On the road to San Antonio

Final Four fever peaks as Yellow Jackets head for showdown with OSU

By Kimberly Buech
Sports Editor

When the Jackets came back to campus Sunday night after their Elite Eight win in St. Lou-
is, they found a jubilant mob of over 750 fans waiting for them. As the pep band broke into song, the team signed autographs and posed for pictures with the excited fans anxious to meet the team that has earned Tech its first Final Four appearance since 1990.

The team clinched a spot in San Antonio by defeating the No. 4 seed Kansas in overtime, 79-77.

"I am extremely proud of this group of young men and Coach Hoeppner," said Mike Gatmaitan, "we overcame an extremely difficult challenge for the season. Of course, it also shows that we are capable of finishing seventh or eighth [in the ACC], the spirit of the Georgia Tech Fan," Institute President Wayne Clough said.

By Tuesday, Barnes & Noble at Technology Square had sold over 3,000 Final Four commemorative t-shirts, not to mention hats and other Tech paraphernalia, online and through its main store. Despite the fact that San An-
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Groups collect books for Africa

MOVE is sponsoring Georgia Tech’s partnership with Campus Community outreach and Books for Africa to donate textbooks to help promote education and literacy in third world countries in Africa, where the ratio of students to books is seven to one. The drive, which began Monday, April 5 and ends Wednesday night, has been marred the elections committee with a variety of is-

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Reps consider 12 bills before turning to budget debates

By Edward Tansberg
Staff Writer

Bills were hurried through at the Tuesday night meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives. With the shadow of the Student Activity Fee budget lingering in the background, representatives tried to move quickly to dispose of old business.

Representative Matt Ridley presented the House with four charters for new student organizations, three of which were quickly slated together for one vote. The fourth, however, would be debated for a larger portion of the evening outside of the meeting due to a rare occurrence and the wording of Robert’s rules.

The Triathalon Club, the Association for Bioinformatics Students and the Students for Objectivism were all approved for charters as representatives voted nearly unanimously for the slate. The Christian Student Organization (CSO), on the other hand, had to wait much longer to hear the decision on its fate.

Due to the background of the CSO, specifically their attributed affiliation with a local church, representatives worried about unnecessary duplication of identical religious organizations on campus. Also the difference in its enactment ratio from the other three chartering bills caused representatives not to include it in the slate with the other charters.

Ten years ago, CSO was an active organization on campus, but sometime during the mid-90s the group became inactive and left the campus. Since then the organization has decided to try and once again establish itself on campus again. However, there were no records that identified CSO as a chartered organization, and so they were required to resubmit a charter.

According to Robert’s Rules of Order, any bill presented to the House must receive a simple majority of both houses, GSS and UHR, together to be passed. Thus when a bill goes through one house it is given an enactment ratio or the percentage of support from the second house that the bill must receive in order to be passed.

The charter of the CSO was attributed an enactment ratio of 80 percent to pass, and after the votes had been counted it was determined that the charter had received exactly 80 percent of the UHR vote. However, Robert’s rules state that a bill must receive more than then its enactment ratio to pass, i.e. 50 percent of SGA is not a simple majority, 51 percent is. A few representatives then spent part of the night looking up the exact figures of student population to see if the enactment ratio was correct and after a lengthy search it was determined that the charter failed to receive a simple majority by 0.5 percent. Thus the charter was not approved, and CSO did not receive recognition as a student organization.

Senate refuses to overturn veto

By Daniel Amick
News Editor

Graduate senators failed to override a presidential veto Tuesday. Graduate President ventured last week an allocation funding a trip to a conference by the International Affairs Graduate Organization.

Norville wrote in a statement that he thought the bill was an improper use of activity fee money because it was an academic function. He said there was absolutely no way funds can support all the similar requests that would follow.

International Affairs senator Jim Barnes argued in favor of the bill. “I didn’t go to school to go to softball or frisbee tournaments,” he said.

The graduate students who traveled to the conference also spoke in defense of their bill, saying that traveling to the conference allowed them to make contacts that will benefit the International Affairs program and students enrolled in it. After some discussion, the attempt to override the veto failed with only 3 votes in favor.

The Senate also passed allocations to Tech Beautification Day, Campus Recreation and the national Society of Black Engineers’ freshman leadership segment Lambda Delta Rho.

They failed a chartering bill for Christian Students Organization and approved three other chartering requests.
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tonio is over 16 hours away by car, a number of students camped out Monday night for $180 student tickets to the event.

A group of students said they had been trying to secure tickets since last week but had to wait until the last minute. The group consisted of around 50 people who camped out overnight and were able to purchase tickets at the event.

The university administration has not yet announced whether students who camped out will be allowed to attend the game, but it is expected that they will be given priority.

Budget

In conjunction with other executive officers and Joint Finance Committee members, we set stipend levels. Members of some affected organizations were not pleased with the amendment. When Lawder said in the House that SGA had not been consulted with affected organizations, an Erato representative interrupted him and said he had not.

Jeff Smith, president of the Student Center Programs Council, said he had “absolutely no conversations with anyone representing SGA regarding this amendment.” Sally Hammock, the SCPC advisor, said she had not been asked to justify current stipend levels. Neither Hammock nor Smith had been told the amendment was being presented before the House meeting.

The amendment reduced stipends for two of the three SCPC officers from around $2,000 to $1,000. The cuts will affect current officer holders because SCPC positions run for fiscal years. “[That is going to be an unpleasant surprise for them]” Smith said. He said he thought it was hard for SGA to evaluate the work officers do because from his perspective “they didn’t do any sort of investigation on what student leaders do across the board.”

“In light of how late the budget is coming out and how controversial this issue was, I think it came as a surprise to a lot of people,” Hammock said. “I’ve seen a lot of controversy and openness on SGA and non-SGA members because SCPC positions run for two of the three SCPC officers and cuts will affect current office holders.”

