The decision to put Tech items up for sale on eBay, the internet auction site, is an unfortunate one, demonstrating a lack of school pride and class. The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported that the school is offering the chance to bid for various Tech memorabilia and experiences, including seats in the Lettermen’s Club suite for the upcoming football game against Clemson, Buzz appearances and the chance to be a ball boy at a Tech home basketball game.

Paul Griffin, Senior Associate Director of Athletics, thinks that the school could pull in $20,000. For the small fraction of the Athletic Association’s scholarship fund (what the money used would be used for) that this amount represents, the school is auctioning tradition, history and pride. The idea of using eBay is heinous. These actions merely cheapen the Tech experience and the meaning of the items being sold.

If the AA has fallen upon such hard economic times, as this measure indicates, then there are more appropriate and tasteful ways for the aforementioned items to be sold. Memories could be sold in such a way that enhances Tech community and school spirit. For example, a silent auction could be held in the new Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center, raffle tickets could be sold at a home football game or the AA could advertise to alumni that such services are available for purchase. Creating more donor privileges consisting of the items that are being sold on eBay would be another viable option for raising money without demeaning Tech traditions.

It is inappropriate to sell any sort of Tech merchandise on the same auction site where someone once tried to sell his kidney. The AA should not make it their business to make money off of student athletes and the fame of former athletes, especially when the student athletes are not allowed to profit monetarily off of their own athletic prowess. If the AA insists on making money in this way, then perhaps a portion of the profits should go towards charity.

If the AA continues following the precedent they have set by placing items on eBay, then we mustpause to wonder if the next step is to confiscate the gold posts after a big win, so that individual pieces of the uprights can be sold to wealthy fans.

And in following the example of the AA, the "Nique would like to announce that since we need new computers for our office, we’re going to sell vintage Technique, hard-bound volumes of old papers and t-shirts with the ‘Technique masthead across the chest. So please think of the Technique for all your cheapened memorabilia goods, while you’re visiting your roommate’s office, we’re going to sell vintage

In the same way, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) sued hundreds of individual internet users for illegally sharing thousands of songs. I believe that today, when no one should honestly be able to say that they believe song sharing is legal, everyone should be held responsible for their actions. As the saying goes, don’t do the crime if you don’t want to go to time. I also think that the record companies need to do more to cater to internet users and the reduced cost of distribution that it brings. You might say that stealing is okay because the artists and the RIAA are money-grabbing and they don’t deserve all that money, but why is that your decision to make? After all, this is a free capitalist country, and it is built on making money. The price of the music is going to be based on the demand for the music. If you were making a bunch of money and people were stealing it from you, would you not think that it was wrong?

If you’re willing to do something to show your opposition, that is your right in this country, but you have to be willing to accept the consequences resulting from your actions. If you want to break the speed limit, you have no excuse to whine when receiving a speeding ticket as a result. Either you need to take the risk or try and change the laws. That risk may or may not be one you are willing to take, but it’s something you have to decide before making the decision to break the law, not after. If you were making a bunch of money and people were stealing it from you, would you not think that it was wrong?

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Some of us had used KaZaa, Napster and other peer-to-peer sharing networks to preview music and get to know artists’ names and would use them as a tool to pick what to buy. However, obviously this is not the majority of people, as music sales have gone down considerably in the last four years, and this is in part because of the use of these networks. I think it would be beneficial for both the consumer and the record industry if we could work more programs with a “try before you buy” option. This would allow more people to get to know new and old musicians. I know it worked for me; I definitely bought many more CDs after having used Napster (back in the day) before I used the program, and I think we would help rather than hurt the record industry today. The recording industry needs to do something to allow online music purchasing to be cheaper and easier than going to the store and buying CDs (after all, it is cheaper to produce online) in addition to making people aware of the consequences of stealing music.

Think about your position on the issue, as the RIAA is sure of their position. It is in your goal to take down the evil record companies, then by all means protest by continuing to share music, but don’t be surprised when a huge lawsuit shows up on your doorstep. Or, come up with a new way of sharing files that benefits both the record companies and the consumers.
Did you go to the career fair? Well, you should have. No, this isn’t the usual spiel about how the job market is scarce and you should take any chance you get to talk to companies and arrange interviews. No, you should go to the career fair because of—yes, that’s right—all the FREE STUFF.

Also adding to fluorescent light and eagerly the presence of the mother of all which re-opened this week. The We are stoked about the new rushing to the library does beg the question of whether commons area was completed. A recent look at the numbers 'Nique predictions

"How 'bout them Jackets, putting the smack down on the Auburn (motto: "Hey! Look at us, we’ve got two mascots!") Tigers this weekend? And how 'bout that horrid prediction by your very own Soath’s liveliest! But, it’s not this paper’s job to be a cheerleader. On the flip side, our incorrect forecasts supposedly gave the team even more incentive to win. On this note, we would like to say: PSU 100 - GT 3.

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Tech vs Auburn game

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This past weekend was hard for me because now I am an Auburn Tiger. I remember my days at Bobby Dodd Stadium, and I never expected that from MY Georgia Tech.

As the clock wound down in the fourth quarter I watched the Tech fans stream down onto the football field and the kindergarten playground.

We noticed that the mass of fans were menacingly heading our way with goalpost overhead.

As we rushed out the stadium, the fans took off after us. The look of horror on their faces will stay in my mind for a long time.

I watched as one of my friends ran from a goalpost, which narrowly missed his head.

This could not be the Georgia Tech fans I grew up loving. These people are not the classy students I saw walking around campus when I worked at GT during several summers.

That Saturday evening my heart hurt, for I had lost my love for Georgia Tech. The cruelty and horror of that game will stay with me for a long time. Now all I have to say is no matter what the score was at the end of the game, it’s great to be an Auburn Tiger.

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Jackets show a lack of class

Let me be the first to congratulate you, Georgia Tech, for a well-played football game. You dominated the Auburn Tigers in every way imaginable—on the field. You deserve this victory, not only due to the lack of quality play on our part, but also due to the exemplary play of your team.

However, you may have beat us on the field, but we will always have something that you were lacking that day—class.

Your students and fans had every right to rip down the goal posts that day—class.

Something that you were lacking on the field, but we will always have a GAME. Celebrate. Have fun. But, know that we will always be the bigger man.

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Fan calls for realistic point spread

I was a little disappointed in the football prediction given by the Technique on the Auburn football game. Being the official newspaper of Georgia Tech, the newspaper should be somewhat optimistic in their predictions of Tech athletics.

I can understand if the prediction was that we would lose, but the AP line on the football game was only 8.5 points. But the prediction by the Technique was a 32 point margin, 42 - 10.

I would appreciate a more realistic prediction from the Technique, such as something at least close to the line on the football game. I enjoy reading the Technique, and I will continue to do so.

Jerome Mills
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The GT fans became more rowdy by [by] shaking their keys at us, and on numerous occasions [they] gave us the finger, and other vulgar gestures. It was like being in UGA’s Sanford Stadium, and I never expected that from MY Georgia Tech.

As the clock wound down in the fourth quarter I watched the Tech fans stream down onto the field, climbing the goalposts as the police on the field stood there doing nothing to stop them. As usual, the Auburn Band played our fight song and sang our Alma Mater. We were about to start our fight song again, when we noticed that the mass of fans were menacingly heading our way with goalpost overhead.

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It takes money to build a successful football program, and a successful football program benefits Tech in several ways. But in an age when virtually anything can be bought and sold if the price is right, some things such as dignity, pride and school spirit should remain sacrosanct.

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