Physics
R. Scott Fletcher
Psychology
Dae (Daniel) Kim
Public Policy
Chris Webb

Election

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"However," said Johnson, “I received notification Tuesday to the contrary, which goes against that portion of the elections code.

Section IV, paragraph F states that “The results of elections not under review will be posted in the SGA office within 72 hours of the end of voting," indicating that only finalized election results would be posted at that time.

Nate Watson, Undergraduate Executive Vice President-elect, plans to thoroughly investigate the proceedings that led up to the disqualifications.

"As Executive Vice President, part of my duty is to defend the integrity of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. That also includes ensuring, to the extent of my ability, that the wishes of the voting public are honored," said Watson.

"While I don’t know the details of this situation at this time, I will do my best to ensure that within the extent of my constitutional duty that the integrity of those elected is preserved."

Watson also understood that under section IV, paragraph F, “when they posted the winners in the window of the SGA office, that these people were in violation."

Johnson, who delivered his form to Denicola’s apartment on Wednesday evening when Johnson could not find the committee chair at the SGA office, plans to appeal the disqualification. Because his form was not turned into the SGA office, the committee considered it turned in the following day, therefore missing the extended Wednesday deadline. Representative Adrienne Hairson, who turned her form in to Denicola Wednesday evening at the SGA office, was not disqualified. Instead, she received notice of a major campaign violation.

“I am going to appeal this to UJC," said Johnson. "I feel this contradicts the will of my fellow Chemistry majors who elected me to office."

“It’s my hope that this will be resolved without any further challenges, and that the representatives that are duly elected will have the opportunity to serve those who elected them instead of having a committee decide who will serve the students," said Watson.

“I think these representatives have an extremely strong case if they decide to appeal to the UJC. It is my hope that they will appeal and defend the right of the students to choose who will represent them. I’m concerned that if we focus on things like this, we’ll lose track of what we’re supposed to be doing, which is fighting for students," Watson said.

Along with Johnson, four other representatives were disqualified from office. Freshman representative Mike Comer, EAS representative Brandon Lenfest, and Psych representatives Dae Kim were also disqualified.

Several of the reps, including Johnson, spent no money on the campaign.

“The information was there," said Denicola, who remembered that the date was announced at mandatory information sessions as well as printed on the form.

Further," said Johnson, “there should have been written documentation stating the specific nature of my infraction, under Section IX, Paragraph E, the only part of the code concerning procedure for documenting violations. To the best of my knowledge, there was none."

“Any student of Georgia Tech may submit an election violation charge against any candidate by submitting the charge in writing at the Student Government Association office,” reads Section IX, Paragraph E.

Denicola stated that the election committee is exempted from submitting an election violation charge, although this exemption does not appear in the election code. "We didn’t have to turn something in," said Denicola.

“The Committee recognizes that Mr. Johnson has given dedicated service to the SGA in the past, however, proper enforcement of the rules and regulations governing these elections must take priority," read the elections committee’s majority opinion from the hearing.

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Mike Denicola
Elections Committee Chair

A Nasir’s Roomate’s Contribution: “If Bubbles from the Power Puff Girls wasn’t a cartoon and a kindergartner, I’d marry her on the spot.”
News briefs

Tech places fifth in graduate school rankings

Tech’s College of Engineering maintained its national stature in the college rankings released March 30, placing fifth in graduate school rankings from U.S. News & World Report.

Seven of the eleven programs within Engineering also ranked in the top ten, with Industrial and Systems Engineering ranked number one for the eleventh year in a row. Among the highly competitive business schools rankings, Tech’s DuPree College of Management ranked 35th overall.

Other notable rankings were the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at fourth in Information and Technology Management, and the College of Sciences at tenth in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

“Consistent performance in these rankings over the last five years is notable and very satisfying,” said President Clough.

“We’ve consistently scored highly in the areas in which we offer programs, and it speaks very highly of our students, faculty and staff. We’ve scored well in our traditional strength of engineering, but we also show considerable promise in emerging fields like biotechnology and information management, along with a top 10 ranking in industrial/organizational psychology,” said President Clough.

Overall, the College of Engineering remained a member of the elite top five, behind MIT, Stanford, Cal-Berkeley, and Michigan.

Individual schools within the College of Engineering ranked as follows: Aerospace moved up to third, Biomedical moved up one to fourth, Computing and Information Science remained at sixth, Civil remained at sixth, Electrical and Computer dropped one to seventh, Mechanical remained at seventh.

Executive SGA positions accepting applications

Applications for Executive positions within SGA are available this week and are due April 13th at 4:00 pm in the SGA office. Available positions include:

- VP of Administrative Affairs
- VP of Finance
- Executive Assistant to the President
- VP of Campus Affairs
- Special Assistant to the President
- Freshman Cabinet Coordinator
- 13 Committee Chairs

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there are cracks in the new deck. this is a problem. we should do something

Chris is a bad refugee daddy. Jody’s refugee family feels much more love. Have you hugged your refugee today?
The implementation of SmartPark will not force any changes in the current parking situation on campus. The program was created as a way to use new and current facilities.

The parking lots that are currently open to everyone during evenings and weekends, such as the Student Center parking deck, will remain open during those hours and will not be affected by this program.

Due to limited parking spaces on campus, visitor lots often fill up too quickly, according to Weis. He cited this problem as part of the reasoning behind the creation of SmartPark.

"The problem with the visitor lots always being full sparked discussion about how to entice some of the commuter students using the visitor lot to park a bit farther from central campus by giving them a substantial discount over the all day visitor rate," said Weis.

If students participate in the SmartPark program, it could save those who have often parked illegally sizeable amounts in tickets and fines. Also, the SmartPark program offers the use of parking facilities at night at a significantly lower price than that of an evening/weekend parking pass.

According to Weis, SmartPark is another example of Parking’s efforts to make parking a more pleasant and less stressful experience. The department hopes that SmartPark will assist in making campus parking less frustrating and more user-friendly.

"I hope it will increase compliance with the regulations and make it easier for our permit holders to find a space," said Weis.

The Parking office will begin selling SmartPark passes when the State Street Deck officially opens, which should be in the near future.

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Childress shares GSS plans

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

Trey Childress, elected last week as Graduate Student Body President, has several goals for his upcoming term in office.

"Now that the elections are over, I am eager to get started," said Childress.

One of his immediate goals is to make the "extra efforts to hear and consider the opinions of students that cast their vote for my opponent," he said.

This summer, Childress will focus on developing ties with each school and department.

"In the immediate future, I will be seeking the assistance of volunteers to represent student interests on a variety of Institute-wide committees," he said. This opportunity is open to all graduate students.

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Newly elected SGA leaders present goals for term in office

Undergrad Student Body President
Chris Kavanaugh

By Chris Baucom
Editor-in-Chief

Chris Kavanaugh, currently J.R. Spriggle’s Executive Assistant, was recently elected president of the undergraduate student body. Kavanaugh has expressed a commitment to providing strong leadership for SGA while fulfilling the items on his platform, advocating for student concerns, and fostering communication with the student body.