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Paul Hewitt

Head basketball coach

individuals. We had to cut down an awful lot,” McLaren said.

“We were only able to offer it to our [Alexander-Tharpe Fund] members.”

Alexander-Tharpe Fund is a scholarship fund for student athletes, and contributors receive points for donating that give them priority for tickets to certain athletic events.

If the Jackets win, they will face second-seed Oklahoma State tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Norman. The winner will then play Connecticut in the Sweet 16 on Monday night.

For those not making the trip to San Antonio, the game will be broadcast on CBS tomorrow at 6:07 p.m. EST. The organizers of Tech’s Relay for Life event will also broadcast the game live at the CRC field during their annual event.

The national championship game will be broadcast Monday on CBS beginning at 10:18 p.m. EST.

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Breaking the Bubble

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Bush allows Rice to testify before 9/11 Commission

As pressure from critics mounted, the Bush administration decided over the weekend to allow National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice to speak before the 9/11 inquiry panel in public and under oath. The decision marks a major shift in policy. Previously, the White House insisted that allowing Rice to testify would undermine the president’s authority. The panel agreed to the request that if Rice speaks no other White House aides would be asked to appear publicly before the commission. Her testimony could begin as early as next week.

Stewart still fighting decision, claims unfair trial

Lawyers for Martha Stewart filed for a new trial Wednesday. They claim one juror concealed his previous experiences and lied on a selection questionnaire concerning his opinions on the nature of the trial.

The legal team first became aware of the supposed misrepresenting juror immediately after the trial. Chappell Harridge, the juror in question, reportedly made comments to the media showing a prior personal motivation to ensure the conviction of Stewart.

Mars, a great place to visit, but don’t breathe deeply

Three independent research teams have concluded that methane is present on the Red Planet. The finding is causing a buzz in the scientific community because there are two possible explanations for its existence: either it was caused by previous life on Mars, or, the more likely scenario, the methane is attributable to geological change. NASA’s Mars Exploration Rovers Spirit and Opportunity landed a few weeks before the discovery.

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Committee determined that an email sent by an agent of Phuong’s campaign, either with or without her knowledge, was a violation of elections code guidelines.

The email was sent Monday to a list of addresses obtained from GT Night at Six Flags and featured Phuong’s name prominently in a discussion about the planned follow-up to last year’s student life event. The end of the email encourages students to vote in the upcoming election and provides links to do so.

“The email was basically unethical behavior by the agent, and so that constitutes a violation to the code,” Bakowski said.

However, he added, “It wasn’t determined that she [Phuong] was responsible for what specifically was sent out.”

Other candidates for the position of president included Adam Bernstein, who received 657 votes, and Ryan Johnson, who earned 398. The field for vice president was rounded out by Will Welch, who received 416 votes, and Hunter Oates, who picked up 291.

Welch said of his campaign, “I didn’t do as much as I would have liked; I was very busy.” Still, he said, “I really enjoyed the chance to think more about what student government should do.”

Other positions elected included representatives for all majors and classes. The top vote-getters of each class’s representative pool will become their respective class’s president.

Next year’s Senior Class President is Eleanor Baccay, who won 465 votes. Future Junior Class President Andrew Howard earned 502 votes, and Tiffany Schoenhoff, who got 489 votes, will be Sophomore Class President. Patrick Cook received 241 votes to become next year’s Freshman Class President.
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More budget woes

The Undergraduate House of the Student Government Association (SGA) debated the finer points of student stipends this week, one of many amendments up for discussion before next year’s budget has a hope of being passed.

Undergrad President Nate Watson authored an amendment to the budget that will reduce the amount of money for stipends Student Publications, Student Government and the Student Center Programs Council receive. This amendment was the result of efforts by Watson and Vice President of Campus Affairs Ben Lawder, without meaningful consultation and communication with the organizations being affected by the proposed changes.

While it is clear that deep cuts need to be made in order to balance the budget and student stipends is an area in which changes can be made with minimal impact, the ways in which this amendment was pushed through the House was inappropriate. This situation merely serves to highlight the inadequacies apparent in a budgeting process in which the power of the purse is held in the hands of a few students, who are given the capability to arbitrarily and qualitatively make decisions.

As has become routine for changes made by SGA that affect organizations, the alterations were made without notifying all parties involved, or giving them the adequate opportunity to defend themselves and their monetary needs. Furthermore, it is that much more difficult for organizations to represent themselves fully when it is nearly impossible to find out what numbers, rules and procedures are most up to date and correct. SGA cannot distribute ten slightly different copies of the same document and expect the students and advisors outside of SGA’s executive council to understand what’s going on. SGA should realize that this should be a time for feeling the negative effects of the budget crunch together, as a body of student organizations. Cuts should be made across the board to balance the budget, and student stipends is an area in which cuts should be made.

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Housing sign-ups flawed, need online treatment

“I lay the blame at the feet of the Department of Housing for having a broken system.”

Karl Guertin  
Online Editor

Saving daylight

Daylight saving time starts Sunday, when the clock will jump forward by 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. The clock change will mean that you will have to rise earlier and adjust your daily routine.

Elections spam

The thought of a candidate knocking on my door to campaign is frightening enough, but visiting my inbox, the equivalent of banging on my front door, 10 times in five hours is just not cool. It’s one thing to sign up for a politically-oriented email list voluntarily, but it’s another thing to receive a spam message.

Summer blues

Come this summer, you must be registered for at least 12 hours in order to be a full-time student. Considering that the summer semester is several weeks shorter than the fall and spring, being required to take more classes, squeezed into a shorter period of time, seems illogical.

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A humorous look at lore of Tech's April Fool's past

Unbeknownst to many Georgia Tech students, April's Fool day has spanned the generations here at Georgia Tech and actually goes back quite a bit further.

