**Hazing earns Chi Phi suspension**

by Tony Kluemper

Assistant News Editor

For the second time in three years, the Dean of Students’ office has ordered the suspension of one of Tech’s Greek organizations. The brothers of Chi Phi fraternity have been suspended for at least two years effective immediately, according to Vice President of Student Services Lee Wilcox.

The investigation of Chi Phi began last month after the Dean’s office received reports of alleged violations of hazing and alcohol policies by the brothers. Once the office received the reports they proceeded to conduct an investigation into the truth behind the matter.

The allegations investigated were in a wide range of categories. “The allegations were in several categories,” said Wilcox. “Probably the two biggest categories were hazing, and there were multiple examples of hazing, and then alcohol violations and there were multiple violations there as well.”

According to Wilcox, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) then became involved because of the seriousness of the alleged issues. “Because of the seriousness of these charges and the potential that a chapter could be suspended, it went to IFC Judicial Board, which is a board totally composed of students,” said Wilcox. “After all the IFC-J Board found numerous violations of IFC and Student Code of Conduct policies.”

Sam Riesenberg, chairman of the J-Board, said that the allegations resulted from events that took place within the last six months. “There were approximately 43 charges involving hazing or alcohol over the last four months, starting around November or December from the point of the judicial hearing,” said Riesenberg.

The J-Board then held a hearing in the matter during which representatives from Chi Phi were able to present their side of the case. “They could either admit responsibility or deny it,” said Wilcox. “For most of the charges against them, the fraternity acknowledged responsibility.”

At the completion of the hearing, the fraternity was suspended for two years, due to numerous hazing and alcohol violations.

**Parking registration kicks off, rates to increase**

By Judy Shaw

News Editor

Parking registration kicked off on Monday with a number of surprises for members of the Tech community hoping to garner a coveted on-campus parking place. The online registration system, which debuted last year, returns with even more options and information. These additions also accompany increased rates for parking, which may surprise some current customers.

So far the online system itself seems to be running just as smoothly as it did last year.

“We had a little glitch Tuesday morning where people couldn’t log in, but fifteen minutes later, we were back right up again,” said Rodney Weis, Director of Parking and Transportation.

According to Weis, the University of Georgia recently moved to an online parking registration system. When the system opened, over 2,000 students logged in during the first eight minutes, which caused the server to collapse. No such problems are expected here at Tech, where the system should only improve, according to parking officials.

Weis, along with Parking Systems Analyst Pete Lange, added a number of new features to the registration webpage. First, students, faculty and staff who apply for permits will now have the option to choose six different choices for permit locations.

If the student currently has a parking permit on campus, the sixth choice will be a default choice into the current permit location.

“Students did not know for sure whether they were going to live on east or west campus, so now they can request permits on both sides of campus,” said Weis.

Students and other permit-seekers will also find pages of charts and statistics at their disposal. For example, a student can look at a chart on one section of the webpage to see what lots open up the quickest. He or she can also pull statistics from last year’s wait list to see how each lot opened up.

According to these statistics, over 6,000 customers, most of them students, were moved off of the various lots last year.

According to Weis and Lange, they hope that this information will allow students, especially those applying for a permit for the first time, to make good choices and set realistic expectations regarding parking registration. Both suggested that students applying for a permit for the first time should not expect to get one. Neither the order in which people apply nor their year in school at Tech bear any weight on the selection process. Priority is awarded to all current permit holders first, and then new applicants are added into the system.

**U.S. News ranks Engineering fourth**

by Judy Shaw

News Editor

Early last week, U.S. News and World Report issued its graduate school rankings for the 2003 year. Institute President Wayne Clough and other Tech administrators expressed pleasure over the recent numbers that show Tech programs moving up in a number of areas, as is usually the case, by the College of Engineering.

The College of Engineering moved up in the U.S. News report to fourth place overall; only the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University and the University of California–Berkeley outpaced the Institute. Tech moved ahead of the University of Michigan this year to move into number four. Within Engineering itself, nine of the 15 schools were ranked in the top 15 nationally with Industrial and Systems Engineering earning a first-place ranking for the 12th straight year.

“I’m very pleased with the consistent quality shown by Engineering and am very proud of their sustained record of quality,” said Clough in a release prepared by Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

In addition to the high rankings, the College of Sciences also earned improved marks since the last time U.S. News ranked such programs in 1996. The School of Chemistry jumped eight slots to 32 in the nation. Biology leaped twenty spots to number 68, and Physics climbed the ladder to number 32. Both Mathematics and Applied Mathematics were ranking in the top-20 of their respective categories.

“I’m very pleased to see our investments in our math and science programs finally start to receive national recognition,” said Clough.

Tech’s College of Computing moved up one slot to number 20 in the nation, while the two schools that made the CoC received high marks. The Computer Systems programs ranked number 8 in the country. Artificial Intelligence finished at 12, and Theoretical Computer Science was at 4.

In non-science and math programs, the D厥ege College of Management represented Tech well among business programs. The College ranked 39 overall.

**When the Whistle Blows In Remembrance**

by Daniel Uhlig

The vote on the Student Government Association referendum on amendments to the SGA Constitution ends today at 4:00 p.m. All students can vote at the Technique. The election, which began on Wednesday, is a result of the fact that the amendments were not published in the Technique before the first SGA election in which the amendments were approved.

The amendments deal with changing the number of justices on the Undergraduate Judiciary Committee and ensuring Equal Opportunity for all students in organizations on campus and in SGA. The final amendment states the SGA must publish any referendum in a public form, not necessarily the Technique.

Technique to return May 31

Because the Technique does not publish an issue during Dead Week or Finals Week, this is the final issue of the paper for the spring semester. The Technique will return on May 31 for the first issue of summer semester.
Last issue’s poll garnered 57 responses to the question: “Do you think Tech should offer benefits to domestic partners?”

Yes, as soon as possible. (13%)
No, not in any circumstance. (72%)
Maybe, if domestic partners are clearly defined. (15%)

This week’s poll is about drop day. Do you think the Institute should move drop day to the eighth week or keep it where it is? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

10 years ago: April 24, 1992—The Department of Housing announced the beginning of the Freshman Experience program. The program, which was set to begin during fall semester 2000, is centered around helping freshman adjust to college in hopes of improving Tech’s retention rate.

20 years ago: April 23, 1982—The Tech track team took two individual first place honors at the ACC championships held in Virginia. Sprinter Jeff Larkin and hurdler Raymond Stiles both finished in first place with the team finishing fifth.

30 years ago: April 28, 1972—Due to cuts in the legislative budget awarded to Tech, it was announced that the office of Undergraduate Division was being eliminated. President Petit also hoped to cut our $50,000 of Tech’s $300,000 phone bill. The Registrar’s office announced that pass/fail courses would be offered for the first time during summer quarter.
By Jody Shaw
News Editor

The buzz before the Graduate Student Senate meeting centered on the Tech Beautification Day bill that was failed by the Senate but passed by the Undergraduate House of Representatives. A number of senators were upset that the House passed the bill despite the fact that no senators voted for it.

The TBD bill provided funding for a post-service carnival event that many senators felt was not vital to the successful operation of the community service day itself. In fact, the original vote on the bill in the Senate was 0-18-2.

Electrical and Computer Engineering Senator Leandro Barajas motioned to reconsider the bill. Though at the time the vote on the bill was pending a review by the Undergraduate Judiciary Committee, Barajas wanted the Senate to act to ensure that TBD would not receive the funding.

“There is still some chance that this organization could get the money, and I don’t like that,” said Barajas.

In addition to moving to reconsider, Barajas suggested that the bill total be lowered to one dollar and passed by the Senate. If passed in a different form than the one passed by the House, the bill would go to the Undergraduate Judiciary Committee, and when brought up again, could be failed by the Senate once more.

Vice President Camille Foster-Lonon quickly ruled the Barajas motion out of order. According to a stipulation in Robert’s Rule of Order, a motion for a reconsideration must be made within 24 hours after the bill is originally considered. Since Barajas’ motion came a week later, it was not appropriate according to the rules.

In a somewhat short meeting that ended when the Senate lost quorum, the body did approve an allocation to Freshmen Council for SAC Attack. It also failed a bill to provide funding for award display cases for the President’s Council. The House failed the same bill last week, though in the Senate it received.

The Undergraduate House of Representatives ended its 2001-2002 session with a marathon session that saw extensive debate on a number of bills and some representatives giving their final farewells to the body.

Debate kicked off early in the meeting when Chris Kavanaugh’s bill to approve new justices for the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet came before the House. The bill asked that Daniel Crook be named the new Chief Justice, and Jeremy Talley, Don Smith, Jeff Rosenfeld, Babak Banijamali, Melanie Stoffel, Daag Alemaryehu and Siddharth Easwar be appointed as members of the board. In questioning, some of the representatives felt that the candidates did not adequately understand the issues of the UJC. Though the bill passed, it was not approved my unanimous acclamation as many expected.

Another bill that some expected would easily pass the House met some opposition as well. A resolution on drop day authored by Scott Fletcher was approved by the House, but only after extensive debate on the issue. The resolution asks members of the faculty to consider moving drop day further into the semester—from the fifth week to at least the eighth week. Currently the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee is considering a change concerning Drop Day.

Senior Representative Jason Fowler started the fireworks by stating he was “strongly against” the measure.

“This would let some students withdraw and would cause massive grade inflation that would reflect poorly on the Institute,” said Fowler.

Junior Class Representative Tiffany Massey offered a counterpoint to Fowler’s argument. She noted that Tech’s early drop day caused problems for Tech students who cross-register at other institutions and for students who cross-register at Tech. Be-

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Wednesday, rejected the appeal and was released to the fraternity on fairs and Wilcox.

