More services offered, larger facilities, with West Campus location

By Jason Reever
Contributing Writer

With a groundbreaking in early June, work on the new health center will begin, and with it, students can expect many expansions upon the current health coverage.

Among these include dental coverage, expanding psychiatric coverage, and third party billing. The actual building will be larger than the current health center and will have room for future expansions built into it.

The new health center will be located next to the natatorium on west campus, the current location of part of the Student Athletic Complex (SAC). It will have an entrance facing First Drive and will be two stories tall.

Parking at the Health Center will be accessible from both First Drive and Tech Parkway.

The actual building will be approximately 10,000 square feet larger than it currently is and will house many improvements on the old health center.

One of the new features students can look forward to is dental coverage. According to Dr. Cindy Smith, the Director of Health Services, the health center will have a full time dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant and receptionist to cover Georgia Tech students.

The dental coverage that the new health center will offer will include cleanings and filling but it will not cover more invasive works such as crowns done, reconstructive surgery or orthodontics.

Third party billing, another one of the changes in the health center, will be easier for insurance companies as the new health center will communicate with them directly.

SGA revote shows new results

By Indy Shaw
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the undergraduate student body approved two proposed amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution in a special referendum after previous votings on the amendments during the regularly-scheduled undergraduate SGA was ruled constitutionally invalid by the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet.

The undergraduates also voted to reject two proposed amendments that had passed in the original election.

The student body overwhelmingly passed an amendment to expand the size of the UJC to aid in the expediting of cases before the student discipline board makes recommendations to the Dean of Students. The student body also approved the amendment to allow SGA to community referendums on amendments in forums other than the Technique. Previously all constitutional amendments and referendums had to be listed in the student newspaper prior to the election. This stipulations is what caused the UJC to rule the first amendment results, since they had not been published in the Technique.

The two amendments that failed both related to equal opportunity for all students to participate in student activities—one addressed SGA and the other addressed all other student organizations. Essentially the amendments would have barred student organizations from discriminating in their membership based on certain characteristics. Two amendments originally passed in the first election. In order to pass, an amendment needed a two-thirds majority.

Tech students earn Fulbright, Goldwater

Undergraduate student Brian Garner and undergraduate biology major Michael Lubansky were recently named recipients of the Fulbright Fellowship and the Goldwater Scholarship for 2002.

Lubansky has been working in Sheldon May’s biochemistry lab finding ways to create biodegradable plastics using bacteria. The Goldwater Scholarship will pay for up to $7500 of next year’s tuition, fees, room, and board. German will leave for Germany in August to spend a year doing aerospace engineering research at the Technical University of Berlin. He expects to get his Ph.D. in aerospace engineering in December 2003.

First dean of Architecture passes at 71

William Leonard Fash, former dean of Georgia Tech’s College of Architecture, passed away Monday, May 27 of complications from lung disease. He became the first Dean of the College of Architecture in 1976, retiring in 1994. A practicing architect, he was responsible for developing much of the curriculum of the new college.

Fash was well respected by Tech’s faculty for his approach to educating students about his contributions to making architecture a nationally recognized program at Georgia Tech. A funeral was held Thursday at H. M. Patterson and Sons, Spring Hill.

By Andrew Howard
Contributing Writer

In a continuing effort to establish new leaders on Georgia Tech’s campus, Auxiliary Services will offer 75 rising freshmen the opportunity to enroll in an Emerging Leaders Program. This program is geared toward students who are not yet leaders but are looking to get involved. It will be another alternative to Freshman Council and the Freshman Activities Board, explained Residence Life Coordinator Laura Powers, program director.

Enrolled students will attend bi-weekly seminars for a year led by members as well as leaders from the surrounding community.

Our goal is to help Georgia Tech freshmen have the ability to succeed in a leadership role at Georgia Tech and beyond. We will provide a variety of opportunities as well steps to build networking skills. The more organizations, like M.O.V.E., that we work with, the better impact on the student,” said Powers.

Funded by a $50,000 grant from the Auxiliary Services’ Buzzfunds account, the Emerging Leaders program is an effort to support President Wayne Clough’s leadership initiative.

“The Buzzfunds have been tied up for the last couple years, but when they opened up, [Vice
Last issue’s poll garnered 124 responses to the question: “What should the faculty do about drop day?”

Move it to last day of semester. (34%)
Leave it where it is. (14%)
Move it to the eighth week of the Semester. (52%)

From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: May 29, 1992—Georgia Tech forms an ad-hoc committee to examine the option of switching from the quarter system to the semester system. Opinions within the Tech community vary greatly, and the committee also discusses the possibility of a trimester system.

20 years ago: May 28, 1982—SGA addresses the proposal to build Peters Parking Deck. Many students oppose the plan, as Peters Park is one of the few greenspaces left on East Campus, and other avenues should be considered to solve the parking problem on campus.

30 years ago: May 26, 1972—In a presidential preference poll and referendum, students re-elect Richard Nixon, who receives 48.8% of the 667 votes cast. Students also vote down busing of students, approve of a nuclear test ban treaty, and favor the equal rights amendment for women, among other issues.
Health

The women’s center will be located directly above the lab and will have three more examination rooms than it currently does. This will help students using the health center receive quicker and more convenient service.

The wellness center, which will also be located on the second floor, will be arranged slightly differently to be more accessible to students. Changes in its layout include more overall space, a larger fitness area for stretching and measurements, and a poster-sized printer area.

