By Jason Burt
Contributing Writer

Georgia Tech Athletic Director
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Paul Hewitt proclaims self basketball dictator for life

By Rob Hoffman
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After two surprising seasons at Tech, including the Associated Press’ award for Coach of the Year for the 2000-01 ACC season, head men’s basketball coach Paul Hewitt declared himself Georgia Tech Men’s Basketball dictator-for-life.

“I look down upon thee today a new man, a greater man,” proclaimed Hewitt while standing on the middle of the basketball court with the Alexander Memorial lights dimmed. “The time of vengeance is upon us. We will prevail.”

Fans and critics alike have been very supportive of the second-year coach at Georgia Tech. After securing a birth to the NCAA tournament in his first season as coach in a year that many analysts thought would land Tech near the bottom of the ACC, Hewitt signed a long-term deal to coach at Tech. This past season Hewitt’s squad finished a game below .500, but the squad was the youngest in the ACC and played extremely well in the last half of the season. Next year Hewitt brings in a highly-praised recruiting class that features Chris Bosh, a McDonald’s All-American.

“I care about this team’s future, its past, and the present,” said Hewitt. “I am calling for this nation to stand behind me. Those who don’t will face the iron fist of Tech’s basketball program.”

Hewitt has commissioned his warlords, headed by power forward Ed Nelson, to begin enforcement of the “Iron Fist Directive”. According to Warlord Nelson, Hewitt also plans on creating a shrine to himself.

“Dictator Hewitt would like to, at this moment, announce to the architecture department his intentions of fashioning a shrine that will last longer than all of us will be on this earth,” proclaimed Nelson. “Also, it’s a great opportunity for architecture students to gain real world experience.”

Warlord Ed Nelson is believed to be Dictator Hewitt’s second in command after garnering the ACC Rookie of the Year award.
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Its been rumored that the team will be a unanimous No. 1 pick by all three collegiate baseball rankings. Last time they were honored so, which was last season, they choked. “It will be interesting to see how the our chemistry will come together. I for one have never like the Red Sox. I’m full-fledged New York Yankee” declared a current Tech team member that wished to remain anonymous.

Texiera will replace current third base starter Matthew Boggs, who at times has had fielding problems, and Nomar will take over for Victor Menocal at shortstop who will most likely move to second base. The three players first games back will be for next weekend’s home series.

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**Football ticket prices skyrocket**

Student ticket prices for home games next fall will raise over 300 percent. The increase in ticket cost will be used to help fund the renovations of Bobby Dodd Stadium. Athletic Director David Braine said, “I hope the increased price will not affect student attendance, but it is necessary in order to complete the construction on the stadium.”

The tickets will increase an additional 150 percent for the 2003 season. Away game prices will remain the same.

**O’Keefe damaged by Bush-led party**

Wednesday’s speech by Bush escalated into a fullout logger in the O’Keefe Gymnasium. The invitation-only event destroyed the ground floor level and left the gym in shambles. Beer and alcohol were found covering the floor along with immense amounts of trash. All practices of the volleyball team and meetings of the barbell club have been cancelled until everything can be fixed.

**Student to join Tech QB race**

Tech senior Justin Thamis proclaimed yesterday to his friends that he could easily win the quarterback competition for next year’s football squad.

“We were eating at dinner, talking about football, and then he starts going on about the quarterbacks next year,” said Mark Quills, a senior Industrial Engineering major. “Justin isn’t really the joking type, and when he said it we all just kind of stopped eating.”

Thamis, a native of Richmond, Va. told his friends that he played varsity football, varsity baseball, and varsity basketball in high school. However, few of his friends actually believed he played any sports in high school.

“Yeah, I could see him playing intramurals,” said Sarah Jen- nis, a junior chemical engineering major. “But he seems more of a fan. You know?”

According to Thamis, his 4.5 speed and strong arm could be of service to coach Chan Gailey.

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**Tech alumni return to finish eligibility**

Many students are upset over the recently announced departure of their lovable mascot, Buzz. However, they will not be sad for too long. Due to a small loophole in the rules, Buzz will still compete for the title next week.

Tech administrators moved quickly to restore order to the campus after the announcement which devastated many students and Tech faithful. The Student Center Post Office, which was overrun by upset students, moved into lockdown mode at approximately 3 p.m.