According to Wilcox, the recommendations made by the J-Board in this case were far reaching. “They [the J-board] recommended to the Dean of Students’ office that the fraternity be suspended immediately through the spring of 2004,” said Wilcox. “They also listed a number of other recommendations for sanctioning.”

These other recommendations dealt with the stipulations for the process Chi Phi must go through when they attempt to come back on campus. “The recommendation of the Judicial Board at the time was suspension for no less than two years with several stipulations for coming back including re-colonization,” said Riesenberg.

Once the J-Board made their final recommendations, the Dean of Students’ office then decided whether these recommendations were acceptable sanctions for the alleged violations. “The Dean of Students’ office can then choose to accept or not accept recommendations and in this case chose to accept the recommendations,” said Wilcox.

After the recommendations of the J-Board were approved, the Dean’s office officially sent notification of the sanctions to the brothers of Chi Phi. As is the case in most suspensions, Chi Phi then chose to appeal to the Office of Student Affairs and Wilcox.

Wilcox’s final decision, which was released to the fraternity on Wednesday, rejected the appeal and sided with the sanctions developed by the J-Board. “After reviewing the entire case and looking at the severity, the frequency and the range of violations, I decided that the two year sanction was an appropriate sanction and so denied their appeal,” said Wilcox.

Since Wilcox rejected their appeal, Chi Phi now has no choice but to face the suspension punishment. According to the official recommendation from the IFC J-Board, Chi Phi must “remove any letters or marks identifying the house as Chi Phi immediately.” In addition, the brothers of Chi Phi must move out of the house by May 30 in order to comply with the sanctions.

Although Wilcox is saddened by the fact that a chapter had to be suspended, he feels that Chi Phi was aware of the problems and did not do much to fix them. “As I said in my letter to the fraternity, I am very, very sad when a chapter needs to be suspended,” said Wilcox. “Chi Phi has had a long, proud history at Georgia Tech, and I’m really sad to see this happen.”

“I do believe that they deserved it because some of these issues were brought up a couple of years ago, and they told us they were going to fix them and their alumni and national office were aware of some of these problems and they didn’t get the job done.”

The fact that the violations created a dangerous situation for many of the pledges was justification for the suspension according to Wilcox. “There were some situations where their pledge class was at serious risk of harm,” said Wilcox.

Wilcox also feels that this suspension could have an effect on the perception of the Greek system as a whole. “Georgia Tech cannot tolerate that and so they must be suspended for two years. But it just hurts when a chapter of what I think is an outstanding system does this sort of thing,” said Wilcox. “It reflects on the whole system unfortunately and adds to the perception that the Greeks aren’t responsible, when for the most part they are.”

Chi Phi is not the first fraternity to be suspended off campus in recent years. Delta Sigma Phi, Zeta Beta Tau and Sigma Alpha Epsilon all have been suspended within the past five years and many view these suspensions as greatly affecting the Greek image on campus.

However, Riesenberg feels that the way the Greek system is handling these cases is showing the campus that these acts are not acceptable. “I think it’s really in-line with what we are already doing,” said Riesenberg.

“They were doing a lot of things that they knew were wrong and they went ahead and did them anyway. This decision is basically the Greek system saying we don’t really approve of that.”

Wilcox is hopeful that Chi Phi will have a successful return in two years. “Hopefully when Chi Phi returns it will be a very positive member of our Greek community.”

Sanctions Against Chi Phi Fraternity

- The Omega chapter of Chi Phi fraternity is suspended from campus immediately and is not allowed to resume operations until Fall 2004.
- The suspension includes any and all kind of organizational activity.
- The brothers must vacate the house by May 30, 2002. Any occupancy of the chapter house after this date will be considered a group activity.
- All current members of the fraternity become Alumni immediately.
- Any pledge or associate member of Chi Phi at this time may choose to face the suspension punishment. According to the official recommendation from the IFC J-Board, Chi Phi must “remove any letters or marks identifying the house as Chi Phi immediately.” In addition, the brothers of Chi Phi must move out of the house by May 30 in order to comply with the sanctions.
- The names and addresses of ten alumni who are willing to serve as advisors. A plan for the training of these advisors and a communication system to ensure that Tech is aware of the alumni advisors’ activities.
- A comprehensive alcohol management plan.
- A syllabus of a new member education program from pledging through initiation.
- A comprehensive scholarship program.
- For any housing facility operated by the fraternity, a House Director must be employed by the house corporation of the fraternity.
- All debts to the Interfraternity Council must be paid in full.
- Any other sanctions as may be imposed by the administration to help bring this chapter back to one of excellence.

Rankings

From page 1 while each of its programs moved up in rankings this year. Though Tech officials appreciate the high marks they received from U.S. News, they also acknowledge that the rankings do not tell the entire story of a graduate—or undergraduate—program. In an appearance earlier this semester, Clough openly criticized the magazine’s ranking system, noting that there is an inherent bias against public schools like Georgia Tech. Given the imperfection of the system, he still seems to take pride in the repeated performance of the Institute. While the rankings always move slightly from year to year, it’s important to keep an eye on the trends,” said Clough.

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Tech MEs sail to $15,000 victory

By Tony Kluemper
Assistant News Editor

A group of Mechanical Engineering students recently ended the day $15,000 richer after finishing first in the Energy Challenge 2002 competition on April 6. The event, which took place on Lake Lanier, involved six other teams from engineering schools across the country and centered around the building of sailboats made entirely of paper materials.

Energy Challenge 2002 is an annual event sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Institute of Paper Science and Technology. The event is designed to increase interest in science and engineering as well as promoting the awareness of energy efficiency.

The Tech team, which consisted of ME majors Gonzalo Stabile and Yianni Eillis as well as Phillip Timm, who navigated the sailboat, finished ahead of both Miami University of Ohio and the University of Maine, who finished second and third respectively.

Although this was not the first time Tech has entered a team in the competition, this year’s competition marked the first time that a team from Tech has finished on top in the annual competition.

This is not the first time Tech has competed in the Energy Challenge competition,” said Timm. “Tech competed two years ago in the Energy Challenge 2000, but this year’s competition was different.”

Once the first design was complete, the team tested the boat on Lake Lanier. “After testing it at Lake Lanier, we went back and made some modifications to the fins and our waterproofing,” said Timm. “One month later we finished our second board, which was the one that won the competition.”

According to Stabile, the one of the team’s objectives was to make the boat recyclable. “Our emphasis was to design a sailboat that was 100 percent recyclable and make it as environmentally sound as possible,” said Stabile.

The sailboat used by the Tech team was a product of numerous paper materials used in everyday life. The base of the vessel was made from cardboard, similar to the product used in grocery bags and cardboard boxes. Inside the sailboat are cardboard tubes that are often used for mailing.

According to Timm, who has been wind surfing for over two years, “During the race, I sailed it just as hard as I would sail a normal board,” said Timm. “It performed the same, so in my mind it was the same.”

The team will receive about half of the monetary award which will be given in the form of scholarships. The rest of the money goes to the Tech chapter of TAPPI.

Tech MEs sail to $15,000 victory
Presidents’ Council honors student orgs

By Jody Shaw
News Editor

Presidents’ Council Governing Board held its annual Burdell’s Best Awards banquet on Tuesday evening in the Student Center Ballroom. At the event, PCGB honored a number of student organizations for their work and activities throughout the school year.

One of the highlights of the evening was the Best Joint Activity award, which went to two organizations. One of the winners was Alpha Phi Omega, one of Tech’s service fraternities, which headed a fundraiser for the American Red Cross shortly after the September 11 attacks. The event, called “25 by the 21st,” raised over the $25,000 goal before the group’s September 21 target. The other winner was the Filipino Student Association, which organized an activity to increase communication among the various Asian student groups.

FreshGA, a division of the Student Government Association, was honored in the second year of existence, took first place in the Best Activity category. The freshmen group organized an event called “Total Tech Trivia” earlier this semester. The evening event brought together students and faculty to compete in teams in a trivia contest at Junior’s Grill in an attempt to improve relations between students and faculty.

The Ramblin’ Reck Club earned Most Creative Fundraiser for its event that allowed alumni an opportunity to buy a piece of the old wreck to pay for the car to be refurbished.

Burdell’s Best has been an annual event since its creation in 1996. More information is online at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/pres-council.

Burdeell’s Best Award Winners

| Most Improved Organization | ‘Technique’ |
| Best New Organization | Women’s Gymnastics Team |
| Best Short-Term Project | MOVE |
| Best Ongoing Project | Musician’s Network |
| Best Activity | FreshGA |
| Outstanding Campus Impact | Student Foundation |
| Best Internet Presence | College Democrats |
| Most Creative Fundraiser | Ramblin’ Reck Club |
| Outstanding Advisor | Allie Brubaker |
| Most Organizational Spirit | Teambuzz |
| President’s Pick | Alpha Phi Omega and Filipino Student Association |
| American Society of Mechanical Engineering |

“Parking” from page 1

“The day you apply has no bearing on whether or not you are going to get a permit; it’s all driven by your class status,” said Weis.

He also noted that first-time applicants can use the available statistics and charts to choose a few options where they have better chances of obtaining a permit—in addition to the highly-sought central and residential lots.

Some of the parking zones on campus experience greater turnover than others. These lots have a higher probability of opening up for students with low priority, like first-time applicants.

Both said the importance of registering and getting in the system matters what. Students can apply for a permit, receive one and then decide not to take it.

In addition to the registration features, parking customers will probably notice the new rates; this year there are only two price brackets to choose from, and both are higher than in previous years. By 2005, all campus permits will cost the same amount—$500.