“I look to accomplish half my platform, or at least have that in line, before school ends, and then I’ll have three planks of the platform remaining,” Kavanaugh said. The three campaign goals he plans to achieve—or at least set into motion—before the end of this school year include Students Full Win, off-campus BuzzCard acceptance, and improved course surveys.

“Focusing on the Students Full Win recently, it looks like the bookstore is now falling into place.” Kavanaugh has served on the Bookstore Reallocation Committee and one of his ideas for the space is a restaurant with a pub-type atmosphere. He also expressed an interest in helping make Under the Couch more accessible to all students, in part by adding a deck to the outside.

Next fall, Kavanaugh wants to complete the remaining items on his platform which include a marked, lighted jogging course, more meal plan options, and a split exam week.

With respect to the lack of communication that many students perceive as a problem, Kavanaugh said he wants to “Not make it smaller, not trim it down, but eliminate the lack of communication between the student body and SGA.”

In order to facilitate stronger relations with his constituents, Kavanaugh plans to regularly visit

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By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

After serving as the Academic Affairs committee chairman over the past year, newly elected SGA Executive Vice President Nate Watson is looking forward to improving not only SGA but all of campus in the upcoming year.

According to Watson, the primary goal of his year in office will be to increase the overall effectiveness of the Undergraduate House and SGA as a whole. “My primary goal is to back SGA the best it can be in terms of representing and serving the student body,” said Watson.

“Underneath that, there are the things that I ran on my campaign platform. I think student space, space for student organizations, space for the chorus and the music department in general are going to be things I work very hard to achieve.”

Furthermore, Watson feels that his position will allow him to implement changes with a broad impact on the entire campus by working with several organizations.

“Next year I would like to ensure that we keep all of the representatives that the students have elected and help them to continue to work towards their goals as representatives and not get burned out,” said Watson.

In addition, Watson would like to expand the reach of the student government beyond campus, touching issues such as the new under 21 Buckhead ordinance that directly affects students.

“I would like to see SGA become a very, very dynamic organization that respectfully and efficiently represents the students in matters not only at Georgia Tech but also at the city and state levels, because there are so many of those issues that affect the Georgia Tech student,” said Watson.

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student organizations much like he did on the campaign trail.

Although student concerns and campus issues are likely to change over time, Kavanaugh expressed a commitment to upholding his campaign promises while adapting to Tech’s changing needs.

"Priorities change, but I’m not going to lose sight of the things for which the student body elected me," Kavanaugh said.

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Hey everyone, I didn’t receive your votes for cutest editor yet. Please send them to Christina ASAP. Thanks a million. You know I love ya!
GT SMART lacks smarts

GT SMART seems to be spending too much of its grant on full page colored ads and personnel instead of directly addressing the problem of binge drinking. The leadership of the group needs to focus on taking action, not simply preparing maps of drinking hot spots and new ads. Right now, students perceive the GT SMART campaign as wasteful and ineffective. Why? Is it because they do not recognize a drinking problem on campus, or because they do not believe GT SMART is taking the right steps to address it? That is the question GT SMART must first answer before it can be truly effective.

They have a tough task in front of them; they need to set realistic goals and take steps to achieve them. In some way, binge drinking affects everyone and so the actions, or inactions, of GT SMART should be a concern to all members of the Tech community.

Housing makes good move

The small change housing has made concerning postponing move out and room changing to overlap on the Sunday after finals will really help students. The new clarification better reflects what students did all along; it’s good to see housing respond to what students want.

SGA advice and lessons

Congratulations to incoming SGA officers and representatives. The recent election and experiences over the past year serve as a reminder of a few key points:

- Trey, as GSS president, do not veto things by flipping a coin.
- Go to all the meetings you are supposed to.
- Find out what your constituents want and work towards those goals.
- Potential candidates for next year’s election, take note: a well-run campaign can and will win you an office. Of course, the cow helped too.

I would have to agree with the Graduate Executive’s response to Melissa Matassa’s charge that the Graduate Student Government is inefficient. They are very efficient. They are so efficient that they rarely extend their one-hour meeting time to consider bills of importance.

They are not to be faulted for their efficiency, but they should be considered and out of touch with the needs of the campus.

Graduate President Grant Jenman’s own divisiveness was evidenced when he threatened to “veto” the Women’s Awareness Month bill and railroading his fellow graduate student into almost unanimously failing it. If Mr. Jenman was so concerned with obeying Robert’s Rules of Order, he would have raised his hand and waited to be recognized before spoiling the disfavor for the WAM bill during the March 13th Graduate Student Senate meeting.

Additionally, Ms. Matassa’s bill was “in order,” and not special consideration, as Grant’s letter to the editor last week suggests. No motion was taken in that meeting to waive the bylaws. No group was inconvenienced, as a result of GSS’s consideration of the WAM bill, with the possible exception of the representatives from Women’s Awareness Month. WAM sent representatives to every meeting for weeks on end, as they patiently waited for their bill’s consideration. Melissa Matassa’s letter a couple weeks ago was not “sour grapes,” as the Graduate Exec intimates, but instead a protest of the lack of respect shown to undergraduate students.

I’d like to address Jennifer Hinkel’s article about Atlanta not being up to par with London as a “world class metropolis.” First, the comparison of Atlanta to London is not unfounded and absolutely ridiculous, but also shows that she obviously hasn’t been to any other major city outside these two, nor has she weighed the cons of living in a crowded, expensive city like London for more than one weekend. I mean, does she even know what a concrete jungle is?

I have visited a city called New York, which is clearly a more comparable city to London in the so-called “cultural sense,” she would maybe have the sense to know a) that Atlanta is clearly not a “concrete jungle” and b) one should not expect to find the same variety of European tourist attractions and eateries in the U.S. Of course you will find plays like The Complete Works of Shakespeare, Abridged in London, but many Broadway plays like Phantom, and La Miserables can be found playing right here in Atlanta.

There are theaters like the Alliance Theater and Symphony Hall to name a few.

As for dining, you can find many fine restaurants staffed by European trained chefs in Atlanta and I’ve found all kinds of restaurants offering authentic foods from New Yorkstyle pizza at Ray’s to fine French cuisine at 103 West. Farmer’s Market in Dekalb has a wide assortment of foods from all cultures.

As for music, Atlanta is the home of Lafece and SoSo Def Records, as well as many well-known entertainers like Elton John or Outkast.

There are other concert venues besides the Fox like the Tabernacle, the Cotton Club, the Rony, Chastain...
On Home

I stepped on to campus riding the high that we call “senior year in high school.” I was still back in the glow of the summer Olympics. Georgia Tech was never to be “home” for me. I had a home. The people there were to be my eternal friends, to have shared moments with affection, and to have make mistakes. They have shared their teen angst (which I petition to reflect the ambitions and style of their times). It’s funny, I’ve seen all the extremes of faith since I’ve been at Tech. My faith took a toll on church, to the few that are considered launching a similar program at Georgia Tech. The assignments are there, so an added value that Georgia Tech students get beyond reading the text- book. There isn’t a fine school, students and retired students could use this situation as an excellent opportunity to stay up to date in the subject matter of a particular course. They would have to wait until the traditional mass of textbooks to be released. Offering something like MIT’s OpenCourseWare for Georgia Tech students would certainly put a strain on Georgia Tech staff. According to the New York Times, the project would cost $100 million. The construction of this project involves developing the software and services needed to produce a standard course Web site. Hopefully, Georgia Tech could ride on the coattails of MIT and simply purchase the OpenCourseWare package from MIT after it has been developed, tested and approved. But even after Georgia Tech has deployed this service, an extra burden would surely be placed on the professors. The maintenance of such a site could be quite a time-consuming task. Plus, it would be difficult to determine if the entire course before the beginning of its term. This could be a problem for our students. I’ve been disappointed too many times from the lack of structure and outline of the course. Planning out a course should already be a strong expectation of every professor. It has if turns out to be a wild success and Georgia Tech still hasn’t considered launching a similar program after the next 5 years, then Georgia Tech could really fall behind in being a leader in technology education.