Variations on our April Fool's celebrations began with the flying rocks of early civilizations, but proved so lethal that they were restricted to one day per year. Medieval April Fool's celebrations mostly consisted of a comedian's troupe led by the court jester; these exhibitions were promptly halted on April 1, 1564, when two Catholic bishops summarily excommunicated and hung Jacob Fowl for his skit involving a yard animal.

Then the Seventeenth Century brought about a popular French gag involving dead fish. Jacques Euclair and an accomplice began a contest to see who could slip a small fish inside someone's trousers and run off without being caught. One day, Euclair's accomplice* took his turn by his prankster roommate.

1913: First chain letter mailed from GT Station post office: "Ye that breaks the chain, shall die a miserable, fiery death or be mauled by a bulldog. Forward to ten others to keep the chain alive."

1924: Zeke the dog was a loving campus mascot until he lost playing chicken with Dean Dull's rambling wreck. Zeke was renamed Sideways and Dull donated the car to Georgia Tech out of shame.

1933: In the midst of the depression, Tech administrators decided to open a pub in the middle of campus, despite many prohibition laws. As soon as the financial woes of the campus were abated, alcohol was permitted to be sold only by the Alumni Association.

1957: Jacob Calhoun started the practice of lacrosse with laxatives, animal parts and other substances after eating Helloise Brittain's cooking. Sources claim that Helloise tried her best to prepare Jacob a delicious meal, but her cooking skills were not helped by her 42-square foot dorm room.

1962: Unknown sophomores G.W. Clough and D. Clough score the winning field goal to take the Tech basketball team to the national championship. After that shot, young Clough was promoted to Presidency by alumni, but turned it down to train actively with the Crocodile Hunter.

1968: The Tau Gamma Phi house was expelled from campus after baking special brownies for each of their professors. The music department did not press charges and further offered to discard of the evidence.

1976: House pet at Lambda Chi, a 150-pound St. Bernard, was spuriously fed copious amounts of controlled substances by another fraternity and urged to pee on the Dean's car. Instead, Chi chewed the tire directly off the car, so the offending house decided to memorialize the event in their 1974 yearbook photo.

1984: A student by the name of George Percival Burdell enrols in Georgia Tech as a freshman. Forced to leave by a family illness, George quit after only one term, but was long remembered by his prankster roommate.

1996: House pet at Omicron Sigma, a 150-pound St. Bernard, was given up to the shelter, so the offending house decided to memorialize the event in their 1996 yearbook photo.

2005: All four T's mysteriously disappear from the Tech Tower: No buildings are damaged, and nobody is caught. *(Louie Cheamou's name withheld to protect any remaining descendants)

Dupree not failure

I just wanted to tell that I was horrified and appalled by your choice of subject matter that was printed in the "Hot-or-Not" feature in the Technique issue dated March 19. Tom DuPree has been, and hopefully will continue to be, a generous donor; $5.7 million has already been donated according to the Atlanta Business Chronicle. DuPree has been a great friend of Georgia Tech.

On top of his financial generosity, he has also been generous with his time and talents. He helped organize the $712 million capital campaign in 1996. He loves his alma mater, and wants to see all facets of the institute improve.

Gifts like his make Georgia Tech great. They support the students and faculty engaged in research, they fund the development of nice, comfortable buildings where we can study, and they attract the highest quality faculty to teach here.

Without the generous support of our donors, the quality of the education and student life at Tech would decline significantly. We owe nothing but gratitude to the generous people who give so much to Tech to make it a great place for us.

Therefore your attack on him was absolutely unnecessary. The last place anyone deserves to be attacked for their business mistakes is from the alma mater they love.

Mark Iannucci

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Student orgs prepare for move into Commons

New office spaces in Commons promise more visibility, campus involvement and interaction for WREK, SGA

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

With Burdell’s bustling and Pandini’s serving up pizza, it seems that the majority of the new Student Center Commons is open for business. However, students wandering through may overlook the fact that a vital part of the Commons area has yet to move in.

The sleek, empty offices on the west side of the first floor and the entire second floor are awaiting WREK radio, the Office of Student Involvement and the Student Government Association. While the move will mean different things for each group involved, the one thing all have in common is increased visibility and a prime location in the center of campus life.

A space to be seen

All groups expressed the hope that by moving into the Commons, more people will see them, become interested and ultimately, get involved.

SGA is moving to perhaps the most visible space, the first floor offices just past Pandini’s. “We’re kind of back in a corner over here,” Graduate Student Body President Pelham Norville said of their current offices in the Flagg Building. “Not a lot of people necessarily come into his building unless they’re studying in the atrium. The new Student Center Commons…is a destination for a lot of other things,” he explained, including Burdell’s, Cybercafe and other restaurants.

The Office of Student Organizations, under the direction of Danielle McDonald, is also moving upstairs to the second floor, and is being renamed the Office of Student Involvement.

However, it is WREK radio that will perhaps be the most changed by the move. Currently located on the second floor of the Office of Human Resources on the east edge of campus, WREK has always struggled with visibility. They will move to a 1,330 square-foot space tailored to their needs on the second floor of the Commons, with a large window overlooking a stage on the floor below.

Survey [any] 20 people… I would be surprised if three or more… know what frequency we are on the dial,” said John Lyon, WREK General Manager. “The problem is, being out by the Coliseum, no one really knows.”

In addition, Ng said, the space would help them publicize their own events, including concert ticket giveaways and Live At Tech, a show where local or student bands would be able to play live on the Commons stage, instead of just performing inside the WREK studio.

Before and after the move

Most of the groups are scheduled to move into the Commons over the summer. The Office of Student Involvement, according to McDonald, is “just waiting on furniture.”

For WREK radio, especially, whose current studio is located on the east edge of campus by the Coliseum, the move into the new Student Center Commons may provide more visibility and a chance to interact with students.