“The good news is that we will actually gain some spaces,” said Weis.

The rate increase is necessary, however, to allow Parking to pay for the decks it has built in recent years.

“When we started building garages, we went through and did financial projections, and this is what we have to do in order just to meet our debt allocations on garages,” said Weis.

Since fiscal year 2000 Parking’s garage-related debts have grown from $990,000 to $4.2 million for fiscal year 2005. Since the total budget of the department round out near $5.5 million, the debt had to be recovered from parking fees.

“There was a lot of discussion about ‘why should I pay as much for A16 as somebody else has to pay for P01?’ Most people are starting to understand that the garages are not self-supporting; it’s a system. So the spaces out in A16 are subsidizing the people who are parking in the State Street Deck,” said Weis.

According to Weis, if the department did not subsidize garage spaces, those parkers would have to pay, at a minimum $100 a month.

“We understand it’s more painful for some people, but it’s a lot less than the other option. Plus down the road, as we lose these surface spaces, we need to have this system subsidized,” said Weis.

Tech lost a number of such surface spaces—ground-level parking lots and street-side parking—to construction this year. If plans continue with projects like the Greek Area Sector Plan and the Klaus Advanced Computing Technology facility, even more surface spaces will disappear.

Parking hopes to include a small deck along with the Klaus building project, and eventually, Weis hopes to look at planning other decks after 2005.

“We would hope that the increases would just be inflationary after 2005.”

Rodney Weis
Director of Parking and Transportation

Parking Priority

1. Current Parking Permit Holders who request the same parking zone
2. Faculty and Staff
3. Graduate students who are already permit holders
4. Graduate students who are applying for parking for the first time
5. Undergraduate students who are already permit holders but are requesting a new parking zone
6. Undergraduate students who are applying for parking for the first time
7. Any student who applies for parking after the June 30 deadline

If a current permit holder does not receive the zone requested, they will automatically receive a permit for the parking zone they currently hold a permit for.
### Spring Semester 2002 Final Exam Schedule

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**EXAMINATIONS FOR COURSES SCHEDULED DURING EVENING HOURS (5 p.m. or later):** Examinations for courses scheduled during the evening hours will be conducted either during the regular evening class hours during the period April 29 to May 3 or during the examination period for a daytime section of the course if one is available and the instructor approves.

**EXAMINATIONS FOR CLASSES MEETING A STAGGERED SCHEDULE:** Examination for classes meeting a staggered schedule should use the examination period for the days of the week that the majority of course meets. Should the exam period be changed to the period for the other days, then it will be the responsibility of the instructor making the change to accommodate all conflicts created.

**EXAM CONFLICT:** If three examinations are scheduled in one day, the examination for the middle period will be rescheduled to the conflict period or to another period mutually agreed on by the instructor and the student. Should the exam period be changed to the period for the other days, then it will be the responsibility of the instructor making the change to accommodate all conflicts created.
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OUR VIEWS Consensus Opinion

More fraternity hazing

In the last four years, five fraternities have been found responsible for major violations of Georgia Tech’s policy on hazing. The recent ruling on the Chi Phi violations continues this pattern, leading to concerns about why hazing keeps occurring.

Several trends can be inferred from the high numbers of hazing cases in the past few years. The myriad of reports show that more students have become aware of hazing and its negative effects. The administration has done an adequate job of ensuring that members of the Greek community, as well as the wider Tech community, understand what constitutes proper organization conduct.

The recent case also indicates that some segments of the Greek community have chosen to ignore the students’ and the administration’s message that hazing is harmful to our community and unacceptable. All organizations at Tech should avoid behavior that is coercive and harmful to its members.

Next year, let’s break the pattern of hazing convictions; no organization should participate in illicit activities especially those, such as hazing, that can often cause physical harm.

Parking changes not all good

Although they have increased, the on-campus parking prices for the upcoming year demonstrate the Parking Office’s commitment to keeping costs as low as possible for students. The parking permits will still be cheaper than other comparable modes of transportation, such as MARTA and off-campus parking. Additionally, the online registration system implemented last year continues to improve and provide ease and convenience for students.

Despite Parking’s generally sound planning for this year, its proposal to implement a single-price for all spaces is not logical given the wide disparity in the quality of the parking facilities on campus.

Parking spaces that are in the decks or located in central campus locations should cost more because they are more convenient and therefore, worth more to some students. Without this dual pricing system, students parking in gravel lots or far away from the center of campus will be forced to pay for facilities that they are not able to use. Parking should follow a pricing principle that allows students to pay only for the services and benefits that they use.

Give grades by drop day

The proposal to move drop day later in the semester than the fifth week is designed to solve the problem of students not having an understanding of their academic performance before drop day.

Under the quarter system, students usually had at least one grade by the fifth week, which fell in the middle of the academic period. The semester system has not functioned well under the same timeline, with many students complaining that professors do not provide enough feedback by drop day for them to make an informed decision about their classes.

The solution to this problem is for professors to give students a meaningful grasp of their academic achievement prior to drop day, regardless of where it falls on the official calendar.

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Capturing the bear of life as the bull of progress reigns

Four years ago I was 18 and I walked onto Georgia Tech. Now I’m not sure what’s changed, Tech or me.

The time-line hour for parking and my inflated freshmen GPA to the last theft of the ‘T’ and my absence from a few classes, I’ve seen a lot of things change, Tech for the better and me for the worse.

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Matthew Bryan
Editor-in-Chief

Here I sit in the middle, trying to be content but unable to survive. To look at those looking at me with knowing eyes and pretend my turpitude doesn’t exist. It’s a terrible way to live, because you have no reason to get up in the morning.

This must be the fall that the pride precedes.

The fact, I’m sure of it, and I’m sure that pride is the label for this disease that I’ve been fighting.

Somewhere I passed from delighting in the praise to delirious in myself. I see the compliments of others as unimportant, something that I thought came from self-confidence or humility but really something that reflux from how deep my pride runs.

After four years at Tech and at the Technique I had hoped my swan song would be differently—something about how much I’ve grown, some little kernel of truth that I’ve discovered, or at least, like a bad season finale, I could have you given a glimpse of all the fun and colorful things that have happened to me.

Instead here I am airing my dirty laundry. Laundered, I may have already smelled. Pride is like bad breath.

You can’t see it, but when some body has it, it disgusts you. As soon as they open their mouth you feel its breath, and on your tongue. It’s a difficult spot to own oneself.

Pride has emplaced me. Competition has led to comparison, and now the only way I can live is by one-upping my neighbor. When else? When I achieve when I fail or worse, if they patronize me, my pride grows while my life endures. And believe me, when you’re empty you fill your self with anything.

Competition is an essential element of pride. Because competition allows you to make a comparison that can place you above someone else. Of course, Georgia Tech is ripe with competition, just like any top-notch university. The institutional pride that results pushes people apart.

In my editorials and in myself I’ve tried to communicate my faith, my belief in an omnipotent creator of this universe. But pride stands directly in the path of faith. I’m thinking on placing my self above others, how can I re cognize something superior to myself? Unless God is something that I’ve invented and exist only when I want and serve only to swell my pride.

My pride must be destroyed. Like lep tosy it has consumed me and turned others away. I must prepare myself for this journey. I must prepare myself for another.

Standing at the bottom of this pit that I dug for myself I want to learn to live. I want to reach to friends, the people I’ve pushed away, to grab their hand and learn something. I hope in the future that in reaching out they will find what I have found.

So here I am: perched at the brink of this precipice we call the real world. Who knows where I go from here? From this time forward I will not change my path.

I feel love again, I’ve been trans formed. I’ve been given another chance.

Now, instead of being empty I am simply nothing, having disappeared.

I realize that I have shared a lot, maybe too much, with you the reader. But these things are my journey at Georgia Tech and I share them so that you might see my path and not make my mistakes but you might find what I have found.

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T echs and the City: Make the most of T ech and Atlanta

By Jennifer Hinkel

Focus Editor

Since the fall, I’ve been writing about the relationship between Tech and Atlanta, examining the interactions between students and city dwellers, and contemplating the routes of exchange between campus and the outside world.

I have tried to express the interdependence between the campus and the city, and I have found that although some channels of communication exist, neither Tech nor the city take advantage of each others richness and potential contribution. Too often, campus appears to barricade itself within the proverbial ivory tower of academia, more concerned with the realm of Board of Regent politics and competing universities than with the issues that literally invade the streets of Georgia Tech.

Although some of the issues are lightweight—how do students balance Tech’s “nerd” atmosphere with the chic city-dwelling Atlant ans bush—that others have investigated the roles of particular Tech institutions and values, a partnership between Tech and Atlanta undeniably exists, whether we acknowledge it or not.

The Tech-Atlanta relationship has the potential of becoming mutually beneficial. Clearly, two sides must participate in order to form this beneficial and symbiotic relationship. Arguably, Tech students must be the ones to establish this link. Only when Tech reaches out beyond its walls, will the city have the opportunity to respond in kind. The benefit that can result from interdependence is already found at the microcosm level in Atlanta. Several churches that border campus have developed thriving college ministry programs that incorporate the talent of college students into the church environment while supporting college students on various ways. Our places of work and play that take us far from campus exhibit our interdependence as well. But before the city can open its arms and embrace what Tech is and does, the Tech community has an obligation to share its talents beyond East and West Campus.

Often, we consider what we can do to “give back” after graduation. We want to give back to scholarship funds, the organizations that we enjoyed, the departments that fostered us and our sororities and fraternities. We plan to pave the way for more students to follow in our footsteps. But while giving back ten years from now will help the future, we also must look at what we can do to open pathways of interdependence and communication for the present.