On Student Amnesia

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On Making a Difference

I once heard Georgia Tech de- scribed as an ocean. The waves beat down the students. The bold ven- ture down into the deep ocean swamps or overwhelmed by the strength of the wind. The slackers lay behind on the beach and surrender to the sun. And our student leaders are often ordered to make a difference to this ocean. Can youathom that? The whole philosophy is flawed. Don’t change Georgia Tech. Friends. Spend time on your relationships. Serve Georgia Tech’s proud traditions. If you see something that you can do that might make life here more fun, give it a shot. It is definitely worth a shot. But changing Tech implies there is something inherently wrong here. There isn’t. It’s a fine school. I wouldn’t change a thing. So don’t think like an engineer. Don’t try to fix everything. Just soak it all in.

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Tech chorus sounds excellent despite hardships encountered

I would like to publicly commend the Georgia Tech chorus members who sang Carmina Burana with the Atlanta Ballet and Symphony during the month of March for their outstanding precision, sound, and overall performance.

Having seen Carmina Burana performed by the ballet and other choruses in previous performances, I was dubious about how a chorus from a University without a music department would be able to carry off such a complex piece in a theater without great acoustics. I was very, very pleased to be proven wrong.

I understand from talking to a student in the audience that most of the singers join the Tech chorus as volunteers, earn little to no college credit for their work, and that Tech does not have a proper music facility for choral groups to practice. Under the circumstances, their work is not only to be commended but is phenomenal.

Kudos to every student who is willing to stretch Tech’s “community engineering image” and who is rounding out his/her college experience with a blend of the arts mixed in. You will carry those musical memories with you forever. I hope that all of you realize that you brought a number of your fellow students out to see their first ballet, as well as your fine choral performance. Keep on singing!

Christiane O’Hara Brennan

GSS

who come before the Graduate Senate.

Furthermore, Institutions of Higher Learning such as Georgia Tech should be places where students are exposed to unique ideas and encouraged to engage in debate. WAM’s keynote speaker, Judy Chicago, is in line with the mission of such institutions. While she is considered to be controversial, her ideas are titillating and demand discussion.

If we at Georgia Tech are ever to compete with the likes of such institutions as Stanford and MIT, we must embrace the kind of speakers that Women’s Awareness Month promotes.

Becky Glatzer
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Great April Fools’ issue

I wanted to thank all of the writers who contributed to the April Fools’ edition of the Technique.

I thought it was the best written and funniest issue of the year, and used a lot of current events from which to take witty opinions on. Even the minor details were satirized accurately, and most articles showed a deeper understanding of the world around us than can be found in the Journal-Constitution.

Keep up the good work, staff, if they let you stay on campus that long.

John Rafferty
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sometimes I wonder if you really feel the same
Greek events make strange things happen in Burger Bowl

By Katy Jo Schroer
Greek Goddess

Imagine being at the Burger Bowl holding a flag next to a child’s plastic pool in the rain and wind with vegetable oil getting all over your face and hair as you anchor the flag in that pool of Cricco shortening. Now, imagine being the one who dives into that pool to grab the flag and hurry on to the next task in the obstacle course, sponsored by Al- pha Delta Pi.

This is just one of the many events that Greeks participated in during Greek Week, which was held from April 1 to April 9.

“A lot of time, effort, and planning went into this entire week, which has been coordinated by the Greek Week Committee,” Cara Cocos, a member of the committee, said as she sat behind the check-in table where Greeks wore their letters and signed-in to earn points for their house.

Earning points for your house is what this week is all about. At each event you participate in, you are earning credits for Greeks’ fraternity or sorority points. The better they do in the events, the more points they earn.

The whole idea of Greek Week is to bring the entire Greek Community together as a whole. Tonight, a Jimmy Buffett cover band will play at the Burger Bowl, and every Greek organization is invited to participate in the GT Spring Social sponsored by the Greek Week Social Committee.

This is one of the events that truly unites the Greek Community here at Tech.

Greek Week events include many different competitions such as the three-legged Jell-O race, the Slam-Dunk Contest, a reception with the GT Faculty, and a Barbeque, was a Hobie Cat, a 16-foot catamaran, also with two sails. A catamaran is a boat with two hulls, one on each end, that are separated by a deck, cabin, or in the case of Hobies, a trampoline.

Even though the club sails these boats at the lake, they are designed to be sailed up and down beaches and as they have no underwater fins, and can be pulled right up to the shore. The club will be using their fleet of Hobie Cats this upcoming weekend when they travel down to the Florida coast for a few days of sailing.

An interesting craft that draws the interest of a select group of the club’s members is the wind surfer. Wind surfers resemble large surfboards with sails attached. Instead of waves, the riders use wind power to skim across the water.

The club has several windsurfers and will also be taking them to Florida.

The more timid members, or those just seeking to relax, set sail on one of the club’s two larger keelboats. Both boats, around 25 feet, resemble large C-15’s with cabins. The real difference lies under the water.

The keelboats have a large metal fin sticking down into the water from the underside of the boat. The keel makes up a large portion of the boat’s entire weight and helps to keep the boat upright in the water. It takes a truly determined sailor or truly strong wind to

By Matt Nugent

45 years of wind at their backs makes GTSC special

By Rina Balal

Not many students would spend a 17-hour bus ride in high school memorizing a thousand digits of Pi, but Will Roper, Tech’s fifth Truman scholar, did.

Over 1000 students nationwide apply for the Truman Scholarship annually. Roper was among the 70 students awarded the scholarship this year and the only one from Georgia.

The scholarship committee looks for college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the non-profit or advocacy sectors, education, or elsewhere in public service.

It then provides the winners with financial support for graduate study, leadership training, and fellowships with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service.

Will, who was awarded a $30,000 scholarship from the foundation, has always been devoted to the service and education of others. In high school, he started GUIDE (Guiding Underclassmen In Directions of Excellence), a tutoring program where high school students tutored middle school students.

He proposed a bill in support of this program to the State Legislature and got State-implementing funding.

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Buzz Around the Campus

Question of the week

“Who would play you in a movie about your life?”

Feature and Photos by Carter Green & Sarah Graybeal

Danielle McDonald
Student Organizations Advisor
“I’ve already thought about it—Elisabeth Shue.”

Mark Douglas
Coordinator of Greek Affairs
“Tom Hanks, because of his all-star performance in ‘Bosom Buddies.’”