After the health center moves to its new location, construction on the ground breaking has not yet begun. This $7.1 million dollar construction will take place from the second week of June until the following February. Whiting-Turner Construction is contracting this project, with Lord, Arch and Sargent as architects for it. However, the date for the ground breaking has not yet been set.

Powers plans to actively recruit students who are not yet leaders but are looking to get involved.

Laura Powers
Residence Life Coordinator

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Health Center moving

While the new facilities for the Health Center will be a definite improvement over its current, less functional building, the health services available to students should not be sacrificed to finance the move. Indeed, this move should correspond to an increase in the services that are available to students.

Some improvements in the services area already planned in conjunction with the move. The addition of dental services to the available health care will help freshmen and other students without access to transportation to receive the health services they need.

Despite the strides forward made by the new facilities and the addition of dental care, the Health Center needs to make additional services available to students. First and foremost, the emergency services available at the Center need to be improved so that students whose needs are most urgent are treated first, whether or not they have an appointment. In the same vein, walk-in-services, the type of health care that is most useful to college students, needs to be added to the menu of options at the Health Center.

Both of these improvements would be labor intensive, meaning that they will require the hiring of new doctors. These additional costs would be well worth it, however, if the Health Center would then be able to provide students with the sense of safety and well-being they should be able to expect.

While the Health Center move will certainly benefit students, it is essential that the cost of this move does not cheapen the services that the Health Center provides.

Emerging Leaders redundant

Although Emerging Leaders is designed to help entering freshman get involved in leadership positions at Tech, the very fact that it is a selective program undermines its stated aim: to help ensure that the leadership initiative reaches freshmen.

The leadership initiative’s goal is to encourage all Tech students to be involved in leadership roles. The goal of Emerging Leaders is to pick a small portion of the freshman class and single them out for leadership development that every freshman who wants to be involved should receive.

Beyond the fact that the program will have difficulty accomplishing its desired goal, the program also seems to serve a purpose that many other organizations and programs already attempt to fill. The role of selective leadership development organizations for freshman is already filled by the likes of Freshman Council and FreshGA. Campus organizations already heavily recruit freshman members every year, so what is needed is not another organization for freshman to join.

What is needed is a way for all freshmen to learn what is necessary, not a leader. The infrastructure to accomplish this goal is already in place: PL’s, PSYC 1000, and Hall Councils, to name a few programs designed with freshman in mind. Money from Buzzfunds should be used to strengthen these programs toward their obvious goals: showing all entering freshmen the value of involvement in the Georgia Tech community. Developing a new program while other programs have not reached their full potential is foolish, especially when there is no reason to believe that a new program will succeed when others with similar purposes have not.

Israeli conflict not as simple as some think

I write as a Muslim and as a proud citizen from the world’s largest democracy - India. What I see therefore in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict pains me doubly.

First, I agree with Dr. Block and Mr. Greene about the despicable nature of suicide bombings. Targeting of civilian population is unacceptable under any circumstances. It is against most basic of Islamic principles and has to stop immediately. Palestinian leaders need to criticize the bombers forcefully and not just when the US arm-twists them in doing so.

Second, I also agree with Ulrich that Arab propaganda remains virulently anti-Israeli. But the Arabs are not one single faceless entity. That would be as ridiculous as saying that Europeans or Asians are a single entity with no plurality of values, religion, culture and nations.

Third, I suspect that the present US enthusiasm about a ‘regime change’ in Iraq stems neither from high-minded democratic principles nor from valid reasons of security. Iraq’s ownership of chemical weapons and the worst repression of its own people took place in the 1980’s when it was an ally of the West. While, I would still like to see President Saddam go, the timing and the violent means used to do so makes me unwilling to support it.

Fourth, Arabs and Israelis will never agree on whose side morality lies and whether the previous wars were justified or not. But, we, as humans have determined the illegality of the occupation of one nation’s territory by another. History is always contentious, but it is important that it does not impede on our present and our future.

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Better Leadership Development

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Following former President Carter through Castro’s Cuba

When we signed up to take a two-week odyssey through Cuba none of us knew the trip would coincide with the journey of another—Voyage Jockey through the socialist island. None of us knew that our small group of students from the Sam Nunn School would meet former President Jimmy Carter, Tech’s most famous alumna, make history and get to know his island. And none of us knew that Cuba would be caught in the crosshairs of the Bush administration’s foreign policy while we simultaneously studied the political and economic crossroads of the island of Cuba. That trip caught our study abroad group more than it garnered for itself.

We went to Cuba to study an island that has been the focal point of the Cold War for the better part of fifty years. It explained a complex network of Internet and wireless technologies that allow us to communicate in a global village captured the imagination of Marshall McLuhan’s and the idea that our generation, we must never compromise. To reach such an understanding we must come to terms with what it means to be part of a local community. We at Tech are the local interactions of our community. We at Tech are the stewards of the democratic process that is in the “dollar economy” and those with family members in the U.S., won the socialist system designed to reward good revolution. We saw this stratification up close, indeed, we encouraged it with our spending in the nation. We both monetarily supported the Castro regime by spending dollars in the economy and also undermined the regime by supporting the private capitalism in the form of in-home restaurants and street artisans. President Carter did the same; both legitimized the regime by his criticism of the U.S. embargo and undermining the regime by openly discussing the Varella project, an internal movement by 11,000 Cubans to hold a national referendum on the government, in his nationally-released speech at the University of Havana. Carter’s speech marked the first time since 1959 that such an uncensored broadcast was made to the Cuban people—a sign of progress.