While our wallets are far from bottomless, our ambitions, intellects, energy, and desires are much the opposite. In the present, I live in Atlanta, can give my time to organizations and causes I deem important and act where I see the need. In the future, I can only write a check and trust that someone uses the money for the best reasons. For the rest of my time as a Tech student, I can be an instrument of “giving back” in action.

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ASO voices approbation

On behalf of the Arab Student Organization, we greatly commend you for your article in last Friday’s issue of the Technique entitled “Israel not completely innocent in battle with Palestine” by Daniel Uhlig.

What we see and hear concerning Palestine is not just a political problem but, more importantly, a humanitarian one.

It is important for the rest of the world to see that the Palestinians are human beings who just want to continue their daily lives and that of their children on the land they inherited from their ancestors. Those who have been driven out by aggression or by fear thereof just want to return home, live peacefully, and enjoy the God-given right of self-determination.

As long as the Palestinian population’s resentment of what it perceives to be the theft of its land is compounded with genuine fear and distrust of Israeli soldiers and settlers, security will never be a viable concept.

It is through your courage and valuable views on humanity, that leaves hope for justice and peace. Editorials such as yours are what begin to wake up the American people and allow them to realize that this is as much their war as the Middle East.

Again, from the bottom of our hearts we thank you.

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Question of the week
Why do you think that the number of Tech applicants is down this year?”

Zlatan Ceric
EE/CS Sophomore
“People don’t like the dude to girl ratio.”

Lauren Willard
STAC Sophomore
“Students are focusing more on humanities rather than sciences.”

Stephen Congo
CS Freshman
“People found that this is a really hard school.”

Tonya Turner
EE Senior
“They heard about the CS Cheatfinder.”

Seth Harrican
CS Freshman
“Because of a slowdown in the technology market.”

Scott Saponas
CS Sophomore
“Because our football team didn’t make the top 10.”
Lack of campus childcare poses problem for parents

By Kimberly Rieck
Focus Staff

When Samantha Conway had her first child in 1997, she found that there were no daycare facilities available. It was towards the end of her freshmen year, when her first child, Sarah, turning five this month was born. Two years later, Conway had another daughter, Kennedy. Conway said that it has been difficult managing motherhood with schoolwork. She and her husband have had to arrange their schedules accordingly.

"Usually we just arrange our schedules opposite, he works at night mostly," said Conway.

She sometimes had to take her daughter with her to work, and to classes with her. Conway said that "professors usually aren’t that bad about it" when she has had to bring her children to class.

In her senior year, Conway has found it easier to manage because she is taking only one class, and her children go to preschool and kindergarten now.

The situation wasn’t much different for MegAnn Powell, another Civil Engineering major, when she had her daughter in March of 2001. Powell became pregnant during her junior year. She coped during the spring semester of her junior year when she had her baby.

Powell started classes again that summer semester. When she came back to school, she said that her priorities changed. She has had to skip class when she has not had a baby-sitter. Also initially, she said it was difficult to find places to change and breastfeed her infant daughter on campus.

"I got them to move a couch into the girls’ bathroom...that’s where I did most of the changing and her breastfeeding," said Powell.

Additionally, she has had to bring her daughter to group meetings for her senior design classes.

Faculty and staff are also affected by daycare problems. The daycare centers in the Atlanta metropolitan area can run upwards of $200 a week. In addition, the facilities have a limited number of spots, and long waiting lists.

They’re almost three times as much as my tuition. They also have waiting lists that are so long that she wouldn’t even be an infant anymore," said Powell.

Dr. Michelle LaPlaca, an Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, uses a daycare facility near Tech.

"We had to get on a waiting list where we are when I was two months pregnant. There is quite a demand in this part of town," said LaPlaca.

In recent years, there have been several groups on campus working towards integrating the demands of academic work environment with the family life. While the ADVANCE initiative, provided through a grant by the National Science Foundation, mainly focuses on the advancement of women in the tenure process and promotions system, it is also working with the Institute to create a more family friendly work environment.

Dr. Mary Frank Fox, the NSF Space Advance Professor of Sociology in the Ivan Allen College School of History Technology and Society, said that it is important to recognize that both work and family are big investments of time, and it is necessary to bring them together more cooperatively.

The Women’s Resource Center helps expecting and parenting students find other avenues of support. The center provides counseling and information about the various childcare services available as history or INTA. I don’t think I would, just because it would be ‘safe’ to stay with the sciences. So it would be nice to see Tech build on its liberal arts program.

What may be news to many students is that Tech is working toward that goal. In the fall and spring of 2002, several liberal arts-oriented seminars will be offered as the McEver Program in Engineering and the Liberal Arts. Dr. Richard Barke, Associate Dean of the Ivan Allen College and one of the people spearheading this initiative, said that the idea for something like this has always existed, since the creation of the Ivan Allen College in 1990.

The way we organize curricula and technology suggests that there is a huge chain between engineering and the liberal arts. Tech students pick up on cues from administration and faculty; they see the cues and think it means something. We’re asking that gap actually exists. People think of the liberal arts as involving interpretation, beauty, aesthetics, human expression, whereas engineering is practical, design focused, quantitative. But there’s a lot in engineering that relates to human expression, and there is a great deal of what goes on in the liberal arts that is practical and design-focused," said Barke.

The McEver Program was formally launched in February of this year, with the generous endowment of Bruce McEver, a successful Georgia Tech alum who graduated in 1960 with a degree in industrial engineering. McEver’s support of the liberal arts at Tech stemmed from his experiences with his own humanitaries professors, and he continues to support the building of relationships between students in engineering and students in other disciplines.

"It’s not as great as it could be," said Madfon Mooney, an EAS major. "If I ever wanted to change majors to something such as history or INTA, I don’t think I would, just because it would be ‘safe’ to stay with the sciences. So it would be nice to see Tech build on its liberal arts program."

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An Untitled Perspective

From soup kitchens to electrical systems "Pressed into service means pressed out of shape." — Robert Frost

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the humanities and social sciences.

“[McEver’s support] is what has given us an impetus to begin this program,” said History, Technology, and Society Professor Ken Knoespel, who is working with Barke on the initiative.

However, its history has deeper roots. “Two and a half years ago, I created a student advisory board made of twelve students from the Ivan Allen College,” says Barke. “We talked about putting together some informal evening seminars where we could discuss questions that weren’t addressed in classes.”

With the recent developments, he has been able to connect the seminar idea with McEver’s interest, and through Knoespel’s work, the seminars have been institutionalized as the McEver Program.

One objective of this program, says Knoespel, is “to create a series of three to five very small seminars that would be co-taught by faculty in the College of Engineering and the Ivan Allen College.”

Each class would have from six to ten students, selected from a variety of majors. Students would be reading perhaps the equivalent of a book every other week, and would spend some time doing some sort of applied problem,” Barke said, “where the reading and thinking takes place together, and you ask yourself whether you agree with the things you read. You can’t really ask yourself if you agree with the things you learn in a structural analysis class.”

Students would work closely with each other and with the faculty, according to Barke.

“We want the seminars to build on students’ interests, which means that students have a responsibility for building and shaping the way they want seminars to be,” said Barke. “They would meet in the evening, in a different setting than normal classroom, because we want different kind of thinking than you do in a normal classroom,” he said.

Both Barke and Knoespel emphasize the fact that the details for these seminars are still very much in the works, and that much of it is still in preliminary stages.

“None of them appear on OSCAR yet,” said Dr. Barke. “How this unfolds really depends on how the first seminar goes.”

Another reason students probably haven’t heard about these programs is because, Knoespel said, “We’ve haven’t wanted to advertise, because we’ve been building this very, very slowly and carefully, with the participation of students, with the participation of people with-in lots of different disciplines.”

However, “the program will be described in more detail at the beginning of the fall semester—or even in the beginning of January, because ideally, we want to learn from the work that’s done before,” said Barke.
tions with less and less fondness as they routinely limit themselves to traveling to the midtown shelter to cook a meal or to the back woods elementary school to plant bushes for a nature trail.

Perhaps part of my frustration lies in personal preference. I like everything I do to be intellectually stimulating in some fashion, from the classes I take and the friends I socialize with right down to the games I play on my computer.

When I end up in a run-of-the-mill community service project, then, except for those rare instances when I’ve been on the management/administrative end of the activity, my mind feels like it starts to atrophy, and I grow bored quickly. But many students, I’m sure, enjoy these opportunities precisely for their lack of intellectual stimulation, for a chance to kick back and hang out with friends and forget about life for awhile, and that’s just fine.

Still, I believe that community service organizations would attract more members if there were an academic aspect to at least some of their activities. Give the electrical engineers a chance to rebuild the electrical system in a church that’s undergoing renovation. Give the computer scientists a chance to establish a computer network in a short-funded middle school. Give the biologists a chance to help design a new animal habitat at the local park. Give the historians and political scientists a chance to assist the Carter Center in their philanthropic activities.

Tech has students eager to use their academic talent in abundance, so providing them with such an opportunity—with the bonus of having an act of voluntary goodwill to their credit—may attract those who otherwise might neglect to participate in much community service.

Furthermore, I believe that community service projects should be broadened from aiding the poor, weak and impoverished to include anybody in need.

A community service volunteer is, by definition, anybody who provides assistance to an individual or institution who’s unable to completely provide for him/herself, and the volunteer expects nothing in return except the satisfaction of doing a good deed.

Therefore, if I willingly volunteer to assist MARTA with power redistribution because the organization is understaffed, then that action is no less a notable act of community service than if I’ve gathered toys for deprived children in Uganda.