Stephanie Ray
Associate Dean of Students
“Oprah Winfrey, because people used to think I was her when ‘The Color Purple’ came out.”

Dan Carlson
Assistant Dean of Students
“Tom Cruise, since we look so much alike.”

Elisabeth Shue
Tom Hanks
Oprah Winfrey
Tom Cruise
**Campus briefs**

**Spring musical “Forum” begins at Drama Tech**

This weekend, Drama Tech will begin its production of, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. The musical will be performed in Drama Tech’s Dean Dull Theatre on April 6, 7, and 11-14. It will also be performed in the Robert Ferst Center for the Arts on April 19-21. Student tickets are $4 at all showings; faculty/staff tickets are $6 in the Dull Theatre and $8 in the Ferst Theatre; and general admission tickets are $8 in the Dull Theatre and $10 in the Ferst Theatre. All shows are at 8 p.m. For reservations, call Drama Tech at 404-894-3481, or the Ferst Theatre at 404-894-9600.

**Dean Griffin Day celebrates faculty and staff**

Dean Griffin Day is a day of faculty and staff appreciation, sponsored by the Georgia Tech Ambassadors. To get involved, submit a letter to those professors or staff members to whom you want to show your thanks at http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ambassadors/dgd.html. Please submit as many letters as you like until Sunday, April 8. The letters will be delivered on Thursday, April 12. The letters can be signed or delivered anonymously. For more information, e-mail Whitney Setzer at gte799p@prism.gatech.edu.

**Road Race and volleyball tournament this weekend**

This Saturday, April 7, the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and Student Alumni Association are co-sponsoring the 29th Annual Pi Mile Road Race. It begins at 8 a.m., and registration for students is $8. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in eleven categories for male and female; and there will also food and music. For more information or to register, go to http://gtalumni.org/pimile. Later in the afternoon, Delta Tau Delta will be holding their 10th Annual Volleyball Tournament, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House, at their house. The first match will be at 11 a.m. There are four players per team, and there is a $40 entrance fee per team. There will be a first place cash prize as well as other prizes. For more information or to register, go to http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/delt/philanthropy. Teams may also register the day of the tournament. Fraternity and sorority members receive philanthropy hours for participating.

**WLC 2002 looking for committee chairs to plan**

The 2002 Women’s Leadership Conference is looking for male and female students from all areas of campus to fill several committee chair positions. Positions such as finance, marketing, logistics, technology, and conference chairs are available. Applications are available in room 217 of the Student Services Building, or online at http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wlc. The conference chair position application is due by 5 p.m. on April 11, and all other committee chair applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 16. For more information, contact Jill Pollyniak at gt5225a@prism.gatech.edu.

**Sailing**

The GTSC also has a fleet of Lasers, smaller, single-sailed boats that only carry one person. Of course the new members did not sail on these as no experienced crew member would be able to ride with them. In between the many trips out on the water, members and guests alike enjoyed plenty of burgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas. When the grill proved to be too slow in cooking for the 30 plus people there, many members turned to roasting hotdogs and marshmallows on sticks in the campfire. Frisbee, football, tennis, and other typical beach activities also took place on the sand shore of the lake. The day was cut slightly short when in the late hours of the afternoon a sudden storm swept over the lake. The club members raced to get the boats out of the exposed water and into the docks and up on land. However, soon after the boats were settled, the storm had passed over. After some final clean up, most everyone started heading back to campus, while a few members stayed for an overnight campout. The sailing club has been around since 1961 and throughout its history has been one of the largest clubs on campus. This year it is celebrating its 45-year anniversary. Throughout the year, the sailing club participates in races throughout the southeast, plans longer trips, and almost every other weekend you can find some member from the club sailing at Lake Lanier. The club also takes an annual skiing trip to Snowshoe, West Virginia, an annual trip to the Bahamas over spring break, and every semester they head down to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida for a weekend of sailing. Whether you are an experienced sailor looking for opportunities to get out on the water, someone that wants to learn how to handle a boat, or if you just want to meet new people, the sailing club has opportunities for you.

**pi mile road race**

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To learn more about GTSC, visit the club’s Web site at http://www.gtsailing.org. The club holds weekly meeting at the water sports club house every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Its also tradition for the club to go out to dinner after their meetings so don’t eat before hand.

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I need to go home and do senior design and go to the AIAA conference. But I’m here instead.
In all his years at Tech he has earned straight A’s in all his classes except for the one B he got in a Quantum Mechanics.

He has done research for the Physics department and is applying for the GTRI (Georgia Tech Research Institute) this summer.

After graduating, he intends to do his masters in Physics while working part time for Tech, and then consider doctoral programs.

Will is a member of the Madison Baptist Church and usually spends his summers going to impoverished countries as a missionary.

For example, last summer he went to the Blue Mountain region of Jamaica, and before that he visited one of the central regions of Haiti.

When not excelling in studies and serving his fellow man, Will likes to spend his time “doing anything which involves buying a ticket,” such as going to the movies, the opera, the Shakespeare Tavern— you name it.

He sings for the Chamber Choir and is considering employment with Ferst Theatre management and fundraising while he completes his Master’s.

Will even sang with the Atlanta Ballet for the “Carmina Burona” show at the Fox Theater not long ago.

Aside from all this, he is also in very good shape.

He likes to work out and runs with the vice-president of Student Affairs, Dr. Lee Wilcox. He is also a second-degree black belt in Karate and used to teach it, too, a while back.

His parents, he said, are of course very proud, but not at all surprised.

They are indeed lucky parents, for even their younger son, Lee Roper, is someone to contend with. He is an All-American Wrestler—third in the nation—and wants to go to North Carolina State University after high school.

Will also wanted to express his gratitude to a few specific people for helping him so much, as well as Tech itself and its faculty and staff.

As for the future, Will hopes to be a professor for ten to fifteen years and then go into politics, preferably in the Department of Education specifically dealing with Math and the Sciences.

When asked to describe himself in three words, he took his time and grinned and said that the description was just “not that brief.”
Greek Week

fraternity and sorority had three chances to dunk a basketball in the goal (7.5 feet high for girls and 9 feet high for boys) and were judged by GT basketball players.

Brian Waits, a Greek Week Executive, said, “The Slam Dunk contest brings out the best in the Athletic Association (LaBarrie, Aikens, Vines, and Babul) and the best in the Greek Community.”

Jon Babul, a Tech basketball player and judge of the creativity and originality the dunkers used, said, “I am just waiting for someone to funnel a beer and dunk.”

The finalists for the fraternities were Beta, FIJI, Chi Phi, Sigma Nu, Theta Chi, and Pi Kappa Phi, and for the sororities they were Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, and Alpha Xi Delta. The first place winners were FIJI and Alpha Chi Omega. The event turned out to be a crowd-pleaser, and there were even some moms there for cheering and support.

The Tug-O-War (a.k.a. Tug) is probably one of the most competitive and worked-up for events in the entire week. The goal is to pull the end knot from the other team’s anchor or to gain the majority of the rope at the end of the time limit. Because there is a weight limit for each team of 1600 pounds using 13 girls, or 2000 lbs. using 14 boys, team members fast for weeks before weighing in. They practice several days a week for a month beforehand.