In the midst of so much change, it seems the only constant regarding Cuba, other than its aging leader, is that Castro is, U.S. policy towards the island. I returned to the States just in time to hear President George W. Bush ponder at the Miami-based Cuban exiles by reaffirming his adher- ence to the 43-year-old U.S. embargo of the island nation. Castro clearly recognized this policy of the status quo while in Cuba; he recognizes the benefits that it brings, including American dollars, people, and, undoubtedly, ideas would have on Cuba.

The Bush administration currently employs this strategy of engagement with China, another communist country with a huge population, yet it refuses to allow its own people to visit a country 90 miles from the south coast of Florida, because China never nationalized U.S. businesses as Cuba did after its revolution. Or perhaps the reason is the same: the embargo of the U.S.-Cuban population that is so vehemently anti-Castro and pro-embargo helped to elect President Bush and resides in the state governed by his brother. Whatever the reason, the more sensible options are the free flow of American goods, people, and ideas would most certainly further the goal of collapsing the Castro regime better than the current policy of isolation.

Both President Carter and the members of the tour that I went on learned much about the current state of affairs in Cuba; we recognized the current opportunity for engagement with the Cuban people, a changed government, and we took advantage. Perhaps the solution to this foreign policy dilemma just requires a little Georgia Tech engineering—logical thought to expose the illogic of the embargo and to propose a sensible policy that allows free flow of goods and ideas would have on Cuba.

If only George W. Bush were a hell of an engineer.

Robert Hill
Photography Editor

Breaking out of the Tech bubble into the local community

As students at Georgia Tech we live in a microcosm of technology: a complex network of Internet and wireless technologies that allow us to connect to one another in ways that even our parents could not have dreamed of during our childhood. The same technologies that defined our wired existence foster an ever increasing comfort with what we are supposed to touch with.

Like in an airport with flights leaving every five minutes, there are always delays. Instead of high pressure academic systems, find myself a tourist in the city of Atlanta. It explains a lot about how our campus operates. Like an airport, the Student Center and Bookstore can mark up the price of its goods because they are well aware that once checked in, a student, I will not venture past se- cure areas of the building.

This begs the question of why is the Tech experience so cut off from the real world? The answer is obvious: we do not have enough significant slice of time after all; there is nowhere to wanderlust to explore! Pop culture and conventional wis- dom has often portrayed the college experience as a rather insular, intro- spective one. Just take a look at books and various other print media.

In fact, reality of it all is that even the most dedicated among us have countless opportunities to explore past the boundaries so thoughtlessly marked on our wooden waist level chain-looped fences. Yet for the most part, very few Tech students are aware of, or in fact interact with, the outside world. The issue here is not state of (or lack of) social bonds among students in the whole Tech, but rather the misconception that the use and consumption of technology that defines the world as a global perspective. The stakes are here rather large: we need to realize that globalization is not limited to the Web and IM. College students love bargains but fear it is our local perspec- tive that is over ninety nine percent off. We have a responsibility; I would even go as far as to say a moral obliga- tion, to be aware of what transpires outside the walls of Georgia Tech. Without an understanding of the local interactions and the possibilities for significant change, our chances of asserting an in- formed role of leadership in the global their role in our lives is seriously compromised. To reach such an understanding we must come to terms with what it means to be part of a local community, what it means to operate from a position of privi- leges and how the local really interacts with the global.

Presient of the direction and influence communication and how the local community, the airport, have on the way the world would do business, Marshall McLuhan, coined the term global village in the mid 1960’s: In doing so he combined the vastness of globalization with the small scale of the local community. Since then we have witnessed technological inno- vations that collapse the idea of tangible distance separating both people and information from one another. The promised potential of such technologies that drove McLuhan’s global village captured the imagi- nation of cultural theorists and econo- mists alike. Some envisioned nothing less than the democratiza- tion of information and knowledge, the very essence of power. Sadly such idealism is yet to manifest: with re- cent reports estimating the total per- centage of the world’s population being around five percent. McLau- nine’s village resembles a club. Returning to our metaphor of the airport, it is important to recog- nize Georgia Tech’s interactions and therefore our own role, within our community. We at Tech are the very embodiment of the world’s privi- leged five percent. What are the implications that there is poverty less than 5 miles from Tech campus, yet campus is under going an incredible spur of construction.

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Question of the week
“What did you do for Memorial Day?”

Moeko Wallis
Management
“Went to swim practice and lifeguarded - about 9 hours in the pool!”

Hye Sok
Industrial Design
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Mechanical Engineering
“Saw ‘Star Wars.’”

Krit Athikulwongse
ECE
“Went shopping.”

Nick Hasara
Civil Engineering
“I went rafting at the Chatahoochee.”

Jamil Hinds
Industrial Design
“Went to the Piedmont Park Jazz Festival.”