Jennifer Yu
Fifth-year AE major

Most people have seen a reality show or two, but Jennifer Yu, a fifth-year Aerospace Engineering major, will actually appear on one this month. Yu will be featured on TBS’s Movie and a Makeover, a Saturday morning show hosted by Mia Butler.

During the course of the movie, the show’s stylists gave Yu a makeover, a project, which ranges from fashion and beauty to home and garden.

A friend of Yu’s asked by his girlfriend, who works at Movie and a Makeover, if he knew anyone for the show. “Since there are so few women in AE, he just named me because I’m really good friends with his said Yu.

The day after representatives from the show interviewed her, they told her she was in, and since a chance to be on national television does not come along every day, Yu accepted the offer to be on the show.

The premise was to have a career makeover. They wanted to take someone who was about to graduate and make them be able to get a job through a makeover,” Yu, who will graduate this May, said.

She added that it was a fun and interesting learning experience to see how the show is produced.

Part of the show was filmed on campus, in Yu’s dorm room in the Undergraduate Learning Center. She said that having cameras all over her room was “really weird… fortunately it was only three people, and some of my friends were there too, so it wasn’t too bad.”

Being on camera was something that any person would get used to. “I didn’t really know what to say when they asked me questions,” she said.

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By Christopher Gosley
STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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For Yu, the most dramatic change was the haircut she received. Her hair, which once ran all the way down her back, is now two feet shorter and a pound and a half lighter. “Everyone says it’s a dramatic change,” she said. “It’s been almost two weeks now, and I’m still trying to get used to it. It’s never been this short!”

Her haircut is also the most permanent change after the makeover. It is the “only thing they really can change,” she said, “because I still go to school, and I still can’t wear a pantsuit every day.”

The results of the makeover shocked her friends and family. After the filming, Yu drove to her Atlanta home, where her mother was surprised to see her daughter with short hair for the first time since she was two years old.

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Students return to roots, host high school math tournament

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

High school math competitions—those great Saturday morning über-nerd social gatherings—have not been hosted at Tech since 1957. However, a team of students and faculty from the School of Mathematics resurrected the old contest and held an “updated” version of it two weeks ago.

The competition took the shape of a traditional high school math contest: contestants participated in a multiple-choice exam and a ciphering round following breakfast and registration. Semifinalists moved on to a proof-based exam after lunch.

Over 400 students, teachers and parents from across the southeast attended.

Nguyen Truong, a third-year Computer Science major and the team’s “quiet co-conspirator,” originally approached Professor Yang Wang, the Undergraduate Coordinator and Associate Chair in the School of Mathematics, with the idea.

“I told him, ‘I think it would be much better if this event was a student-sponsored event,’” Wang said. “I suggested to him that he should perhaps...Pi Mu Epsilon.

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including Patricia Pichardo, a Ph.D. student in mathematics and a graduate student in operations research, and Stephanie Bent, a second-year mathematics major.

“We had all been involved in past math competition experiences, so I was like, ‘Hey, Georgia Tech doesn’t have one. That can’t be right,’” Pichardo said. “We must have one...UGA has one.”

Besides, she said, they were bored. Meanwhile, Wang worked to generate support on the faculty side, which, he said, was relatively easy to obtain.

Professors Wing, Suet Li, John Mc.Cuan and Tom Morley, as well as Rena Brackbill, the Assistant Undergraduate Coordinator, provided the majority of faculty assistance.

In addition to the testing, the team worked to provide alternative activities for parents, teachers and students who did not score high enough to move on to the semifinals. Chess games, frisbee and paper airplane contests were a hit, and several professors offered short seminars.

The College of Sciences, also a major supporter of the event, wasn’t ashamed to admit that they used the contest as a recruiting exercise. Campus tours were readily available for all participants.

“Those students who didn’t get to go to the second round just had fun by walking around campus,” Truong said.

“A lot of parents were really, really grateful because they were trying to convince their kids to come to Tech,” Wang added. “I think we created a very awesome impression for these kids.”

Michael also cited positive feedback from many of the participants, despite their “very little preparation.” Pichardo echoed her teammates’ sentiments that they were all struggling to figure out how to put it together and acquire the necessary resources.

One of the biggest battles, according to Wang, was seeking out enough sponsorships for the event. Even after contributions from several faculty and the College of Sciences, the team hoped for more.

Then Dean Schuster approached Wang with a message from a member on the College of Sciences Board.

“He [said], ‘you know, my neighbor...works for Invesco, and he’s very interested in this idea,’” Wang said. “So...Dean Schuster set up an appointment for us to talk to...the CEO of Invesco...and I made a pitch [that] we want this to not just be a mathematical competition but the event to highlight undergraduates’ mathematics and science in the southeast.”

Invesco was so favorably impressed that they donated $20,000 to fund the competition, enabling the team to give away over $10,000 in scholarship prize money.

There was also the matter of the tests themselves. McCuan and Li wrote the majority of the testing questions while Truong handled the questions for the ciphering round.

Grading them, however, was a different story.

“We had to stall for 45 minutes with door prizes [because] the tests weren’t graded yet,” Michaels said. “The grading is probably the biggest problem that we underestimated.”

The team also learned another vital lesson: math majors should hold onto theT-shirt. Thiskeyear shirts were tie-dye, and featured a blinding array of colors.

It started out as a joke,” Pichardo explained, through fits of laughter.

[Michaels and I] were walking back, and we saw a girl wearing a tie-dye T-shirt, and he was like, ‘Wait...we can do...tie-dye!’

The team saw other avenues for improvement as well. For instance, Truong said, “we need more involvement from other people from other departments.”

And, of course, “we would like to have a lot more money,” Pichardo said. According to Michaels, the team is working on obtaining endowed scholarships for future competitions.

In the end, though, “[It was] fun,” Michael said. “You gotta have something to do outside class. Granted, my advisor will shoot me...”

Pichardo explained what Michaels meant. “I think [advisors] would rather you do research than play around with a math competition.”