The actual tug consists of a central pit (approximately 8 feet wide by 10 feet long by 8 feet deep) filled with water and two tugging pits on either side.

The two teams line up on either side of the pit along the tug rope and attempt to pull the tug rope from the other team. The event takes place this Sunday afternoon.

Overall, Greek Week is a fun time to get together and relax with friends. Kelly Farell, a first year Alpha Delta Pi, says, “Greek Week has been so much fun, it actually got me excited to be Greek and made me feel proud to be a sorority girl here at Tech. I can’t wait for the next few years of my Georgia Tech future.”
I wish Christina would turn up the music on the computer. It sounds nice. And it's too quiet in here tonight.
DramaTech’s ‘Forum’ paves the way with lots of laughs

By Ganesh Kumaraswamy

In its original performance in 1962, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum took Broadway by storm, capturing six Tony awards. Vaudeville humor and musical numbers are beloved by audiences worldwide. Setting the stage for a lively, farcical production, DramaTech’s ‘Forum’ provides a hilarious journey through ancient Rome.

Jonathan Popp’s slave Pseudolus is obviously enjoying being surrounded by beautiful ancient Roman courtesans in DramaTech’s ‘A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum’. The show begins its run tonight in the DramaTech Theatre.
‘Tomcats’: Avoid this messy kit and kaboodle

By Chuks Ibeji
Entertainment Staff

MPAA Rating: R
Starring: Jerry O’Connell, Shannon Elizabeth, Jake Busey
Director: Gregory Poirer
Studio: Columbia Pictures
Running Time: 92 min
Rating: ★☆

I remember the good old days, back when men were men and comedies were funny. It used to be that a person could leave the theatre laughing—and I’m not talking about the “I can’t believe I laughed at that” laugh. I’m talking about the laughter of contentment caused when a filmmaker shows just a little bit of ingenuity.

Tomcats is the latest in the parade of raunch-fests that Hollywood has been churning out lately. It is also one of the silliest. The movie follows the sexploits of Michael Delaney (Jerry O’Connell) and his buddies. These “Tomcats,” as they call themselves, each take a vow to these jokes are either weak or unfunny. In order to save his carcass, he concocts a plan to marry off the competition, Kyle (Jake Busey). Michael figures the would-be bride should be a woman out of Kyle’s past, and therefore chooses Natalie (Shannon Elizabeth). She agrees to the go along with the plan, but only with the understanding that she gets half of the prize money.

What follows is a film reek of disorganized crudeness. The story unfolds as if it were being told via a first grader. Every now and then something happens to incite a little amusement, but like clockwork, Tomcats follows it up with a gag that makes you gag.

Director Gregory Poirer (his debut) forces you to sit through numerous scenes that only serve to set up jokes. The inevitable punch lines to these jokes are either weak or suffering from rigor mortis, and sitting through miss after miss after miss gets tiring.

Watching Michael eventually fall for Natalie is just as bad. Their chemistry is absolutely nonexistent. It gets painful watching them awkwardly recite their lines to each other, and the result is a romance with about the amount of dramatic force you’d expect to find on an episode of WWF Smackdown.

Yet, even as the movie shifts to being a love story (of sorts), it’s heart and soul is still its collection of incomplete stunts and visual calamities. The movie hits bottom in an apparent homage to Tom Green when Kyle develops cancer—and there is no somberness that arises from the situation.

Instead, it’s all a setup for a “recon mission” where…well, just never mind. Why should you even bother? Stay home and pray for the good of days of comedy.
Onward and Crossword
Ask a Silly Question...

By Kit FitzSimons

Desperate plea: write for me. You too can rhyme.

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Enough music to choke a horse!

Check out the Foundaries Web site (www.foundaries.com) to see where your favorite bands will be appearing next

Where oh where has my sliver box gone, oh where oh where can it be?

4/1/2001
Today, before I got to work, I went to Sam’s Club. If you’re like the Two Bits Man, you can’t get enough of that quiet sophistication afforded by Sam Walton’s dream. I figure that it’s of utmost importance that I go at least once a week to get the culture that I so desperately lack.

As I was standing in the line at Sam’s Café (which by the way, really does capture the ambiance of a sidewalk café in Paris; I especially dig the onion shooter)—years of technological evolution in condiment technology), I couldn’t help but notice another customer’s shirt, which read, “What would Jesus do?” Now, that, folks, is a conundrum. It occurred to me that I haven’t ever pondered what Jesus would do. However, I feel pretty confident that I know at least one thing he wouldn’t do—he wouldn’t wear a shirt with such a presumptuous statement on it. In fact if He did shop at Sam’s and wore a t-shirt there, it’d probably read, “I led a spiritual revolution that ultimately created one of the world’s three major religions, and all I got was this t-shirt.” That being said, I got to thinking that other important people in world history should have t-shirts of a similar nature printed. For example, just think about how swank you’d look if you strolled down the street in your WWWW shirt. For those of you puzzling, it pays homage to the great leader, President George W. Bush, by asking “What would W want?” I know that it doesn’t make a whole lot of sense, but neither does anything that W says in a press conference.

Of course, it would be silly to only look to political leaders for t-shirt and bumper sticker ideas. If you ask me, they should focus on other important religious leaders, like David Koresh for example. When I think of truly great religious leaders who died for what they believe, I always think of my boy from Waco. This dude had a vision, and he rolled with it. Such fervor should be forever immortalized on a bumper sticker. wwwd (written in purple to commemorate the color of the veils that his cult wore) would show that you are not afraid to admit to your spiritual side. In fact, if such a bumper sticker existed, I would proudly brandish it on my truck, and pass every WWJD car I could find just so they could see that I, too, am not afraid to reveal my emotions.

Of course, folks, let’s be honest. Having a bumper sticker that asks what someone else would do is just foolish. Well, that’s unless of course, it questions, “What would Two Bits do?” That’s a question that you should ask yourself every day. Life without that kind of brilliant forethought could cause you to miss out on truly important things like onion shooters.

Well folks, it’s been a most mentally taxing week for the Two Bits Man, so I think that’s all I’ve got to say about that. It’s all good though. My editor specifically requested a short column this week because of so many other exciting entertainment stories. So, until next issue, what will my editor do?

John C. Holloway
Tiptoe through the big ol’ trees...  

By Alan Back  
Types with a ball peen hammer  

Spring at Georgia Tech is a no-win situation, what with inhuman homework assignments in the classroom and astronomical pollen counts outside. If you survived both until this weekend, tear yourself loose and head to the 65th annual Atlanta Dogwood Festival. Piedmont Park will play host to roughly a quarter of a million people looking for good clean fun at this free event. Hours are: today, noon-8 p.m.; tomorrow, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and April 8, noon to 7 p.m. To get there, take a MARTA Green line or bike there (10th Street to Piedmont Avenue, then take a left). Glass is always waiting for you—yes, with everything else that pops into your head. You can also go on the Tour of Homes this weekend as well, and an Epiphone guitar will be raffled off on Sunday evening. The Georgia Satellites and the Cooper Tisdale Band headline the latter stage, which will also serve as a backup venue in case of rain. Roaming and spoken-word artists will be on hand during the weekend as well, and an Epiphone guitar will be raffled off on Sunday afternoon.  