Feature and Photos by Robert Hill
Sensitivity to smog varies from person to person. However Elise Beckiser, an aerospace engineering major who recently returned from out of town, comments, "I got back from Colorado on Sunday, and as soon as I stepped off the plane, I noticed the haze and the smell." For native Atlantans, smog is nothing new. Ken Cheng, a biomedical engineering major who is living on campus this summer, says she doesn't really notice the smog. “I guess we’re used to it,” said Chang. Another reason why Ken and other students haven’t been affected as much by smog yet is because smog season has not reached its peak. Dr. Jim St. John, an Earth and Atmospheric Sciences professor who is also a member of the Partnership for a Smog-Free Georgia, says that the worst smog usually happens from mid to late July through mid-August. The reason, he explains, is because during these months the air above Atlanta stagnates; unlike other months, there are no large air currents to push the air through Georgia.

“It’s a little like not flushing a toilet,” said St. John.

The heat also plays a part, because the reactions that create smog take place more easily. Also, in hotter weather, there is more demand for energy, in the form of air conditioning as well, which causes power plants to produce more pollution.

So what exactly should students be aware of? Ground-level ozone is harmful to one’s health. When inhaled, ground-level ozone can irritate and inflame the passages that carry air from the mouth and nose to the lungs. Scientific tests have demonstrated the negative effect of ozone on the human body. Also, during the growing months, people know that people report more respiratory symptoms, use more respiratory medications, make more emergency room visits, and are hospitalized more.

People who are vulnerable to smog, such as those with asthma, should check the smog alert on a regular basis, especially as peak season approaches. Also, even people without asthma can be bothered by smog even at moderate levels so pay attention to your own symptoms and act accordingly. St. John advises students to just use their common sense when it comes to smog. For example, take advantage of the SAC and exercise indoors instead of outside. In case you do go outside, exercise outside, the morning or late evening hours is the best time.

And even if the smog does not bother you noticeably, minimizing exposure is probably a good idea anyway, because, as St. John cautions, “we don’t really know anything about the long-term effects.”

The partnership for a smog-free Georgia does what it can to help the problem. The Clean Air Campaign’s website www.cancampaign.com claims that conditions have improved in the past few years. Atlanta is exceeding the smog limit less times.

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It’s that time of year again: Smog Season

By Jennifer Lee

Contributing Writer

While summer doesn’t officially begin until June 21, smog season has kicked into full gear this month. Smog season doesn’t actually mean that smog is a problem all the time. Instead, it signifies a period where the status of smog levels in Atlanta is monitored and made known to residents. However, it is still an issue to be aware of.

The primary component of smog is ozone, which is formed as a by-product of two other air pollutants, nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, which in turn come from vehicle emissions, industrial plants, and other sources.

From May 1 to September 30, a team of forecasters, as part of the Clean Air Campaign, issues Smog Alerts on days when the ozone level is expected to exceed federal limits. Smog alerts fall into color-coded categories, based on an Air Quality Index, which is basically a measure of ozone levels. The Green category (AQI 0 to 50) is the best, followed by the Yellow, (AQI 51 to 100). A smog alert occurs once the AQI exceeds 100, in which case the color code are Orange (unhealthy for sensitive groups), Red (unhealthy), and Purple (very unhealthy).

At the beginning of May, ozone levels were at the Green, or low, level; however, as we approach the end of the month, smog levels have increased into the Moderate range, and we have even had one Orange alert.

Getting in shape with new options on campus

By Narendrina Sehabadi

Contributing Writer

Despite the numerous health campaigns which include smoking- kills ad-campaigns and one-drink-campaigns which include smoking-campaigns, try to stay fit at Tech that can work around any academic schedule.

The Student Athletic Complex offers a wide variety of fitness and sport instruction classes through the options program. Options classes are noncredit classes that students can take for additional fees. Students can take anything from ballroom dancing, aerobics, to martial arts.

Summer is a great time to start working out and try a new class sport because of the weather, vacation time, and generally relaxed class schedules. Popular fitness classes include aerobics, water fitness classes, G1T FIT, and personal fitness training.

“The popular G1T FIT program is a structured workout program for participants of all fitness levels,” said Ahshley Motz, the graduate assistant for the SAC Options classes.

Aerobics classes include step, cardio-kickboxing and pilates, a new type of class that is similar to yoga and focuses on strengthening and stretching the body. There are two new Pilates-certified instructors that teach the class. Water fitness classes are a popular class to take during the summer months and are held in the bubble pool. Motz said the classes are held in shallow water, so there’s no need to even know how to swim.

Computer Engineering major, Chiag Gandhi says “more people have gone into exercising now because of the importance stressed on it in HPS classes.”

In addition to options classes, the SAC offers a huge range of athletic equipment. The new SAC II facility will be expanding on current facilities, and will offer more machines, and an enclosed swim-

Campus Research Review

Wearable computing creates stir

By Kimberly Rieck

Focus Editor

When Dr. Thad Starner was a student at MIT, he became interested in how to expand his memo-

Starner said that he realized that he wasn’t retaining a lot of the inform-

Starner designed the system to allow users to see information anywhere, because of the importance he learned in his classes there, and given the large amount of money he had spent on his edu-

Starner used the system for a variety of tasks including taking notes, and he even wrote his doctoral thesis using a wearable computer.

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Starner designed the system to allow users to see information anywhere, because of the importance he learned in his classes there, and given the large amount of money he had spent on his education, he wanted to do something about it. He thought the ability to overlay computer graphics and text on the real world was powerful, and he wanted to design that interface.