But the entire team is already looking forward to the next competition and hopes the process becomes fully automated by the time they graduate.

“Everybody feels good about this event,” Wang said. “You know, we have not just the...undergraduate students but graduate students...staff members, the faculty members, Pi Mu Epsilon...we even have people from the administration, so I think it’s just an event that actually brought everybody together.”

But there was something Pichardo will always remember.

“We spent the night at the Instructional Center [because] we had to watch the stuff overnight...she said with a grin, and [Truong] got us dinner by talking to a girl.

‘At the IEEE thing’? Truong replied, cringing with embarrassment. ‘Uhhhh...’

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John Lyon
WREK General Manager

The studio is a little smaller, our library…is going to be smaller,” Ng said.

There is also the question of whether WREK will tailor its eclectic programming towards a wider audience once it moves into a much more public space.

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Cirque delivers awe-inspiring Alegria

By C. Jason Mabry
Senior Staff Writer

Everyone enjoys going to the circus, but Cirque du Soleil’s Alegria is a spectacle not to be missed. This amazing performance combines feats of unbelievable contortion, ridiculous fire handling and incredible acrobatics, not to mention quite entertaining clown acts, gorgeous costumes and inspiring singing. Alegria, a French word, is the most beautiful word in this corner of the world and one unlikely to be seen in many other places.

Director Franco Dragone has created a visual masterpiece that is enough to make anyone want to join the trapeze and travel the world. And world travelers these performers are. The 59 performers hail from 16 countries and add to the vibrant and energetic mix inherent in the show. From the set design to the over-the-top costumes, every detail of the show appears at once precisely engineered and wonderfully free-flowing, making for a truly amazing evening.

Cirque du Soleil is two-and-a-half hours of pure, high-energy entertainment. It is not possible to become bored with the spectacle, as the ante is always upped and the shows continually improve upon itself. The choreography and synchronicity with which the show is performed combines a very serious aesthetic with a calculation appreciated by any engineering student.

Don’t waste time seeking flaws in the production; rather, take time to marvel at the ingenuity with which the performers have crafted a show so amazing as to warrant every minute of the lengthy standing ovation it deservedly received.

Most visitors will walk away from the show marveling most about the contortionists who appear to have been born without numerous important skeletal features, such as a spine or hip bones. These performers inspire awe and pain in the audience, working through their fluid and unique routines. Equally as striking is a hand balancing act in which the performer supports the full weight of his body on one hand while holding himself horizontal and spinning in circles, among various other maneuvers.

The fire knife dance surely leaves many wondering how much flame retardant the specialist was wearing, as he holds his torches against his skin, in his mouth and beneath his legs while working his hands so fast as to prevent full comprehension of the actual moves involved.

Also impressive were the flying acrobatic sequences and two golden iPods as door prizes won by Wesley Reynolds and Ketan Sardeshmukh, the emcees for the evening.

Landmark offers special engagement

Landmark Theaters in Midtown will hold a one-week only showing of Good Bye Lenin starting this Friday. This spectacular German film chronicles a fragile woman who falls into a coma before the fall of Lenin and awakes in a false Soviet era recrafted by her son as if nothing had changed. The movie has won numerous German film awards and promises an entertaining evening.

Students showcase films at Ferst Center

By Justin O’Neal Miller
Contributing Writer

Eager future filmmakers filled the Ferst Center Monday night for the Delta Campus Movie Fest. Various groups of students had been looking forward to the screening for the majority of the semester.

The Movie Fest exhibited student films made for the 2004 competition, whose first prize treated each team member to a continental breakfast with ticket to MacHomer. This performance is a sampling of the classic Simpson family.

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Oh, sure, now you want to learn calculus? Remember when I tried to teach you? Do you, Mr. "No Dad, that's way too complex!" Mr. "I don't need partial differentiation for this!"? Larry, I...

Dad, I was in the second grade and learning subtraction.

Hey Dad: I have a huge calculus exam tomorrow and could use some help.

by Brian Lewis [gtg043t@mail.gatech.edu]

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Need to revamp your look to fix your broken social life? Get a haircut.

I've long suspected that Georgia Tech students are a special kind of weird that leaves us unprepared for real-world social events, and this past week has illustrated that point.

On Saturday, Two Bits Man actually got invited to a party hosted by GSU students. You know, normal people from elsewhere in Atlanta. I had long heard about these things called “parties” that are held both by normal people and Greeks—and yes, those are two distinct and non-intersecting groups.

Going to this party pointed out exactly how odd I have become at Tech. I met a cute gal, and we started chatting, but things quickly got awkward. At the beginning of the conversation, we actually had some common ground, you know, standard small talk, just like dating in a Meg Ryan film. But before long, all of the Meg Ryan qualities of our conversation had gone by the wayside. The conversation had (thanks to other people in the room) strayed to the philosophical underpinning of Inspector Gadget.

Believe it or not, someone else brought the subject up, and before long, someone else was worrying about the whole issue of infection and how it would hurt to have a helicopter pop out of your head.

Despite all the Inspector Gadget talk, I said the one thing that caused an awkward silence in the room, “I’m not big on having a helicopter pop out of my head, but I think that a gasoline-powered propeller beanie would rock.”

This is the ostracism that engineers have to face every day. I come up with an idea that affords one all the benefits of flying like Inspector Gadget without the pain and infection of having a helicopter come out of your skull, and people act like I’m the pariah in the room.

“Um, I guess you do go to Tech,” one of them said.

At any rate, the anomaly of getting a Tech student has gotten to be a joke with me. After all, if I didn’t learn to laugh at being weird, the whole pariah thing would definitely lead to suicide, and after all, Two Bits Man is the one who’s trying to prevent blood loss with his engineering skills.

At any rate, I chatted with my mom a couple days after the party, and I told her the story of my engineering gaffe, and she would have nothing of it.