"The more, the merrier," said Entertainment Coordinator Caroline Aiken, explaining the motive for expanding the lineup. "There are too many good acts and not enough slots, even with five stages. We are blessed with an amazing amount of great music in this city." In recent years, the Festival has donated the bulk of its proceeds to the Magic Garden, a program that supports environmental education in Atlanta’s public schools. However, according to Aiken, this year marks a scaling back. "We’ve chosen schools that have been consistent in sending reports and keeping us updated on what they’re doing with the money. Maybe we can do more with fewer schools."

Camp Sunshine will be the other main beneficiary: this organization provides support and recreational opportunities for children with cancer and their families. Aiken commented on the start of the new partnership: "We were looking for a charity that was widely known, and this seemed to be more of an immediate help…more of a tangible charity that creates goodwill. It’s raising money for kids who may be in their last summer, with a last chance to go to camp. Ready to go! Save yourself the hassle of driving and keep the city’s air from getting any nastier. Take MARTA (a shuttle will run between the Arts Center station and the Festival tomorrow and Sunday) or walk or bike there (10th Street to Piedmont Avenue, then take a left). There’s grass waiting for you—yes, it does still exist, and next week you can play in it."

For more details on the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, visit http://www.dogwood.org. To purchase tickets for the Midtown Tour of Homes, call (404) 875-0342 or visit http://www.midtownhometour.com.

4/23/01

ENTERTAINMENT

By Sarah Graybeal  
Pickin’ up the slack  

I walked into the theater for the screening of Someone Like You not really having any idea what it would be about. I merely assumed (rightly so, as it turned out) that having Ashley Judd and Greg Kinnear as the two big stars meant this was some sort of chick-flick...and I seem to have somehow earned a monoply on reviewing films of that nature. However, when the opening credits began to roll over a shot of some Holstein cows quietly grazing in a pasture, I began to wonder. It turns out this is a film based on the 1998 book Animal Husbandry by Laura Zigman. Hearing the original title elicits the cows, but still leaves you wondering what the story really is.

Ashley Judd plays Jane Gooddale (Goodale, Goodall, gorillas...ah ha!), a talent booker for a popular New York entertainment media company. Her job is to find that next big thing for her client, a big Hollywood producer. Things are going well until she meets Greg Kinnear, an actor who is just that next big thing. As Ashley and Greg fall in love, Ashley finds that Greg does not share the same dreams as she, and he is forced to choose which path he will follow. Ashley figures that Greg will make the right choice...but does he? Greg later leaves Ashley for another woman, and Ashley is left heartbroken. Ashley is about to give up hope, when Greg returns and realizes that Ashley is the one he loves...but will he make the right choice this time?

Tiptoe through the big ol’ trees...  

By Miles Aronowitz / 20TH CENTURY FOX  

By Sarah Graybeal / 20TH CENTURY FOX

See Like You, page 27
he gains their sympathy through all of his conniving shenanigans. Sulli-
van is also especially enjoyable as the high-strung Hysterium, main-
taining a permanent state of perfect constipation. Their antics make him
even funnier as they roll with this lowbrow (but not childish) goofi-
ness—funnier than, say, seeing ele-
mentary school kids doing it.

The alluring courtesans of Lyc-
cus enchant the audience when they
take the stage. One by one, they
take turns mesmerizing those that
watch with their provocative gyra-
tions. It’s an interesting break in
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Like You from page 27
York talk show. When new execu-
tive producer Ray Brown (GregKin-
ner) appears on the scene, it’s
tongue-tied, mouth-gaping love at
first sight for Jane. Obviously, she
doesn’t mind one bit when Ray ini-
tiates intimacy and begins profess-
ing his undying love.

Their whirlwind romance pro-
ceeds at breakneck speed, and Jane
breaks her lease in order to move
with Ray into a gorgeous apartment
overlooking Central Park. Yet all of
a sudden, the dashing producer seems
fueled to Jane’s fire.

Their real performances, howev-
er, are given by the supporting cast.
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and is fantastic (not to mention nice
to look at) as the male chauvanist
who turns out to have a heart after
all, while Tomei is perfectly cast as
her ideas anonymously in a men’s
magazine and quickly becomes the
most talked-about woman in the
country.

In the meantime, she has been
forced to move in with co-worker
Eddie (Hugh Jackman, last seen
sporting vicious sideburns as Wol-
verine in X-Men), who provides a
constant example of the stereotypi-
cal womanizing male and only adds
fuel to Jane’s fire.

As romantic comedies go, Some-
one Like You falls somewhere near
the average mark. It lacks the mem-
orabel one-liners and general quirk-
iness that make a truly great film in
this genre, but the plot is satisfying
and the characters provide some
smiles and laughs.

The principal actors are solid,
even as they blen the audience with
their million-watt smiles. Ashley Judd
plays the slightly neurotic Jane with
a nice combination of charm and
wit, while Greg Kinnear demon-
strates his prowess at playing the
handsome, debonair—and flaky—
boyfriend.

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Jane’s ever-supportive best friend.

In the end, Someone Like You
wraps together all the loose ends in
a pretty (and duly predictable) pack-
age, as Jane finds what she’s looking
for just under her nose.
Tech tennis twins share more than their birthday

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

Sure, twins might share some things. They might share a room when they grow up, they might look similar, they might have the same taste in guys and they might sound the same.

For one, I know that last one is true. I've never had a harder time trying to remember who belonged to which voice in a tape-recorded conversation. But these twins have other things in common, some even belong on a late-night television show.

For instance, the same injury, less than a year apart?

"I had surgery on my shoulder last season and I asked the doctor if it was hereditary," said Mason Miller, a junior on the 37th ranked Tech tennis team and the older twin sister of teammate Lea Miller.

The doctor said no, but a girl named Lea happened to redshirt last season.

What was the injury? A shoulder injury.

Which arm? The right arm - the same arm as Mason.

Or how about dreaming the same dream, on the same day. They've done that too.

This sounds like a case for Molder and Scully.

Mason, a junior, went to Tech out of high school while Lea went to Wake Forest but transferred to Tech this fall. Lea's shoulder caused her to redshirt the past season, putting her a year behind Mason.

Other than their tennis games, which are about as different as The Varsity and The Sundial, the twins are eerily similar. While you can tell they are twins, they don't look exactly the same. But it's not just based on appearance.

"If you were to ask me 20 questions about Lea, I guarantee we'd get the same answers. We also had the same grades, even basically the same SAT scores," said Mason.

"There could be some fireworks going on that court," said Shelton. "I did try it in the fall a little bit but realized it may not be best right now."

At Tech, Lea has had some problems adjusting. She is 7-9 overall and only 5-6 in dual play.

"There are some technical parts of Lea's game that we are working on," said Shelton. Lea says the academic rigor at Wake was just as difficult as her load at Tech, but finding time to get acclimated to Tech is hard because of the demands of an athlete's schedule. Lea also made another important observation.

"This school is a lot different socially," said Lea.

Yes, Tech is not exactly a social hive of activity.

Mason is faring better in her junior campaign. She is hovering right above the .500 mark in both individual and doubles play. She's 11-10 in singles and 9-8 in doubles.