In 1993, he came up with a wearable computer system that he could use. He designed the system to allow rapid storage and retrieval of information in any situation. Starner uses the system for a variety of tasks including taking notes, and he even wrote his doctoral thesis using a wearable computer.

Over the years, his wearable computer has become more powerful. In 1993, he was using a 100 MHz computer with a 1 gigabyte hard disk. Currently his wearable computer is a 266MHz Pentium MMX, with a 30 gigabyte hard disk. One of the hardest parts was developing a display system to suit system, but recently Starner has fixed those problems.

“Suddenly, for the first time, our computers have the ability to see and hear the world from our per-

There are some limitations to wearable computers. Starner said it is not practical to display too much information in a few seconds because anything longer than that be- comes confusing. Also, there is a problem that more power and features in wearable computers requires a fast-

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each year, due to cleaner cars and stricter regulations on industry, auto manufacturers and on us, through our vehicle emissions program. However, other factors, such as population, and the distance the average person commutes to get to work, have increased.

"When you take everything into account, the statistics are still more or less the same," said St. John. He says old advice still holds: save energy by turning off lights, and drive less. However, he strongly feels that something bigger needs to change: "We need to get away from burning fossil fuels. The way we’re treating the problem now does not really make sense," said St. John.

Right now, the EPA passes 3-4 year initiatives. St. John asserts that 3-4 year initiatives is not enough time. "Atlanta is never going to meet standards. What we need is a 50-year plan," said St. John.

**Wearable**

Thad Starner’s wearable computing innovations have landed him and his computing group millions in grant money and national recognition. He envisions a day when such technology will be as accessible as PCs.

textual Computing Group. His research group focuses on developing and interfaces for the computer to be aware of what users are doing and to assist them. Starner and his group have received several million dollars in research grants including a $1 million grant from NSF. Several of the research projects have focused on helping individuals with disabilities, and diseases.

One example is the Mobile Sign Language Translator. In the project, Helene Brashear, a Ph.D. student has extended Starner’s early graduate work in American Sign Language. It involves developing a wearable computer system that tracks users’ hand language as they sign in American Sign Language. The application then translates signs into English text on the user’s computer display. It enables the user to communicate with non-Sign users. Brashear is investigating various ways of making the system work in a variety of lighting conditions, stereoscopic cameras, and structured laser light.

Another related assistive technology project is the Gesture Pendant. The pendant was featured on The Today Show. It is a wearable system that recognizes and translates simple hand gestures into commands for home appliances such as a stereo. The gesture pendant is a lightweight wireless camera system that is worn as a piece of jewelry, and it uses infrared light to track hand movements. It is also being seen as a possible aid in the monitoring of Parkinson’s disease.

Starner envisions great things for the future of wearable computers including replacing personal computers one day. He thinks the technology can progress to the point that everyone has a virtual personal assistant that would remind users of appointments, schedule meetings, and open relevant notes and documents as the user talks about different topics. Also, services like instant messaging would be combined for a new means of communication. Starner said that one example would be if someone had to fix a car, and a car manual would appear in front of the user’s eyes to help. Other products such as the Gesture Pendant, and the Parkinson’s Tremor Monitoring system will be able to help those with disabilities, and illnesses.

**Fit**

For people who would rather work out by playing team sports, the SAC provides many different sports for one to take advantage of. There are intramural squads during the summer that students can join.

Another option is personal fitness training for those who feel that they need a customized workout program by a professional. The certified personal fitness trainers at the SAC design programs for individuals and work with them to help them achieve personal fitness goals. It’s a great way to start a workout program or “tune-up” your current workout routine.

There are additional opportunities for the summer session only. On June 8, there will be a self defense class, and seminar. Tennis lessons, swimming lessons and golf instruction are also offered this summer. SCUBA diving is also a popular summer course. Classes include lecture and pool-based instruction. "A certification dive trip is taken at the end of the summer," said Motz.

The SAC hours for the summer are: M-F 6a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sun 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

For more information check out www.wellness.gatech.edu.
Atlanta's annual Music Midtown dominated by rock

By Christopher Webb
Contributing Writer

Music festivals are a cornucopia of musical styles: a little jazz, some rap, and for Atlanta, a whole lot of rock. You could not pass through Music Midtown 2002 without seeing at least one rock band, and you may have seen little else this year. V103 failed to sign on any big Atlanta rap acts. And other stages catered little to college-aged people with 96 Rock's Journey performance and Z93 sporting Jericho Tull.

The 99X stage, the quintessential favorite among college students, takes the crowning glory once more for the overall acts this year. Filled with Incubus, Stone Temple Pilots, Counting Crows, Bush, Garbage, and No Doubt, the lineup bristled with teen angst heavy weights. Crowds large enough to engulf small towns ended up with a scorching hot sun just to keep their spirit from some unduly crowded. People were frequently injured in the mad mob pits that broke out towards the front of the stage while others were crushed between their neighbors.

Once again, 99X also tried to help blossoming local bands gain exposure through their Local Stage. Historically, some of those bands have gone on to better things such as Angie Aparo, who has played both 99X stages. Next year, look out for Michelle Malone who has been a favorite among other Atlanta acts. She has appeared as a vocalist on four Indigo Girls albums, Shawn Mullins' Better Days, and with Drivin N' Cryin.