The point is, I believe that community service organizations should tear themselves away from the standard and head off in a new direction.

By taking a different approach to community service, the members have the opportunity to explore new, creative, fascinating, intellectually stimulating areas of service that differ from their previous experiences, and they can even discover the activities that make them happiest. This broadens their interests and, therefore, the interests of the organization itself.
Childcare

able in Atlanta.

“I do see a number of students who have families. I think there’s often a misperception by the Georgia Tech community that there aren’t a lot of undergraduates here with children. The reality is that there are some students here who have children. Tech’s environment is a very stressful and challenging one, so adding a child to an already rigorous academic schedule really makes an impact on their lives,” said Yvette Upton, Director of the Women’s Resource Center.

The resource center also helps administer a scholarship that pays for daycare costs through Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. Two scholarships are offered each year, specifically for children of graduate students and are based on financial need and other factors. Upton said that the center is also looking into other ways to help parents.

“We’re looking at ways we can do things to make the Women’s Resource Center more child-friendly as well. Right now we have very limited space. We have talked about ways to bring in a collapsible playpen if we have students come in with children. We do have students come by with children,” said Upton.

Many college campuses have daycare facilities available for students, faculty and staff use. However, the college generally has an education degree program set in place where workers receive credit for their work at the facilities. Powell is considering attending University of California-Berkeley because “they are very conducive to family. They have seven daycare centers and family housing.” Berkeley also employs a co-op system where parents baby-sit others’ children in exchange for others baby-sitting their kids while they’re in class.

Georgia State has a center available for members of their community. When Conway’s husband was a student at GSU, her children used the facility. University of Pennsylvania had a facility that was available to LaPlaca when she was getting her doctorate there. Yale University also has a child care center.

In recent years, universities and businesses have contracted outside companies to run daycare centers for them. Bright Horizons is one of the largest providers in the world with locations set up in the United States, Europe and the Pacific Rim. Their current clients include Duke University, George Washington University, Mattel and David E. Kelley Productions. Georgia Tech plans on following in Duke’s and GWU’s footsteps when the Institute begins its partnership with the company in February.

Bright Horizons will run and manage Georgia Tech’s first childcare center when its construction is finished in December.

“The concept of daycare has been discussed at Georgia Tech for years and years, prior to my arrival here, and that goes back seven years. There have been a number of people who have made attempts to get a childcare facility on campus,” said Dean Gail DiSabatino, Dean of Students.

The project will involve tearing down Home Park’s existing childcare center and building a new center in Home Park.

“There have been just a number of hurdles because we’ve had to work things out with the city to get permits for demolition and so forth,” said Dean DiSabatino.

The estimated cost of the project is 1.7 million dollars. Much of the cost has been paid for through a number of grants and donations. The project has a tentatively scheduled opening of January 2003.

After completion, there will be a total of 120 spots available in the center. A total of 24 spaces, or 20 percent, will be reserved for Home Park residents because the Home Park community is a partner in the venture. Faculty, staff and students will take up the remaining slots.

The cost of childcare will be at market cost, with everyone paying the same rate. However, Dean DiSabatino said that the Institute will be looking into obtaining grants to help offset the cost for students in the future.

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Dean of Students

By Danielle Bradley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A lack of daycare facilities on Tech’s campus creates a challenging situation for student parents. A new center is planned to open in 2003.
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Winner of the Tech Up Close contest receives a Technique T-shirt and a coupon for free Papa John’s pizza.

Last week’s Tech Up Close:
“1996” plaque in front of the Campanile

Last week’s winner:
Adam Bever
McEver

Knoespel.

Knoespel and Barke are hesitant to go into too many details about the future of the program, but Barke offered an example of what a seminar might look like.

"Take the Georgia Tech seal. It has two words on it: service and progress." He is considering leading a seminar that addresses the topic of progress. Barke posed some of the questions that stem from this topic.

"What does progress mean? We don't really talk about it that often. We talk about development, we talk about innovation, we talk about growth, but progress suggests a direction.

"Moral progress, economic, social progress—and especially, technological progress: what does it mean? Do we still believe in it? Or has it become irrelevant—do we just assume that everything we do is progress?"

He continued, "What about progress in music?"

Barke suggested bringing in a jazz musician to talk about what progress means in the context of jazz. "Is music today better than Mozart?"

And finally, "What does progress mean at Georgia Tech? Is what we're doing here progress?"

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Dr. Richard Barke
Associate Dean of Ivan Allen

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By Bryan Basamanowicz
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Title: Murder By Numbers

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Ryan Gosling, Michael Pitt
Director: Bartel Schroeder
Rating ★ 1/2

Every now and then an action packed thriller will stun audiences with a fast-paced, ever-twisting plot, and a climactic conclusion that will keep audiences in deep contemplation for hours to come. And then there are movies like Murder By Numbers. The title sounds kind of intriguing doesn’t it? I was guessing that the film might be a cinematic profiling of an estranged serial killer who left a homicidal John Nash-quality numerical puzzle for the cops to trace and unravel with the assistance of an ingenious mathematician. But in fact, the story is even more far fetched and no elements of genius, cinematic, mathematical, or otherwise are present in the film’s composition.

When Justin Pendleton (Michael Pitt), the shy, book buried, class geek finds a common bond with the smooth talking and effortlessly charming high school stud is a lot less innocent than first glance would suggest.

The DA’s office and higher ranking police officials are eager to wrap up the case concluding that the janitor to take the fall for the deed. On the investigation scene we meet Cassie Mayweather (Bullock), a savvy and susy homicide investigator who, of course, is tormented by mysterious past trauma. Along with her newbie partner Sam Kennedy (Ben Chaplin), they begin piecing together the decry evidence, placed so skillfully by our two high school killers. While Kennedy is convinced early that it was indeed Ray, the Janitor, behind the homicide, Mayweather, after an encounter with Richard, becomes convinced that the smooth talking and effortlessly charming high school stud is a lot more than meets the eye.

The relationship between two polar adolescents is completely unbalanced and could use another round of serious editing, and maybe even a rewrite before I would ever recommend paying money to see something it. We’ve got a borderline homoerotic relationship between two polar adolescent opposites that springs up out of nowhere (from the audiences perspective) and ends up being powerful enough to compel a murder. And then on their pursuit, we have a dark and disturbed version of San Benito.

Some of the characters offer an edgy intrigue... others are low dimensional puppet like figments of writer Tony Gayton’s imagination.

Sandra Bullock stars as Cassie Mayweather, a homicide detective and crime scene specialist assigned to the murder of a young woman in the California coastal town of San Benito. Ben Chaplin plays her new partner.

"It’s almost like the movie came out prematurely, not because it doesn’t center around a relevant contemporary topic, but because it’s completely unbalanced and could out. So it seems as if the two adolescent killers have gotten away with little worry. But armed with a vomit-sampling identified as Justin Pendleton’s, Mayweather will stop at nothing to expose the connection between Justin and Richard, and their mutual connection to the bizarre homicide.

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Casey Mayweather (Sandra Bullock) and San Kennedy (Ben Chaplin) ponder over the chaos of a bizarre crime scene in Murder by Numbers, partially inspired by the murders of Dartmouth College grad in 2000.
They say change is often healthy, and the two bits man, while I never intend to change my name to the three bits man or one bit man, or two and a half bit man, couldn’t agree more. So with the semester calming winding down, and the last Spring 2002 issue of the Technique in your hands, I advise you to relax instead of entertaining you with my typical arsenal of sarcastic anecdotes, criticisms and rants, let the two bits man warm your heart this week with a story of bravery, romance, and board games.

Economics class: she was sitting in the desk two seats ahead of mine and one seat to the left. By the time I arrived, all the desks immediately surrounding hers had already filled up with guys eager for her to drop a pencil or to ask for a note she missed in the desk two seats ahead of mine and one seat to the left. Ritz’s cronies, along with a multitude of other chess fans were awaiting my arrival and the resultant match. The game began with Ritz giving me the first move. "Well here we go," I thought. I began to think about my opening strategy when— "Stop the game!" It was her, having entered from the rear student center entrance. "Two Bits Man, please don’t do it!!" she called from the balcony on the second floor, "it’s not worth it! You don’t need to be here," I shouted, "I have to do this." "No you don’t," she called back. "Please" I pleaded sorrowfully, not wanting to look directly at her face, "just leave me alone." "If I were a queen and you were my king," the desperation of her voice rose above and cut through all the surrounding noises filling the student center, even the disco blaring from Dance Dance Revolution. "If I was a queen, and you were my king," she repeated as she ran, almost stumbling down the student center stairs. "I would protect you." At the base of the stairs, I had no choice but to meet her eyes, she continued, "But I’ll always be your queen and you’ll always be my two bits man, and you’ve got my heart in check mate." The pieces remained on the board unmoved, except for one, my opponent had knocked over his king; his laughter promptly. "Interesting, well if you’re anything more than a babbling technique geek!" Ritz said harshly, the cronies responded with their overdrawn "ooohh and "book that’s etc. Ritz continued, "then you’ll meet me here tomorrow at 12 noon. With nothing to lose, I agreed and stormed out of the building, my heart scattered about in a couple million pieces. After a lonely chess free night, I headed out towards the student center to meet my fate. After all, what does further humiliation matter when you’ve already suffered to the most supreme degree! Arriving on the first floor, I saw that the table had already been set up and Ritz had already taken his seat. Ritz’s cronies, along with a multitude of other chess fans were awaiting my arrival and the resultant match. The game began with Ritz giving me the first move. "Well here we go," I thought. I began to think about my opening strategy when— "Stop the game!" It was her, having entered from the rear student center entrance. "Two Bits Man, please don’t do it!!" she called from the balcony on the second floor, "it’s not worth it! You don’t need to be here," I shouted, "I have to do this."