While both of their numbers aren't pro-caliber, they don't mind.

"We both love traveling, I think we'll both end up working together," said Mason.

"Our ultimate fantasy would be to open our own fashion industry," added Lea.

The twins are combining their two favorite things by traveling to London and working in one of the fashion capitols of the world this summer. Luckily, they don't have to worry about switching their passports.

The cream cheese was frozen. Mass hysteria ensued.
cleared the shorter Chandler fences, is confident Tech’s struggles against ranked teams won’t be a factor as the season progresses.

“Baseball is a game where you aren’t going to be at the top of your game everyday, the talent is there,” said Murton.

Last weekend at Virginia, the Jackets took 2 of 3 from No. 6 Virginia. Tech got strong pitching in all three games, winning 10-4 on Friday and 10-3 Sunday.

Friday the No. 3 Jackets head to No. 5 Duke for a three-game stint.

Van Horn said he has noticed the differences in safety as well as lower offensive outputs and thinks the changes are adequate.

“By them decreasing the exit speed, it’s made it a lot easier for pitchers to at least knock balls down,” he said.

But money is the main obstacle from allowing such drastic changes, he said.

“I think it’s a great idea, but I don’t ever think it’s going happen strictly because of the budget limitations on college baseball,” Childress said. “Teams can’t afford to buy a dozen bats for every hitter.”

Thurston believes that money is such a concern to the NCAA that it doesn’t care about the safety of its athletes.

He said the NCAA sold out to bat companies to avoid possible lawsuits from breaking the contracts the schools have.

“The reason you don’t hear your high profile coaches complain about the bats is a lot of them are making a lot of money,” Thurston said, “some of them up to $85,000 per year plus free bats to exclusively use their bats.”
Ultimate clubs take Terminus II tourney

By Andrew Santelli

Are you allergic to jelly?

This past weekend, members of the Tech men’s and women’s club ultimate frisbee teams joined forces for the co-ed division of Terminus II, held on the polo fields in Alpharetta, and had great success. Saturday, the first day of the tournament, found inclement weather that lowered the number of games that day. Nevertheless, the team went 2-1, losing by only one point in its defeat.

Sunday found the Tech team with even greater success. Their first game was a victory, which gave them a number-one seed in their pool and number-two in the tournament heading into the elimination rounds. In those rounds, Tech won their quarter-final and semi-final matches, and found themselves pitted in the final against “30-Something,” a coed ultimate club from Atlanta, and the match was a marathon by ultimate standards. The wind made the match grueling, and the teams swapped downwind points the whole time. The match lasted over two and a half hours, testing the strength and endurance of every player involved. One upwind goal was scored by “30-Something,” which Tech eventually matched and ended up winning the game 17-16. The number of points scored in that game by Georgia Tech was higher than the points scored against them in the six previous games combined. When asked how they achieved their success, team member Brady Solheim said, “In any co-ed tournament, the factor that determines the eventual champion is the team with the strongest women. Our women were the reason we won this tournament.”

Once it was all said and done, the Tech team was praised for their spirit and heart. In ultimate frisbee, tournament champions are not honored with plaques or trophies, but with commemorative frisbee discs to mark their win.

After a string of impressive wins and heartfelt play in the championship, those discs have definitely been earned by Georgia Tech’s ultimate frisbee gladiators.
Tech tennis takes two ACC wins on road

By Matthew Bryan
Sports Editor

No. 23 Tech (14-4, 4-1 ACC) tennis grabbed their second straight ACC road win against Maryland in a 7-0 shutout Sunday. The win followed a 5-2 Saturday victory over Virginia.

In their contest against the Terps the Jackets took all nine matches, sweeping Maryland (4-9, 0-6 ACC) in singles and doubles. At the number one spot Romain Coirault defeated Maryland’s Chris Chiu in straight sets (7-5, 7-5).

His performance was echoed in the number two and three spots where Stephen Moros defeated Jonathan Neeter (6-0, 6-2) and Alex Navinkov defeated Luan Nguyen (7-6, 6-2).

Jacket Joao Menano needed three sets to defeat his opponent Jonathan Murchison in the number four spot (3-6, 7-6, 6-3) along with Sergio Aguirre who defeated Larry Chou (6-6, 2-6, 6-2) in the five spot. Jason Jeong rounded out the singles performance with his 6-1, 6-0 victory over Dan Kenshalo in the number six position.

Doubles pair Roger Anderson and David Wright defeated Maryland’s Neeter and Chou (8-1) along with Coirault and Menano who defeated Murchison and Nguyen (8-3). And in the last doubles spot Aguirre and Moros defeated Kenshalo and Chiu (8-4).

Tech’s Maryland victory came a little easier than their Saturday win over Virginia. Jackets Coirault and Anderson gave up the only to points in the number one and two spots to Cavaliers Brian Vahaly (6-2, 6-0) and Huntley Montgomery (6-4, 6-4).

The Jackets resume play against FSU in Tallahassee Friday.

Coach commented about the battle for that second string spot: “I see Andy Hall continuing to get better and showing more poise; that’s what he didn’t have last year. He’s come a long way last since year. Mark is where Andy was last year at this stage. Mark has the ability to make plays, but he’s still trying to see the whole picture.” While Mark Logan produced some productive scrambles, which resulted in large gains, at times it seemed like he was looking for the run before the pass. This should change as he matures into more of a college player.

“We’ve still got to work on the run game and on stopping the run and we’ve got to establish the timing in the passing game, which is usually the last thing to come around,” however overall “I thought it was a good day,” O’Leary stated. And hopefully there will be many good days ahead for Tech fans.
Coaches still at odds over bat changes in college game

By Vince Kuppig
Daily Nebraskan

(U-WIRE) U. Nebraska—South ern California outlasts Arizona State 21-14 in a four-hour thriller. No, that’s not a headline from a Pac-10 football game.

Games similar to that 35-run marathon in the championship game of the 1998 College World Series, in which 32 offensive records were broken, were not rare that season.

Thanks to new rules and restrictions, times have changed since the 1998 season, which capped a decade of offensive growth. The changes have allowed the return of scores typical of baseball, not football scoreboards.

“I’ve pitched 13 years of my life without having anything like that happen to me,” he said. “And for it to happen this one time, I’m not going to let it affect the way that I go out there and play everyday.”

Said NU Coach Dave Van Horn: “Anytime you play sports, there’s always a chance you’re going to get hurt. I think baseball is one of the safest sports there is. Naturally, when you’re swinging the bat and hitting the ball, there’s a chance you’re going to get hit on the body somewhere.”

Other figures in college baseball disagree.

Bill Thurston, baseball coach at Amherst College and a former member of the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, walked out of a Rules Committee meeting last July and in effect resigned after serving 15 years as its editor. Thurston said he didn’t think the NCAA was doing enough to make college baseball safe.

“I didn’t want to be a part of what was going on with the NCAA and its change of concern about the safety issue to less concern,” Thurston said.

The history of aluminum bats in college baseball dates back to their debut in 1974. The game didn’t change much from when aluminum was first introduced until the 1980s, said Thurston, who is in his 36th year as Amherst’s coach.