“You’re not weird. No son of mine is weird. Get a good haircut, and you won’t look like a weirdo.”

I wish it were that simple. If getting a good haircut were all it took to offset being weird, then Georgia Tech would have the best damn haircuts on Earth. Forget Paris, forget New York and forget Hollywood; real stylists would move in droves to Atlanta as Tech became a world fashion center.

The weirdness-offsetting haircuts at Tech would lead a fashion revolution, and provided that we could avoid engineering references throughout a whole photo shoot, top fashion magazines would descend upon Tech, just to show off our styles.

But wait! There’s a philosophical paradox there. It’s widely believed that models are stupid, and becoming one will lessen your IQ. We would lose accreditation, and ultimately become a party school, so everyone would be normal, and like normal people, we would all get $12 haircuts instead of haircuts that are good enough to offset our weirdness.

One by one, the stylists and fashion editors would leave Georgia Tech, and people would again start to study with their bad haircuts, and it’s all back to being weird.

It’s hard to say whether or not a good haircut will make me less weird, but one thing’s for sure. I’m weird, and I’ve got a bad haircut.

Until next week, this is the Two Bits Man reminding you that it’s okay to be weird, as long as you don’t mind being responsible for turmoil in the fashion industry.
Punisher from page 15

about the action sequences; almost every one of them is either seen in a previous film or is expected.

The entire movie is not a failure, though; in fact, there are some good aspects to the film. The performances given by Rebecca Romijn-Stamos (X-Men, X2) and Will Patton (Remember the Titans, The Agency) are commendable.

With most movies of this type the audience always wonders what exactly would happen to the main character if he or she was in fact not prepared to fight. It seems that no matter the adversary, the hero can always handle to confrontation.

But, in this movie during the fight scene with the Russian, the audience gets to see perhaps a more real-life scene. In addition, the drinking scenes poignantly show the sadness of the character.

Overall, The Punisher is another failed attempt to make a good comic book-based movie filled with choppy scenes, bad dialogue and media hype.

The Punisher opens today.

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Go Jackets! Beat the Cowboys!
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Cirque from page 15 or in tandem to create a visual spectacle in the air above the audience. The cast answers in the affirmative to the question concerning whether or not man was ever intended to fly.

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Countering this show, the best clown act incorporated all of the audience in a most creative manner. After simultaneously playing a trav- eler and the significant other wishing him a moving farewell, the clown arrives at his destination where it begins to snow. The snow becomes a blizzard, and the blizzard covers the stage. Then the blizzard turns upon the audience, blasting tissue paper at unnerving speed through the air. The action is so fast, intense and colorful that often the audience is so distracted as to not know whom to watch or where to look next.

If nothing else is understood, let it be known that Cirque du Soleil leaves no one wanting in the visual department. The show will continue through April 25 at the Cobb Galleria. Head to www.cirquedusoleil.com for tick- ets and information. Do not be among those who miss this amazing sensory show, and look for Cirque du Soleil’s other shows around the world.
Cheerleaders, dance team skip Final Four trip for chance at NCA glory

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

While the “White” cheerleading squad supports the men’s basketball team in its Final Four pursuits, the “Gold” squad will be competing at the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA)’s 2004 Chick-fil-A Cheer and Dance Collegiate Championship in Daytona, Fla. Preliminary competitions began yesterday and will continue through this weekend.

Traditionally the “Gold” squad covers men’s basketball and football duties; however, the squad has been preparing since October for nationals. The “White” squad typically performs at the women’s basketball and volleyball games.

Tech’s nationals squad has 12 guys and eight girls.

“We’re all planning on watching the [Final Four] together while we’re down in Daytona,” said Head Coach Lauren Gryszkiewicz.

Tech is competing against 19 other Division I-A schools, in what’s traditionally known as the hardest competition at the championship.

There are several divisions at the competition that range from small co-ed schools to large universities such as Florida State.

Last year the team finished 11th overall after finishing fourth in preliminaries.

“Last year we were physically ready and we were a bit mentally off the morning of finals and I think that’s what led to our deductions and that’s why I started having the team work with the sports psychologist,” Gryszkiewicz said.

The team only has two minutes and 15 seconds to perform a routine that encompasses everything from dance to gymnastics to tumbling.

“It really doesn’t matter how many others we practice, you only get that one chance,” said team co-captain Susanne Nelson.

In addition, team co-captain King Harrison and Mary Melissa Bailey are performing in the partner stunt competition. Harrison and Bailey were awarded a spot after placing in the top 20 in a preliminary round held at a earlier date.

Buzz will be competing in the mascot competition and aiming to earn his third NCA Mascot of the Year title. The dance team is also competing in the event for the first time ever.

“I think we have a better chance that we’ve ever had. It’s the most talented team and I’m very happy with how the squad has come together and if there’s been a year that we could win it all, I would say this is the year,” Gryszkiewicz said.
The Edward Jones Dome is home to the St. Louis Rams during the NFL season, and the NCAA was about 10:30 Friday morning and arrived in St. Louis about twenty minutes before the start of the first game where UAB faced Kansas. I set up my stuff in the press room, grabbed the provided info that I needed and headed out to see the game. This was my first time seeing a college basketball game from anywhere other than a couch, and it was an experience that I would never forget.

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Some great teams have great players and great coaches, but the consistently great teams have good players and great coaches. Every player has a level of natural talent and ability that they are born with, but only a coach can teach a player to be better and make them realize a level of potential they never had before. When Jack spoke, Hewitt watched his every word, and when reporters asked tough and abrasive questions to put the players on edge, Hewitt’s mouth would open and he would move like he was getting ready to answer. It was obvious through just a few moments of the press conference that Coach Hewitt was close to his players, and genuinely had a concern for their health and thoughts.