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She must have noticed me just as I noticed her because I caught the surprised look of guilt flash across her face. "It’s not what it looks like," she pleaded with me. But the two bits man isn’t naive and he knows a slap in the face when he feels one. "What’s the surprise two bits man?" taunted Ritz, "It seems only right that while you stick yourself away writing your silly column that your woman would find a real player to share her skills with." A population of Ritz’s chess buddies began laughing in response to their leader’s rants. Angry and wounded, my mouth put me in serious trouble, "I will own your king in minutes!" I proclaimed brashly.

"Beat me in chess?" his words collapsed away lightly into a genuine chuckle. His chess cronies imitated his laughter promptly. "Interesting, well if you’re anything more than a babbling technique geek!" Ritz said harshly, the cronies responded with their overdrawn "ooohh and "book that’s etc. Ritz continued, "then you’ll meet me here tomorrow at 12 noon. With nothing to lose, I agreed and stormed out of the building, my heart scattered about in a couple million pieces. After a lonely chess free night, I headed out towards the student center to meet my fate. After all, what does further humiliation matter when you’ve already suffered to the most supreme degree! Arriving on the first floor, I saw that the table had already been set up and Ritz had already taken his seat. Ritz’s cronies, along with a multitude of other chess fans were awaiting my arrival and the resultant match. The game began with Ritz giving me the first move. "Well here we go," I thought. I began to think about my opening strategy when— "Stop the game!" It was her, having entered from the rear student center entrance. "Two Bits Man, please don’t do it!!" she called from the balcony on the second floor, "it’s not worth it! You don’t need to be here," I shouted, "I have to do this."

With the sun’s heat beating down on us from above, we indulged ourselves in seemingly endless sessions of hot chess day in and day out...
Scorsese still ‘Waltzing’ with re-release of concert movie

By Ananya Paul
Contributing Writer

Originally made in 1978, The Last Waltz is making its way through the hearts of audiences who love sixties and seventies music. With one of America’s best filmmakers, Martin Scorsese, directing and some of the best musicians of all time assembled on a single stage, this movie truly is a wonderful document of history. It’s a blend of different musicians performing with “The Band,” and in the midst of breath taking music are little interviews with Martin Scorsese.

The Last Waltz is alleged by the last performance of this group and the movie is quite the entertaining and sophisticated concert film. After each song, and there are a number of songs, Scorsese proves himself to be an excellent interviewer while asking members of “The Band” and the guest stars of that particular song. Some of the guest musicians with whom “The Band” performs consist of infamous names of rock such as: Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, Neil Young, Joni Mitchell, Van Morrison, Neil Diamond, Emmylou Harris, Muddy Waters, “The Staples,” Ringo Starr, Ron Wood, Dr. John, Paul Butterfield and Ronnie Hawkins. Scorsese’s true skills come out while interviewing the dashing Robbie Robertson whose good looks and adept guitar playing make him the focal point of the movie. This movie is almost like experiencing a live show of legendary musicians with a hint of the so-called “cream of Hollywood.”

All the flaws during the performance make the movie so original, like Eric Clapton missing a few notes while playing the guitar. Clapton made the movie so original, like Eric Clapton missing a few notes while playing the guitar and Robbie Robertson jumping right in to fill in. The sharing of the microphones when all the performers are on stage, at one point it was almost three musicians per microphone screaming, and it was hard to distinguish their voices yet so harmonic. It beyond doubt touched the hearts of their very appreciative audience. Most importantly, this movie and “The Band” covered various genres of music so that audiences with various tastes can appreciate it. There was a presence of Ragtime, Blues, Country, Blue Grass, Rock and that too performed by the best musicians of all time. The whole movie is mesmerizing and so entertaining. It seems like the audience in the movie theater were just as involved in cheering the musicians after every song as the audience in 1979 were. The caliber of talent in all these musicians, and especially in Scorsese, is incredible.

The next time you want to watch something original while experiencing some excellent music, definitely catch The Last Waltz.

The Last Waltz, rated PG, was re-released in select theaters on April 5, and will be released on a special edition DVD on May 7.

On participating in the Georgia Tech Earth Day celebration: “I think it will be a lot of fun and it’s a good thing to be supporting.”

On his songs: “[They] are pretty much about everything people experience in everyday life.”

Sujoy Banerjee
CS freshman, musician performing at Tech’s Earth Day celebration

The Georgia Tech Earth Day celebration has grown over the past five years into Atlanta’s largest celebration of the worldwide environmental awareness occasion, and attracts not only Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff but Atlanta residents, businesses, philanthropic organizations, and local school children,” said Cindy Jackson, Earth Day coordinator here at Tech. So remember, while the day may be about the Earth, that doesn’t mean you can’t have a little fun.

For more information on the Earth Day celebration, including full schedule, visit www.gatech.edu/earthday.

Earth

From page 23

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By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students at last year’s Georgia Tech Earth Day celebration sign their names to a banner promoting environmental awareness. The fifth annual celebration occurs today from around the Student Center plaza.
**The Live List: The Final Frontier**

By Joey Katz
Contributing Writer

(Editor’s Note: Last week, due to a technical error, the prodigal dusied did not correspond with the blank grid and answer grid. The tech department apologized and regrets the error.

If you are interested in completing the original April 12 crossword puzzle, it is available online at www.nique.net/crossword.)

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1. First German chancellor, to friends
2. Indecisive stone
3. Argonum
4. I'm the only Gay Eskimo in my tribe.
5. "AAAAAAAAAHHHHH, damnation? Simply, those red marks mean I got an A!
6. Noisy machines
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This is the last Sideways Crossword of the academic year. If you want to try last week’s, point your web browser to nique.net/crossword.

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**Sideways Crossword**

**North Avenue Trade School**

1. Phantom’s Paris home
2. Sam Austin or George Bush
3. Lean
4. Afternoon freeway direction, often
5. Harden
6. Minutemen in game
7. Fresh
8. Sexual glance
9. Abercrombie’s mate
10. Popular redlight passerby actively
11. Native Nebraskans
12. Freshman pejorative
13. Cigarette byproduct
14. Herbal brewing vessel
15. Took port
16. Graduated from Dartmouth
17. Pink-Foxy employee
18. Accommodations
19. Fitzgerald
20. Paddles
21. Dodge
22. Spotless quartzlike rock
23. Divided nation
24. Greek Colonnade
25. Garment material
26. Bronte compositions
27. Lust
28. Cowardly
29. Mooming band
30. Ladd and Arkin
31. Odd
32. Exploration
33. Give birth
34. Earthware jug
35. Slowly detach from habit
36. Birthright seller
37. Banned insecticide
38. Better, poetically

**Theeanswergridtothispuzzle, “North Avenue Trade School,” may be found on page 30.**
dra Bullock propelled by a desire to vindicate her own past and assisted, criticized by and romantically entangled with her rookie partner. It’s a tough story to make work and director, Barbet Schroeder (Single White Female, Kiss of Death), isn’t up for the job. The editing problems contribute most severely to the film suffering counter-dynamic asymmetry.

For example, Mayweather’s dark past is made known to the audience through her sudden encounters with voices and visions from her past. Admittedly, it’s a little intriguing the first time we see her go through this, but before we actually find out what happened and how it’s relevant to her work as an investigator, we have to sit through enough traumatic flashback scenes to permanently endow us with traumatic flashbacks ourselves. Furthermore, when the car is out of the bag and Mayweather spills her guts, not to ruin the surprise but there is no real surprise; the exposure of her circumstances doesn’t really contribute much if anything to the film and the screen time definitely could have been better spent. In an interview regarding the film, Sandra Bullock claimed that “A psychological thriller is so much what you don’t say and what you don’t show, and how you set the camera and what you allow the actor to show.” Such insight may have been useful to the film’s editor.

To further the film’s editing woes, the climactic scene is a virtually diabolical masquerade of space. There are a few obvious setups exposed in the climax that conclude the film’s various twists and turns, but the end result simply doesn’t flow right and ends up raising more questions than it resolves. And I’m not talking about provocative, disturbing philosophical questions, but more simple disturbing ones, like “Why is this movie so bad?” and “Why doesn’t this movie make sense?”.

If this assessment sounds overly cynical, then I strongly encourage you to go see this movie and see if you aren’t plagued by the same dilemmas.

Some of the characters that populate this film offer an edge intriguing at best while others are simply low dimensional puppet like figments of writer Tony Gayton’s imagination. On the scarce bright side of the picture, Gosling and Pitt work well together on screen with their roles. Despite the unexplained factors that guide their relationship with one another, the scenes involving Gosling and Pitt’s characters are the most psychologically provocative ones. With a little more attention devoted to the relationship between the two high school killers, possibly at the expense of Bullock’s overdrawn flashback vignettes, the film might have been adjusted in favor of a better balance between plot and character development.

The highlight of the film is surely the high energy, fast paced forensic analysis sequences. In these scenes the film cuts back and forth between the investigators (Bullock and Chapman) methodically piecing together the details of the crime scene, and then renews back to the elaborate planning undertaken by the two teenage homicide culprits (Pitt and Gosling) as they plan for, predict, and pre-empt the possibility that any of the detective’s forensic tools might be used outside their favor. There is a particularly smart and effective shot of a crime scene investigation textbook burning in the fireplace at Justin and Richard’s cabin.