Sadly, Hotlanta was lacking for music this year. Ja Rule, Bubba Sparxxx, and Mystikal were the only rap acts of any notable worth at the V103 stage. But only Ja Rule was given the prime time. Mystikal was relegated to opening for Earth, Wind, and Fire in what may have been the oddest pairing of the weekend. In a city known for great rap music, it is a shame that it is sorely misrepresented in the city's biggest music festival.

For those that might have ventured off the path or perhaps stumbled into the Civic Center you would have been privy to comfortable seating and an intimate and evening with June Carter Cash, Mike Mills of R.E.M., Cindy Wilson of the B-52s, Don McLean, and a few others.

The show was shown on Turner South Live as an expose of Southern singer-songwriters. June Carter Cash, last surviving member of the Carter family, sang a few bluegrass favorites and "Ring of Fire," a song she co-wrote with her husband Johnny Cash. But the moment of the evening came when she nearly put everyone in tears as she sang, "I Used To Be Somebody," a tune about her friends Hank Williams, James Dean, and Elvis. Cindy Wilson sang "Roam" in what she recalls as the only acoustic rendition ever sung of a B-52s song. Of course, Don McLean brought everyone to their feet singing "American Pie."

Some people could not find the small hideaways of music or venture out early enough in the morning to the opening acts that might be tomorrow's headliners. Many just came to be seen, others came for less appealing reasons. A sickening trend among large outdoor concerts has been increasing violence towards women and men. Whether the perpetrators are thirty years old or fourteen, women find themselves more and more accosted. Sometimes the violence enters the national news as in Woodstock 99. Sometimes the violence slipped off as an expected consequence of crowd surfing.

The dirty truth behind many general admission concerns is that often festival goers are forced to ask themselves if the lower ticket prices are worth the violence, pushing, and dehydration. Instead of chanting a band name, hundreds of thirsty people were screaming "Water! Water!" during Saturday's and Sunday's shows at Music Midtown. The only water security guards could provide were a mere few drops from a couple of water bottles.

Those that didn't collapse because of water often gave up after hours of just trying to breathe. As people push and make their way to the front, those industrious enough to arrive early are slowly drained of all energy as they maintain their balance. The compacted bodies create a heat bubble that makes it sweaty, smelly, and scorching hot even at night. What did you pay for? The music becomes an afterthought as the music is merely trying to survive at the front.

If you are planning on crowd surfing or staying at the front be careful. Girls should wear more than just tube tops. Flip flops are definitely a bad idea. Wear about lace up; walking home with only one shoe is a painful experience. Some people suggest that women should wear sports bras as an extra measure of safety. Drink as much water as you can when you can.

Avoid soft drinks if you can since they will not hydrate you as well as water. Alcohol and drugs are popular items at concerts, but realize that because of the strain your body is already under, the problems can be multiplied with their use.

Horror stories abound at large festivals, but what draws people to them? Cheap tickets and a huge number of acts can draw a varied crowd. Music Midtown even has an area for children in the hopes of making it a family event. However, before you think about bringing the family of four think about the real cost of going to a concert. Expect to buy three drinks, a hot dog or hamburger, and some fries for each person. At concert prices, that adds up quickly. Most people find it less of a hassle to eat outside the park. With Publix only one block from a park entrance, many people did just that.

Atlanta Film Festival begins Friday at various locations

By Julia Truempf
Entertainment Editor

The Atlanta Film Festival, sponsored by the IMAGe Film and Video Center, kicks off Friday night in the Rich Auditorium of the High Museum with the viewing of Cheesie, starring Robin Tunney. The festival, in its 26th year, will showcase over 150 new works from artists around the world.

This year’s festival features a stronger and more diverse slate of films than past festivals. The films also include more recognizable talent, such as Jodie Foster, Sigourney Weaver, Josh Hartnett, Lisa Kudrow, and Jeremy Sisto. The selection of features includes films in both color and black and white, and there is even one that combines live action and animation.

Aside from feature films, the festival includes animation screenings at the Lefont Garden Hills Cinema. Also, there are documentaries and educational workshops. Documentary topics include backyard wrestling, a church’s haunted house designed to scare sinners, and the re-uniting of a Vietnamese mother and her daughter.

The M.E.D.I.A. Savvy Program, which is new this year, displays the works of recent graduates of IMAGe Film and Video Center’s youth program. The Teen Screen series, shown every weekday at noon and free to teenagers, features films produced by today’s youth. The festival will be held at four different locations: the Regal Hollywood 24, the Lefont Garden Hills Cinema, the High Museum’s Rich Auditorium, and the Carter Center. Most viewings will be at Regal Cinemas. The festival runs from May 31 until June 8, and the time schedule varies each day. The price of tickets ranges from $4 to $7.50.

For film schedules and more information, visit the Atlanta Film Festival website at http://www.imagefv.org/fest2002.

Two Bits: Witty welcome
Tech's most humorous student, the Two Bits Man, give suggestions for keeping summer full of fun. Page 14

Bored? Try our puzzle
Joey Karten creates another stumper with his first crossword puzzle of the summer. Page 15
Hello and welcome to the first edition of Summer Two Bits. Only four issues of the Technique are released every summer, and I know it’s going to be hard to cope with the reality of the Two Bits man’s contact with his followers being reduced in frequency and in length. Therefore, in the interest of curtailting the devastating symptoms of withdrawal, I am determined to write a Two Bits column so riveting and remarkable that it will tide over my basis. And if that’s still not good enough, then I suppose I will have to entertain you for a whole summer, and I know every summer, and I know that these are hard times. But just remember, it won’t be long until the Two Bits Man’s adorables rants and raves, sarcastic charms, and dazzling wit, once again reclaim their regular weekly delivery. Sound thrill, this is the Two Bits Man saying, aside from buying you ice cream, I’ve done my part and your boredom is no longer my problem.