“Students over run the rec-  yaled paper bin and started hurling buzz in a news conference held at 2 p.m. The student is busy preparing for the up- coming mascot combine scheduled April 15-17.

“People seem to have doubts about my strength even after all those pushups I did at the Navy game,” said Buzz, referring to the football team’s record-setting bashing of Navy. “I am determined to show the sceptics that I am more than a loveable toy.”

Despite his small stature, many analysts feel that Buzz can succeed at the professional level.

“He’ll be a mid first round draft pick this summer,” said ESPN’s Mel Kiper. “I like his energy, his man- ners, and there is no doubting his national titles.”

Incoming football coach Chan Gailey was upset he won’t get the chance to work with Buzz.

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pitched decently, giving up seven hits and five runs, only three of them earned, and walking only one and striking out four; but he still picked up his second loss of the season. Led by a trio of hitters with multiple hits and a two run homer, Georgia ran away with the game after the fifth inning. The Bulldogs’ Brandon Moorhead pitched a long four innings of relief to secure teammate Jason Fellows’ first win and his fourth save of the season. The silver lining for the Jackets was that Menocal picked up a hit to tie his career-best 20-game hitting streak.

Although Menocal has his hitting streak and Perry was wonderful against Gardner Webb, I have to give this week’s Player of the Week honors to Kyle Bakker. Statistically one could that Goodman pitched better this week but Bakker has yet to pitch a bad game this season and his SO/BB ratio is impressive for his kind of power. Hence, I had to give the nod to Bakker, otherwise he just might become the Susan Lucci of this award. His line for the week: 7 innings-pitched, eight hits, 1 earned run, 2 walks, and six strikeouts.

The baseball season is nearing its halfway point but it’s hard to determine just how good Tech is. There have been pleasant surprises in guys like Patterson and Clifton Remole, and Bakker is really maturing into the team ace that Tech will need for any college World Series aspirations. But question marks linger. Every quality opponent that Tech has played, they have lost to pitch a bad game this season and their road performance has been far from home. It has been perfect, it has been and although their performance at Tech has played, they have lost to.

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Carter openly deviated from his keynote address, which was open to the entire Georgia Tech community. Though he was given the topic “An Open Society in an Age of Terrorism,” Carter openly deviated from the assigned thesis. “I would not have chosen this topic for myself,” said Carter in the opening of his address. Indeed, Carter made only a small number of observations related specifically to terrorism. First Carter argued the crowd and all Americans to exercise caution when using terms like “terrorism.”

“'Tis not for human beings to refrain from the total condemnation of those with whom we disagree or whom we fear or whom we cannot understand.” said Carter.

“I really feel uneasy when President Bush brands an entire nation or an entire people as evil.”

Carter then transitioned into his main argument—that fighting terrorism requires aiding the poor. “I will tell you that the greatest challenge that we face is the growing chasm between the rich and the poor.”

According to Carter, the U.S. provides less foreign aid than other industrialized nations, which he sees as a question facing Americans. “What is an ‘open society’? Is it a rich society encrusted in self-congratulations and intensive commitments to security and the exclusion of others or the reluctance to be responsible for the lives of others? I think that’s counterproductive,” said Carter.

“Does every day combat terrorism? Maybe one way is to give people hope,” said Carter in his close. The former President’s speech capped a day that also included a morning panel that discussed “Civil Liberties in an Age of Terrorism.”

CNN anchor Miles O’Brien moderated the panel made up of Honorable Marvin Shob, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court; Dr. Adibullahi A. An-Na’im, Professor at Emory Law School; and Stefan Aust, Chief Editor of Der Spiegel, a leading German political magazine.
Hewitt becomes dictator
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Buzz to leave Tech
Tech’s famous mascot has decided to forego his final year of eligibility and leave the Jackets to pursue a pro career. Page 34

Cheerleaders, Buzz prepare for nationals
The Tech cheerleaders and Buzz, who is gunning for his third-straight national mascot title, head to Daytona Beach, FL, April 3-7 for the National Cheerleaders Association’s College National Championships.

Football recruit wins national long jump title
I-Perfection Harris, slated to loan Chan Gally’s football squad as a defensive back, won the long jump title at the National Scholastic Indoor Championships in New York City with a jump of 24’10.5”. Harris’ jump was only half an inch shorter than the ACC indoor champ this season.

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