All in all the concept, thought difficult, isn’t a bad one, and maybe director Barbet Schroeder, is anxious to move on to his next project, or maybe the pre-screening I viewed lacked some finishing touches that will make a world of difference before premiere night, but Murder by Numbers is simply not a complete movie.
Affleck performance in Lanes overshadowed by S.L. Jackson
By Heather L. Nicholson
The Daily Cougar

(U-WIRE) U. Houston - Can anyone else smell the sour stench of movie cheese? Just when you thought nothing could be cheesier than Bruce Willis walking in slow motion to the space shuttle in Armageddon, Ben Affleck decides to pull the same move in a water-drenched office.

Changing Lanes is a new film with high expectations bearing hard upon its shoulders. With a team including Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson and Sydney Pollack, nothing less than the best should be expected.

Affleck does for Changing Lanes what Willis did for Armageddon. He’s a well-known actor who’s sure to bring in an audience, but his performance lacks tremendously. He plays a moralistic, high-priced lawyer who unknowingly has turned to the dark side.

An unrealistic chain of events teaches him how to do the right thing—like in today’s world of self-centered indulgence, people tend to forget the importance of doing right by others.

When two star-crossed strangers rub each other the wrong way, one day can ruin the rest of their lives. Depressed yet? Feeling like you should hug the person next to you? Me neither, but that doesn’t stop “Changing Lanes” from taking an in-your-face approach to revealing the dramatic consequences of disregarding people.

Nappy Roots ‘went up and done it’ with latest release Watermelon
By Derrick Stanger
Assistant Sports Editor

Artists: Nappy Roots
Title: Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz
Genre: Rap
Label: Atlantic
Tracks: 20 (including bonus)
Rating: ★★★★★

It seems that these days every rapper or group that releases their own CD is following the same formula. Take some street violence, throw in some money and women, add some lyrics with shock value and you should have a record deal with Atlantic Records.

Before they even released their first CD they were the buzz around WKU. They started their own record label and started their own line of Nappy Roots clothing. Atlantic decided that they wanted a piece of the action.

It’s rare and refreshing when a group comes around and breaks this mold. In fact, one could say it’s as refreshing as a juicy watermelon on a hot summer day. And in their first major release Nappy Roots has done so with Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz.

Even their name epitomizes why they stand out from the typical “gangsta” crowd. Nappy is a term that was created by B. Stille, Big V, R. Prophet, Skinny Deville, Scales, and Rain Church back when they met at Western Kentucky University. Nappy means simple, real and keeping it close to home.

“Nappy Roots believes that you are the diamond. You should shine,” said Big V. “Just be you, and it’s all right to be common, cause there’s more common people in the world than rich, so we cater to the common man. I don’t want to tell people something they can’t relate to....

So it’s that way, you know, just talking in language so that people know how it is to have pocket lint and beer money, nothing more, nothing less.”

This attitude is clearly shown through their music. Nappy Roots has bust on the scene with this latest release. However they did not have to sell their soul and compromise their vision in order to land a record deal with Atlantic Records.

Records approached the group after they mastered the small-time market with their 1998 release, Country Fried Caviar which quickly flew off the shelves. Their newest cd is already near the top of the Billboard charts and their first release Awnaw is getting major play-time on radio stations all over the nation.

What is so intriguing about their music is the contrasting styles that seem to intertwine so well but differently with every song. Underneath each single is a country, down home base that almost gives the songs a twang.

However, the Roots mix in a variety of bass lines and orchestra instruments that keep their country origins from being overbearing. The most amazing part is the fact that they were able to come up with 20 unique beats, unheard of in their field, all of which can make a house or car stereo boom.

Very few flaws can be found in this CD, however, one is that the artists did stretch themselves a bit too thin. Instead of a 20-track released, 15 tracks would have been much better.

At times they faltered lyrically and hid these faults behind the bass and the DJ. They must also realize that their twang does not go along with every beat imaginable and should stick with what works.

No release can be perfect and even the very few tracks that are slightly flawed are still enjoyable to listen to.

If Nappy Roots had to be described as a mix of artists, it would take the creativity of Oarkast and Wyclef, the southern drawl of Bah Bah Sparxx and the beats of Dr. Dre. On occasion they can sound like a less harsh 12-12, without Eminem. What makes them so hard to place are their six separate tones of voice which range from the higher pitched Skinny Deville to the deep tone of Scales.

In short, Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz is perfect for any rap fan that is tired of the mundane, copied music that is being released and re-released. Take a step away from the rap/pop that is being produced now and travel deep into the nappy south. Diving into the realm that encompasses “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Nappyness” is a trip worth taking.

For more on the group, visit www.nappyroots.com.
going to give up some easy lay-ups, so it’s nice to have a guy back there who can erase some mistakes.

**Neal:** What’s on the agenda for the team this summer?

**Hewitt:** It’s not finalized yet, but what we’re planning to do is to take the team on a six-game tour of Australia. It’s for a couple of reasons, I think it might give us the opportunity to play a couple of extra games and give our still-young team a little more experience. It’s always nice to have some type of cultural exchange program. There are a lot of time commitments that we ask of the guys and any time we can do some kind of little treat like this to make the experience even more rewarding and gratifying, we try to. And obviously, it gives us a chance to take the team home for Luke and give him the chance to play in front of his family.

**Neal:** What do you expect for the future of Georgia Tech basketball?

**Hewitt:** I hope we can get to the point where we are a team that people recognize nationally as one of the better programs in the country.

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Head Men’s Basketball Coach

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“The way I want to play has not changed. We’ve had to make some adjustments the last couple of years based on personnel and injuries. The 8/5-scholarship rule (a maximum of five scholarships in one year, and maximum combination of eight scholarships in any consecutive two-year period) that limited us to 10 scholarship guys this year. But in terms of my goals and what we are going to try to do this year is to really try to stay away from looking towards of the season. At the beginning of the year I would always say that my goal was to get to the NCAA tournament—and I think that goes without saying.”

**Neal:** Has your style of coaching changed during your time at Tech?

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**Neal:** Who are your all-time favorite coaches?

**Hewitt:** John Thompson, George Raveling…Rick Pitino, because I have always like his style of team and style of play. Gary Williams and Mike Krzyzewski…obviously, they are successful, but I really appreciate the way that their teams play. They play with a lot of confidence and I like that. I like teams that go out and play with a strong sense of purpose.

**Neal:** If you weren’t coaching, what would you be doing?

**Hewitt:** I would probably work in a high school somewhere. I would probably be a guidance counselor or teacher or something like that. But somehow coaching would work its way into the fabric of what I was doing… Prior to coaching, I had thoughts about law school, put that aside. I thought about working on Wall Street, put that aside. I decided I wanted to be a coach.
Bakker has pitching records in sight

By Al Przygocki
Contributing Writer

Even if you know going in that the sophomore left-handed ace of the Jackets is six feet nine and the tallest baseball player in the ACC, there is still no substitute for walking right up to him and appreciating what it must be like to try to bat against him. His hand envelope and you begin to understand why he is able to do things with a baseball that a man of normal size cannot do. Your thoughts drift off to Randy Johnson, the six foot ten lefty who is the tallest player in the ACC. The lefty also has control, giving up only 1.6 walks per inning-pitched. The lefty also has control, giving up only 1.6 walks per inning-pitched. The lefty also has control, giving up only 1.6 walks per inning-pitched. The lefty also has control, giving up only 1.6 walks per inning-pitched. The lefty also has control, giving up only 1.6 walks per inning-pitched. The lefty also has control, giving up only 1.6 walks per inning-pitched. The lefty also has control, giving up only 1.6 walks per inning-pitched.

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No. 5 Joltin’ Jackets went 3-1 this week to raise their record to 32-5, 8-3 in the ACC. Tech took two out of three against Maryland over the weekend and won the second half of a home-and-home set with Auburn on Tuesday. Tuesday’s game against Auburn was notable for more who did not play than for who did. Tech was missing Tyler Parker, Matt Mur-

1730 pledges and counting!
Beyond the White and Gold
Dynamics of a standard sports brawl

By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

There’s nothing like a traditional sports brawl. The sports fight is like a onenight stand. Both of the parties involved won’t comment on the action, both will somehow dismiss the event as something minor, and both will talk about the event with all their close friends for quite a while (just as long as the parent or coach doesn’t find out).

On Sunday, the Georgia Tech and Maryland baseball squads had a bench-clearing brawl that ended the game with the Jackets up 12-1 over the Terps in the seventh inning. Unfortunately, the game was not on television so I didn’t get to see any video replays. However, a photo in the Diamondback, Maryland’s independent student newspaper, gave some insight.

There are several parts of a quality sports brawl that must be present. Here are the steps to a qualified, sanctioned sports fight.

1. A drastic difference between playing ability.
   While there have been some good fights between teams of equal talent (the mammoth Detroit Red Wings–Colorado Avalanche fight comes to mind) a proper beating on the scoreboard sets up a titanic battle on the playing field. When the game is over on the scoreboard, there is one other area to win in: the fight.

2. The foreplay: stupid penalties or throwback pitches.
   Teams know they can’t proceed to the fight unless the events leading up to the brawl are satisfying. Jeff Watcho’s pitch, which sailed behind Jeff Maxey, was very satisfying and emotional on both ends. It served Maryland notice that this was for real.

3. The staredown
   This is the most important aspect of the fight, a properly orchestrated staredown provides more tension that an 8-year-old waiting to see if he got the video game he wanted for his birthday.

4. The instigator’s walk
   The walk to the challenger is of utmost importance. It is important to throw down the equipment in an aggressive but controlled action to show a quiet determination.