It is a commonly known truth that nothing brings together the spirit of a community more than the institution of Naked Time.

Also a great way to entertain your guests from out of town or impress your family and friends. One great thing about being a guest in a Naked Time outside your general area is that you never know what Naked customs to expect from the Naked locals. In one of the communities that I’ve visited, I was particularly struck by a cute little practice where everyone brings out their pets and dresses them up in pet clothes and thereby gives them a chance to be the non-naked species for a while.

When Naked Time is over and the heat makes you feel like sitting back on the couch and watching some television. But wait, there’s nothing to watch but that new Single in the Himalayas show and Fear Factor re-runs. What are we to do?

Well the Two Bits man, though not a particularly avid fan of the sport himself, recommends watching Nascar races on TV. Last night I watched the Viagracar win the Coca-Cola racing family 600 by exhibiting tremendous endurance in the face of the longest race of the season. I began to think about the Viagracar. The name is so famous already, why would Viagra have to endorse a nascar to gain extra publicity? And then it hit me like a stiff board. Viagra, being advertised through the same medium by which cigarettes and beer are advertised, further its cause quite nicely. Viagra is simply carving out an image for itself saying, “Hey sports fans! The reason that you’re having trouble with your sexual functioning is because you’re getting too old, or because you’re repelled homosexuals, but because you’re lacking a product as necessary and as cool as cigarettes or beer.”

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The Live List: May 31 to June 13
Get your summer started!

6/23 Marcus Miller
6/20 Luna
6/19 Angelique Kidjo
6/16 David Cross
6/15 Doc Watson
6/11 Melissa Ferrick
(404) 521-1786
VARIETY PLAYHOUSE (1099 Euclid Ave.)
6/10 Snoop Dogg
(404) 659-9022
6/8 Widespread Panic Movie
6/1 The Outfield
6/27 The Get Up Kids
6/13 KMFDM
6/8 Peter Murphy
6/6 Superjoint Ritual
6/1 Strung Out/Rise Against
(404) 577-2007
6/22 The Hiss
6/21 Elf Power
6/17 Loudermilk
6/14 Freedy Johnston
6/5 Mark Eitzel
(404) 688-1193
COTTON CLUB (152 Luckie St.)
http://www.atlantaconcerts.com/cottonclub.asp
6/18 Goldfinger
6/15 The Jim Rose Circus
6/14 Supermatic
6/13 The Juliana Theory/Piebald
6/7 American Hi-Fi/Autopilot Off
6/6 Jesus Jones

For more concert listings, visit http://www.politax.com
Final strikeout total for fresh pitcher Jessica Sallinger. Sallinger led the Lady Jackets to an ACC Championship and ended the season with a 52-18 record and ranked 18th in the nation.

The score by which Tech men’s baseball beat Coastal Carolina on Feb. 22 of this year. Coastal Carolina was when we played them earlier this year,” said Hall. “They have a very good program, and it’s certainly not a surprise to me that they won their league and are back in here.”

The course of tournaments that the Tech’s men’s golf team have won this year. Ranked first in the country, the team will be competing in the NCAA Championships this weekend.

The number of tournaments that the Tech’s men’s golf team have won this year. Men’s Golf, Women’s Softball, and Women’s Indoor Track Teams have all won ACC titles.

Distance of record-breaking javelin throw by Tech men’s track team member Chris Sinnotre. Breaking his own record, Sinnotre automatically qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Event Date
BB R egionals 5/31/2
BB vs. Coastal Carolina 5/31
TF @ NCAA Championships 5/29/4/1
MG @ NCAA Championships 5/29/4/1
BB – Baseball, TF – Track & Field, MG – Golf

No. 7 Tech hosts regionals and has sights set on College World Series

Swinging for Success
Tech men’s softball is hot in the nation, but can they back it up in Ohio at the NCAA Championships? Page 19.

Hat Corner, Hat Bat
Senior outfielder Matthew Boggs says although he grew up a Georgia fan, Tech baseball is what he does best. Page 19.

The Tech's men's baseball bear Coastal Carolina on Feb. 22 of this year. Coastal Carolina on Feb. 22 of this year. Coastal Carolina.

The Miami Hurricanes knocked out of the ball. What I did was to tell them that we have one more shot and you may never be in this position again, ever in your career, where you are one game away from playing in the World Series.”

Florida State’s momentum carried over in the second game, our playing Tech in a 6-1 decision. The loss came a week after the Lady Jackets claimed the first ACC title in program history. Pitcher Jessica Sallinger was especially dominant, pitching all 21 innings and allowing just one earned run, while striking out 29.

Sallinger was the driving force behind the success of the team all season, shattering both the Tech record for wins in a season by going 28-9, and the single season record for strikeouts with 337 and a microscopic 1.17 ERA.

She was named Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year and a member of the first team Southern All-Region.