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When Bosh was with us it was as if all the other guys on the team and the fans were always waiting for Bosh to do something—like they were just watching him play or something,” said one student. This year didn’t start off much better. There were rumors of players leaving and many skeptics took the opportunity to take shots at the Yellow Jackets’ seemingly fragile status. With Bosh gone, many thought our best had left us and that this would be simply a rebuilding year.

At the beginning of this year, we all made a commitment to get better and improve our game.”

Marvin Lewis
Team captain

“Devoted Tech fans see hoop dreams come true in St. Louis

By Edward Tomsberg
Staff Writer

The first time the Yellow Jackets made it to the Final Four, I was watching from the floor of my living room, with my knees tucked under the XJ. Georgia Tech sweatsuit my uncle had bought for me. So it was only right that I spent last weekend riding with three other people: our photo editor, Scott; a man named “Gooley,” and Scott’s six-foot-two, 215 pound roommate, Andrew, in a Chevrolet Prism for eight and a half hours to see the Jackets in St. Louis.

The four of us left from school at about 10:30 Friday morning and arrived in St. Louis about twenty minutes before the start of the first game where UAB faced Kansas. I set up my stuff in the press room, grabbed the provided info that I needed and headed out to see the game. This was my first time seeing a college basketball game from anywhere other than a couch, and it was an experience that I would never forget.

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Looking up at this huge expanse, I began to think about how different things looked for the Yellow Jackets at the end of last year and how my expectations were for our team. When Bosh was here, his presence on the team and the idea that he would be going to the NBA seemed to permeate through every win or loss.

When Bosh was with us it was as if all the other guys on the team and the fans were always waiting for Bosh to do something—like they were just watching him play or something,” said one student. This year didn’t start off much better. There were rumors of players leaving and many skeptics took the opportunity to take shots at the Yellow Jackets’ seemingly fragile status. With Bosh gone, many thought our best had left us and that this would be simply a rebuilding year.

“At the beginning of this year, we all made a commitment to get better and improve our game.”

Marvin Lewis
Team captain
On March 18 around 12:20 p.m. EST, the 2004 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament tipped off. The No. 64 teams and a number of upsets later, the field has been reduced to a fabulous final four.

Here’s a look at the last four teams standing and an idea of what to expect this weekend in San Antonio’s Alamodome.

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game versus Nevada. Nevada guard Kirk Snyder fell on Elder’s leg after an attempted lob pass from a team-
mate that was deflected by Tech’s Anthony McHenry. Elder badly
sprained his right ankle on the play.

However, the Jayhawks could not take advantage of a short-handed, but
depth. Tech team. Jack received
help from center Lake Schencher, forwards Clarence Moore and Isma’il
Muhammad, and guard Will
Bynum.

With the game tied at 71 in over-
time, Jack drove the left baseline
but was cut off by a Kansas defend-
er. He kicked the ball out to a wide-
open Bynum at the top of the key. 
Bynum easily drilled a three-pointer
to give Tech the lead with under
two minutes to play.

“I take my hat off to Georgia
Tech,” said Kansas point guard Aaron
Miller.

“Jarrett Jack made a lot of plays
for them. Every time they needed
something, boom! He was there for
them.”

Tech will face Oklahoma State
in Game 1 of the Final Four in San
Anselmo, beginning at approximately
6:07 p.m. EST tomorrow evening.

Fourth-seeded Kansas would go on
to win 100-74.

By John Scaduto

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NCAA Tournament Notebook

By John Scaduto

Staff Writer

With a 79-71 win over the Kan-
sas Jayhawks, the Jackets booked
themselves a ticket to the Final Four
at the Alamodome. Here’s a look at
what happened behind the scenes at
the St. Louis Regional.

UAB vs. Kansas Ruckus

Some interesting action took place
even before the Jackets first took to
the court. Late during the second-
half of Kansas’ rout of UAB, Blazers
close Michael Anderson looked to
decorate a timeout in hopes of setting up
a run for his team.

As he stepped onto the court to
offer a “T” signal to the referee with
his hands, the ref shot one right
back—his second technical of the
game, apparently for stepping onto
the court (the first one was earned
for excessively disputing a call). 
Anderson immediately became fu-
rious, as an assistant and another ref
had to hold him back.

It reduced into more of a base-
ball argument than a basketballone—
but Tech fans would not be denied.
Tech will face off against former high school
teammate Tony Allen.

Super Bynum

A collective gasp resounded from
the Tech crowd as a Utah player
scored a 3-pointer with 2:40
remaining on the clock.

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was looking for the hoop and either finishing or kick-

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GT/Nevada First Half

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the Yellow Jacket faithful as B.J.
Elder went down clutching his an-
kle early in the game. Nevada’s star,
Kirk Snyder, had failed to convert
an alley-oop, and as he tried to re-
cover he lost his footing and fell
right onto Elder’s leg.

Elder was taken to the lock-

“Weber’s Time to Shine

With leading scorer Elder out
for the remainder of the game, Se-
niar Marvin Lewis caught the hot-
hand for the night and his teammates
just kept feeding him.

“Everybody said we’ve got to pick
up our games,” Lewis said. “B.J. is a
guy that brings a lot of firepower in
regards to scoring. He’s our leader.
But everybody just said, ‘we’ve got
to do without him and move on.’”
Lewis would score 23 points —
the only Jacket in double figures.
But it was plenty, as he was also hot
from beyond the arc, shooting 4-9.

The most impressive stretch oc-
curred when Tech finally gained the lead,
65-58, behind consecutive three-
pointers by Lewis.

Behind Jarrett Jack, any of those
distractions just seemed to fade away.
It was Tech that opened up the game
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team trying to make a third consec-
tutive Final Four appearance.

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team implemented a quick double-
team to counter KU big man Wayne
Simien. He had no field goals in the
first half, and Tech enjoyed a 36-31
lead at halftime.