5. The event
   Don’t be surprised if the actual event doesn’t live up to the pre-brawl theatrics.

It’s official—an independent team has got game: It’s How You Play is the No. 1 team in the Spike division of Co-Rec Volleyball and haven’t even played a full regulation game. Then how do they have game if they have not even played a single game? Their game comes from the fact that every single one of their competitors have lost to them on the basis of either no-show or forfeit. What does this mean? It means that the It’s How You Play gang has enough game to get the ladies to show up. Ladies that are not only willing to show up, but also to play for them.

So, not only have the men of It’s How You Play won the admiration of the males from the LCA, Delta Chi, Mikasa Es Su Kasa and Phi Psi teams, but with the help of their ladies, they have also won the top spot in Co-Rec Volleyball. There is a new technique for the road to an intramural championship: show up.

Men’s 3 on 3 Top 5
1. Beta Theta Pi
2. RGD’s
3. Phi Kap Co-Rec
4. MSE
5. Delta Chi

Women’s 3 on 3 Top 5
1. Half-N-Half
2. BGD’s
3. Pi Kap Co-Rec
4. MSE
5. Delta Chi

last week’s winner
Congratulations to Kamden Robb. He was the first to correctly answer that 4 is the number of Tech golfers ranked in Golfweek’s Top 25 poll.
**Brawl**

For the past three years, Dan Dyke has been named to the first team All-American team. The Yellow Jacket's starting punter came to Tech from Winter Springs, Florida on a President's Scholarship. He goes into his senior year with an average of 42.3 yards per kick. He also maintains a 3.88 GPA in Electrical Engineering.

KR: Do you miss playing soccer (In high school, Dyke lettered in football and soccer)?
DD: Yeah a little bit. I just miss being involved in more of the action. You know a football game, I only get a few plays a game. In soccer, it's continuous non-stop action. I just miss that a little bit. I'm definitely happy with what I'm doing now though.

KR: Would you ever play for the Minnesota Vikings under O'Leary?
DD: Would I ever? Yeah I would.
KR: So you would play for him again?
DD: Yeah, he was a great coach. I don't think anyone would turn down a job in the NFL. They would be crazy to do that.

KR: If you could do it all over again, would you still walk onto the football team, or just take your president's scholarship and focus on school?
DD: I'd walk again.

KR: What's your favorite game memory?
DD: Winning the Seattle bowl. It was great how the team came together that week after all of the drama with changing coaches. It was the happiest locker room that I've ever been in.

KR: Are you a Gators fan or a Seminoles fan?
DD: Definitely a Gators fan all the way. My dad went there, and we used to go to games at "The Swamp" all the time.

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**Baseball Suspensions**

- Matthew Boggs, 3B - One game for altercations with Tech's catcher
- Mike Andreas, RP - One game for unsportsmanlike conduct
- Matt Murton, LF - Three games for leaving his position to join in the fight. After reviewing videotapes of the altercation, the ACC also handed out a one game suspension to Tech's Matthew Boggs and Mike Andreas as well as Maryland's Kyle George for unsportsmanlike behavior.

"We cannot tolerate this unacceptable behavior...this action will serve as a message to both players and coaches."

John Swofford
ACC Commissioner

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KR: What music do you listen to while you're studying?
DD: I don't really listen to music while I'm studying. I usually watch TV.
KR: Ah ok, cool, what TV shows do you watch?
DD: I like to watch Jeopardy and Survivor with my roommates.
KR: So were you Kavanaugh (SGA President Chris Kavanaugh's) cow last year when he ran for president?
DD: [Laughs] Was I what?
KR: You know, the guy who dressed up in the cow outfit last year when he ran for president.
DD: [Laughs] No I wasn't his cow, I mean I would have been if he had asked me. Chris is my boy, but I just told the football players to vote for him.

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Record-breaking Tech softball squad shoots for NCAA regional bid, ACC tourney crown

By John Parsons Contributing Writer

The softball team set a new school record for victories on April 9, with a doubleheader sweep of Chattanoogo for wins 38 and 39 on the year. The Lady Jacks will be looking to add to their record as they close out the regular season and head into postseason play. Tech will likely be the second seed in the ACC tournament after dropping both games in a doubleheader against FSU last weekend. The disappointment in Tallahassee has served as a wake up call heading into the final stretch of the regular season.

"We didn’t come ready to play," junior catcher Lindsay Wood said. "We need to refocus and realize that this is the most important part of the season."

The Lady Jacks play a stretch of ten games out of conference to close out the regular season, concluding with a doubleheader against Georgia on April 28 here at Glenn Field. The ACC tournament begins on May 9 in Tallahassee. The team is not shy about their goal at conference championship. While winning the tournament would not guarantee a berth in a NCAA region, according to head coach Kate Madden, an appearance in the final four would probably be good enough to qualify.

"We’d love to make it to a regional tournament," said sophomore shortstop Tara Knudsen. "My goal is to help my team reach that goal."

By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Talha Faruqi, the publicity chair, played in Botswana and toured England.

fared well in a recent preseason tournament against UGA.

"As we’ve become more organized and found more and more talent, we’ve started to beat them more regularly in greater margins," said Gogate, whose club has split their matches with Georgia over the past few years.

At the annual six-team tournament organized by UGA, the GTCC advanced to the finals after they beat a Griffin country team, and OHH, one of the top four in Atlanta. In the finals, they lost to United Cricket Club, which had beaten the Bulldogs and Auburn. It was the second year that the GTCC has finished in second place.

The playing season kicks off in May. Before that time, the club will try to recruit more members and obtain more playing field time. One of the many options that the cabinet is mulling for the summer season is to combine forces with their arch-rival UGA against the Atlanta league. The league’s season will last until October.

Find out more information on the Cricket Club on the web at cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/cricket

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Fighting 101

There are some things that have to be present in every sports brawl. The Nique’s Derek Haynes covers the basics. Page 36

Softball Success

Tech’s softball squad has already had more wins than any other team in Jackets history, but the squad has bigger goals. Page 39

One on one with Hewitt

The Nique’s Katie Neal sits down with Hoops Coach Paul Hewitt

by Katie Neal
Contributing Writer

After a disappointing 15-16 season, hopes for next season’s men’s basketball are high due to the Jackets’ performance in their last month of play. Making the biggest turnaround in ACC history, the Jackets ended with seven wins in the conference. With no seniors, but a group of “vet- eran” youngsters and, according to ESPN, the No. 4 recruiting class, Coach Hewitt sits down with the Nique’s Katie Neal to chat about the past year, the year ahead, and his thoughts on the game of basketball.

Neal: What’s the scoop on the recruiting class you have gotten so far?
Hewitt: We’ve signed three guys. Chris Birch, Jarrett Jack, and Theodis Tarv- et. Chris and Theodis are big guys at 6’9” and 6’10” (respectively). Theodis is more of a center and Chris is more of a power forward. Jarrett is a point guard.

Neal: Who looks like the replacement for departing senior point guard Tony Alkins?
Hewitt: As it stands right now, Jar- rett will replace Tony. He seems to be the heir apparent, but then again, with the way we play, putting in so many guys, anything can happen. We still have one more scholarship available, and if we find somebody that we feel can come in and help us, to continue to move the program forward, we will offer it to them.

Neal: How will this new year’s freshman class compare to past year’s class?
Hewitt: The group coming in is prob- ably a little more heralded, but not necessarily in my estimation, that much better as players. Kids like Jarrett and Chris have been playing a lot of ball over the years and have been in some high profile tournaments...so people know about them, so consequently talk about them more, but I think the current group we have are just as good.

I hope the incoming group works as hard as the current freshman group. Ed, Isma’il, B.J., Anthony, and Luke have all surprised me by their level of commitment as freshmen. I was im- pressed at how focused they were...I hope this incoming group will be just as focused.

Neal: What do you think about not having any seniors on the team for next year?
Hewitt: We’ve got a core of veterans coming back who went through a lot last year. They went from failures and losing to some outstanding suc- cess. In one year, they have gotten a lot of experience, they saw both sides of it...I think that experience is go- ing to help lead this young team and help them understand that if we don’t work hard and we don’t remain focused that this could be pretty miser- able.

Neal: Will you keep the same up-tempo style of play with this team?
Hewitt: Yes, we will probably press even more than we did last year. I think this team is well suited for play action like that. Especially with a guy like Chris coming in as a very good short blocker, and hopefully Luke will be healthy all year, because he’s a short blocker also. You need short block- ers to play that pressing style. You’re

See Hewitt, page 34

Jackets in the WNBA draft

Today, the WNBA is holding their collegiate draft. Amongst the Connecticut-la- den draft is Lady Yellow Jacket guard Milti Martinez and for- wardHulie Tate. Neither have been chosen by prognostica- tors to be picked today. Check WBNA.com/draft2002 for updates throughout the day.

Ex-Jacket Rogers heading to Bills

Charlie Rogers is now a member of the Buffalo Bills. On Thursday, the kick and punt-return specialist, who last year was a member of the Se- attle Seahawks was traded by the Houston Texans for LB Jay Foreman. The Texans se- lected Rogers in the expan- sion draft but had already acquired specialist Jermaine Lewis. Rogers joins fellow Jack- et Chuck Davis in Buffalo.

Fall Football preview

Tech’s annual spring intra- squad scrimmage will be open to the public as always. Due to the construction on Bobby Dodd Stadium this year it will be at Marlin Schood this Satur- day at 11 a.m.

“We’ve installed a new de- fense, we’ve gotten our offen- sive coaches acclimated to the offe, we’ve made progress on finding a quarterback, and we may have found a running back,” said Tech Head Coach Chan Gailey.

Admission is free, however parking will cost $3 and The Varsity will be providing con-cessions. For more info and parking will cost $3 and The Varsity will be providing con-