“Then in the mid-80s it started escalating. In the mid-90s, you had a tremendous jump in the offense performance,” he said.

The 6.07 runs per game in the 1990 would jump more than a run by 1998 — a year that saw a .306 batting average, 7.12 runs per game, 1.06 home runs per game and a 6.12 earned-run average all surpass previous highs in college baseball history, mostly set the year before.

Starting in 1999, the NCAA implemented a two-pronged test for collegiate baseball bats. The maximum weight-length difference was changed from five to three (a 34-inch bat could not weigh less than 31 ounces) and the maximum diameter of the barrel was shrunk from 2 3/4 inches to 2 5/8 inches.

A batted ball exit speed of no more than 97 mph as tested in the lab became the third prong for the 2000 season.

“The thought the bat we were using three years ago was a little too lively,” Van Horn said. “The barrels were very big. They needed to cut them down a bit. I think they did a good job. I really like the way the bars are right now. I think it’s good for the game.”

Along with the third prong, the NCAA also switched its official ball from Wilson to Rawlings with many conferences to follow. It was a change that Thurston said he believes had the greatest effect on lowering offensive production for the 2000 season.

After studying conferences that switched to the deader Rawlings, Thurston said all saw significant decreases in averages compared to conferences that maintained the status quo Wilson or Diamond balls.

Whatever the cause, the effect has been evident in college baseball.

The overall Division I batting average dropped from .306 in 1998 to .297 last season, but more significantly, scoring averages have declined from 7.12 to 6.53 runs per game while home runs went from 1.06 to 0.80 per game.

The Big 12 alone, which now uses Rawlings balls, saw extensive decreases in offensive production.

Since 1998, the home run averages have nearly been cut in half, from 1.37 to .73 last season.

Back when it was minus-five and 2 3/4 inch diameter, it was just out of control,” Childress said. “Bad hitters were getting jammed and balls were going out of the park. When the good hitters got jammed, they still went a long way.”

Childress said pitchers can now pitch on the inside corner without fear of having each pitch there taken out of the yard.

The changes, which Van Horn said have been welcomed by most coaches, have also brought strategy back into the offensive game, he said.

Executing hit and runs and bunts are now a vital part of the game, Van Horn said, which blends perfectly with NU’s scrappy, run-manufacturing style of play.

Said Childress: “With our type of team, we really try to focus on speed, defense and pitching. I really don’t think our team would be affected if we went to wood bats because our focus is on speed offensively.”

While the statistics speak for the decrease in offensive production, it’s unclear whether increased safety, often mentioned as a main reason for the bat changes, has been achieved as well.

Serious injuries, Thurston said, are hard to quantify because they go unreported or are settled out of court.

Thurston, who said he has noticed some differences in offense and thinks college baseball is slightly safer, said the NCAA did not follow its exit speed of 97 mph adopted for the 2000 season.

For a bat model to fail the test, three bats of the same model had to have exit speeds more than 97 mph, according to Thurston. Six of seven models tested would have failed, Thurston said, but the NCAA didn’t see it that way.
Baseball tops State, takes two from Cavs

By Derek Haynes
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Someone driving by Russ Chandler Stadium Wednesday evening might have thought Tech’s baseball home was converted into a football stadium by the 23-4 score. However, nothing could be further from the truth. The Jackets (24-7, 6-3 ACC) dominated Georgia State (14-18) in all facets of the game Saturday thanks to a pair of homers from freshman Matt Murton and four solid innings of work from starter Brian Sager (2-0).

The Jackets have now won 10 of their last 12 games, including 5 of 6 in ACC play. Murton, who went 3-4 with 8 RBIs in the game, blasted his third and fourth homers of the season in the win.

“I’ve been working on my swing a little bit and got comfortable in the box,” said Murton, “things just took care of themselves.”

Sager, who has been nursing a sore arm, was thrown into 60 pitches by manager Danny Hall but managed to strike out 6 and walked only one.

“I’m pleased with what I saw in him, he can be a big factor for us if he can get arm strength back up,” said Hall.

Tech went to Panthers starter Jace Payne (0-1) early on, scoring 2 runs in the first and erupting for 11 in the third to take a 13-0 lead. Tech added 5 more runs in both the fifth and ninth innings. Both of Murton’s homers came in the 11-run third inning.

Shortstop Richard Lewis went 4-6 in the game and scored four runs to tie third baseman Victor Menocal for the team lead with 41 runs.

The Panthers would get to Tech reliever Aaron Walker in the eighth, scoring 2 runs, scoring 4 runs on 4 hits for their only runs of the evening.

The teams combined to use 11 pitchers in the non-conference game, Tech using 6 and the Panthers 5. After Sager, five Tech pitchers each pitched one inning highlighted by closer Jeff Watchko who struck out the side in the ninth to lower his ERA to 1.50.

Murton, who blasted two home runs at Virginia that would have easily taken a start against the Panthers Saturday, was working on his swing and will continue to do so during the off-season.

Lady Jackets split doubleheaders with Southern and FSU

By Jody Shaw
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After a week of home contests that included two South Atlantic League opponents that will have to endure the pain of going against A.J. Suggs, Lady Jackets shortstop Richard Lewis went 4-6 in the game and scored four runs to tie third baseman Victor Menocal for the team lead with 41 runs.

On Saturday, the Jackets went to Georgia State and Georgia Southern and emerged as hands-off. Therefore, on many occasions, rushing defensive linemen had to let up and simply tag the QB instead of delivering their disastrous blows.

“I thought it was a good day.”
George O’Leery
Head Football Coach

Spring scrimmage highlights new QBs, strong defense

On a couple of these instances when the ball would normally be knocked from the QB’s clutches or he would scramble for a sack, the pass was completed successfully. However, this will all change as the faces across the line of scrimmage change from that of Godsey, Hall or Logan to the unfortunate opponents that will have to endure the Jackets’ sting.

The reason why the defense is usually more prepared at this time of the pre-season is because the offensive playbook is usually more complicated. The connections between players must also be formed more so than between their defensive counterparts. During the offensive battle, timing and routes must be exact. An unspoken connection must be developed between the wide outs and the quarterback so deep that they must know what the other is thinking. For instance both wide out and quarterback must notice the defense being played against them and make the same decision about whether or not the receiver should hold off his route.

What made this more difficult was the fact that some of the key players going during the scrimmage. Among those absent were tailback Joe Burns and quarterback George Godsey.

Replacing Burns was redshirt freshman Jimmy Dixon and returning Junior Sager who combined for 177 yards. Replacing Godsey during the scrimmage was a trio of redshirt freshman Mark Logan, redshirt freshman Andy Hall, and a transfer from the University of Tennessee A.J. Suggs.

Of the three A.J. Suggs was most dominant, showing impressive pocket presence, along with a strong arm and good aim. During a scramble, instead of taking a sack or throwing an interception, he kept his composure and threw the ball out of bounds. Unfortunately due to NCAA regulations, since Suggs is a transfer player he will not be eligible to play until the 2002 season. So it remains to be seen if Logan and Hall can take the backup position to Godsey for next season.

During their turns on the field they both played well yet not spectacular. O’Leary said, “They both made some good throws and some checks, which I was happy to see.”