“I can’t really explain it,” she said. “I had no idea what the competition was going to be like at this level. In high school, you pitch from 40 feet, and you move back three feet in college. I had no idea that I’d be able to make that adjustment so quickly. I’m still in awe.”

Tech shortstop Tara Knudson had one of the top offensive seasons in Yellow Jacket softball history and was named a third-team NFCA All-American. Only the second All-American in program history, Knudsen garnered All-ACC and first-team Southeast All-Region recognition and led Tech in nearly every major offensive category this season.

Under the guidance of ACC coach of the Year Kate Maddon, the Lady Jackets finished with a record setting 52-18 mark. The Jackets won 13 more games than the previous school high of 39 and will return 13 of 15 players for next season.

“This team just really meshed very well,” Maddon said. “This year everything came together. Everybody was shooting for the same goals.”

Softball Notes for 2002
1st ACC Championship Title
1st NCAA Regional appearance
1st time in USA Today/NFCA Top 25 polls
Retrospective: 52 wins for the season
Men’s Golf aims for first NCAA title

The No. 1 ranked GT golf team has held top position for almost the entire year, but two weeks ago, Tech had to share the crown with Clemson.

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

Georgia Tech’s Men’s Golf Team is once again ranked first in the country and will be attempting to bring home the program’s first national title this weekend as they travel to Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the NCAA Championships. Ohio State’s Scarlet Course. Tech’s team has finished in the top four three of the last four years but is hoping to achieve what has been expected of it for years—a national title.

Thirty teams and the top six individual qualifiers from regionals will be competing on the par-71, 7,336-yard layout that the Yellow Jackets competed on in the Ping/ Golfweek Preview Invitational in the fall. Tech placed tenth in the event, but that experience should be helpful for the Jackets as they face a field with 20 of the top 25 teams in the nation and 22 of the top 25 individuals in the nation.

"After getting through the regionals, I think we can grab a hold of ourselves and improve a little bit. I think we’re definitely ready to go up to Columbus and have a good performance as a team," senior Matteson said.

"There is no reason we can’t go into the last round having a chance to win."

Bruce Hepler
Men’s Golf Head Coach

Boggs gives GT hot bat at hot corner

When last season ended, Matthew Boggs was Tech’s starting left fielder and figured to be headed back to the infield to play second base, where he began his career. With the emergence of freshman Eric Patterson, Boggs did the veteran thing and asked where he could play to help the team. That meant a move to third base, one of the hardest positions to play in baseball.

"After struggling on offense and defense, Boggs’ hot hitting continued on April 11, as he hit .260 for 106 with 18 RBIs in 28 games for a .245 batting average to go along with quite a few errors. Starting the Maryland series and carrying through the ACC Tournament, Boggs is 45 for his last 96, with 27 RBIs in 32 games. Boggs set a new career record for RBIs and earned ACC Player of the week honors.

In trying to explain the turn-around. Boggs said, “I just focused more on hitting and let whatever worry about it so much. I was a little more relaxed at the plate.”

His hot second half even resulted in Boggs’ first career home run, which brought a smile to faces of the fans, his teammates, and even Boggs himself.

“When I hit it, I knew that if one didn’t get out, I was never going to hit a home run, because that was as good as I can hit a ball. Roundings the bases, I was trying not to smile, but once I got to third, I couldn’t hold it in. Everybody made fun of me for how big my smile was coming around the bases, but it was exciting. The week after, it ran through my mind quite a few times.”

The two hallmarks of Boggs in his career have been toughness and effort. Matthew Boggs is Tech’s career leader in being hit by a pitch (53), a category not for the faint of heart. He is a gritty player who leads by example, as the fifth-year senior usually carries a silent intensity to the game.

“Do you want to win the game? You’ve got to be focused,” Boggs said. "As far as being a leader, I don’t like to be a real vocal leader. If the time comes, I will say something, but usually I like leading by example. One thing that I’ve tried to make a point of is that in baseball there are so many things that you can control and playing hard is one of those things.”

Boggs is also at his best in the post-season, starting with an outstanding performance as a freshman at the Wichita Regional to help spearhead a Tech comeback win in the championship game.

"My freshman year at Wichita, I had a great regional, might be the best I ever played. Ever since then, once we’ve gotten to the post-season, I’ve always played pretty well. I don’t know if I’m more focused or what, but I feel like I definitely play better.”

Boggs is hoping to play well this weekend and take another step towards getting the Jackets back to Omaha for the College World Series for the first time since 1994.

“When I came to college, that was the top priority. It feels like something’s missing since we haven’t been there. We were so close my freshman year. I remember sitting in the dugout before the championship game [in the Super Regional] and nobody on our team had a doubt that we would win that game. We ended up losing, and I remember how badly that felt...It would have been very special to make it this year.”

In the regionals, Tech will host three visiting teams, Coastal Carolina, Louisiana, and intrastate rival Georgia. Boggs actually grew up a Georgia fan and if he hadn’t been a Tech student, he would’ve ended up in Athens.

"If it hadn’t been for baseball, I probably wouldn’t have ended up here because both my parents went to Georgia. I grew up being a Georgia fan, and everybody gives me grief about that all the time. I also thought about possibly going to some of the Ivy League schools. I’m glad that baseball worked out.”

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior Matthew Boggs began his Tech career at the second base position but has found his home at the third base corner. Not only defensively versatile, Boggs has become an even larger offensive asset for GT.