Second-Half Thriller

After a high-speed first half in
which both teams looked to force
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Jackets knock off Jayhawks in regional final

By Ryan Peck
Senior Staff Writer

As the final seconds ticked off the clock last Sunday at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Tech point guard Jarrett Jack boisted the ball victoriously into the air. By the time the ball landed into the hands of a tearful Dawnette Hewitt, the wife of Coach Paul Hewitt, Kansas had been denied the chance to return to the Final Four for the first time since 1990.

“It’s only fitting that the clock expired with the ball in the hands of Jack. Tech’s spectacular sophomore guard claimed St. Louis Regional MVP honors after orchestrating a brilliant 29-point, nine-rebound, six-assist, and four-steal outing. The 29 points were a career high, and Jack scored eight of Tech’s 13 points in overtime, as the Jackets ousted the Jayhawks by a score of 79-71 in front of a partisan Kansas crowd.

Elder, Tech’s leading scorer, was limited to just 12 minutes of playing time following an injury he suffered Friday in the regional semifinal. The first NCAA All-American of Coach Paul Hewitt, Kansas had its 15th in the 1500-meter freestyle, in 1:51.19. She is the first women’s swimming and diving champion to be named MVP after orchestrating a brilliant 29-point, nine-rebound, six-assist, and four-steal outing.

By Kimberly Rieck
Sport Editor

For the first time in the history of Tech’s men’s and women’s swimming and diving program, both teams have placed in the top 35 teams in the nation, thanks to All-American performances from freshman Vasen Stojanoska and sophomore Sam Morgan. Tech is one of only 23 schools to have both of its men’s and women’s teams score in the top 35 at the championships.

“To be one of only 23 institutions, I think that says a lot for the direction our program is moving and how bright our future is going to be,” Head Coach Seth Baron said. Stojanoska, a native of Macedonia, received All-America accolades at the women’s NCAA Swimming and Diving championships held in Austin, Texas March 20. She swam a Macedonian-record and school-record time of 2:11.02 in the 200-meter freestyle to finish tenth. She is the first women’s swimming and diving athlete from Tech to receive honors.

The Jackets finished 33rd in the nation with Stojanoska’s seven points from the event. Stojanoska also finished 37th in the 200-meter freestyle and tied for 23rd place in the 400-meter freestyle.

Besides making the national championships, Stojanoska swam at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and World Championships. In her freshman season, Stojanoska has broken school records in the 200-meter freestyle, 200-meter butterfly, and 400-meter freestyle events. Stojanoska’s All-American performance came on the heels of a recent bout with illness, where she was forced into the hospital and hooked up to IV. Stojanoska managed to recover and prepare for the meet in only three weeks. “I don’t know how I got better, I really was not expecting to do that well. It was a miracle,” Stojanoska said. Luckily for Tech, Stojanoska recovered in time for the Austin meet.

“We’re very pleased with her performance, every single event she swam, she moved up from where she was ranked nationally,” Baron said.

Stojanoska’s second trip to the men’s NCAA championships. Morgan traveled to Long Island, NY for the event.

“I was definitely a lot calmer at NCAAs this year. Last year [NCAAs] was the fastest I had ever been to and everyone was just a lot more nervous. You might be comparatively fast in your conference, but when you go to NCAAs, everyone is in the same boat,” Morgan said.

“Sam’s our third NCAA All-American. It bodes very well for our men’s program and the future of our program,” Baron said.

Morgan finished in 18th place in the 1500-meter free event at last year’s championships. The first NCAA All-American for Tech was current graduate assistant coach and alumnus Shilo Ayalon, who earned All-American honors three straight years. Ayalon and Morgan train closely together, and last year competed against each other in the 1500-meter event at the championships.

Baron hopes that with Tech’s high national rankings and world-class aquatic facilities, the future of the men’s and women’s swimming program will continue this success.

Morgan, Stojanoska honored by NCAA

Miami baseball game time moved

The baseball team will be playing at 1 p.m. Saturday instead of 7 p.m. due to a conflict with Tech’s date with Florida. Fans attending the baseball game at Russ Chandler Stadium are invited to stay afterwards to watch a broadcast of the basketball game on the video board, with concessions available for both games.

Softball falls to No. 5 Georgia

Tech fell by a score of 4-1 in a close game to rival Georgia. Play was delayed in the first game of the intended double-header, and the second was cancelled due to rain. There has been no date scheduled for a make-up. Tech will open up Atlantic Coast Conference play as they travel to Tallahassee, Fla., for a doubleheader with No. 4 Florida State (38-4).

Will Bynum deals a blow to Kansas as he makes an improbable shot in last weekend’s St. Louis regional final. Bynum and his teammates defeated the Jayhawks despite leading scorer S.J. Elder’s injury.
Sixth-years bond at Sixth Street event

By Mo D. Bear
Staff Writer

In a campus-wide push to promote class identity, SGA and the Co-op Club jointly hosted an event dubbed “Sixth-years at Sixth Street” last Tuesday at the Sixth Street Apartment complex. Robert Wang, a sixth-year Computer Science major and President of the Co-op club, said that their motivation for sponsoring the event was to “make people more aware of the complicated issues associated with being a sixth-year.”

The club also enlisted the help of SGA, because, according to Bill Cunningham sixth-year SGA representative, “I think people forget sometimes that not all sixth years are co-op students. Some of us are trying to double-major, and others of us... are just taking our time.”

Students attended expressed approval at the event.

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Sixth-years bond at Sixth Street event

By Emeril Lagaue
Food Correspondent

Student Center Director Rich Steele announced Thursday a new addition to the recently opened Student Center Commons—a Palm Restaurant.

“We are excited about bringing the Palm to campus,” Steel said.

The world-renowned dining establishment plans a December opening.

“We are committing to offering students affordable dining options, and the Palm fits in well with the current price structures at Panzini’s, First Place, and the Student Center Food Court. It also works in to our overall vision for what the Student Center Commons should be.”

Write-in Jack wins SGA election

By Andrew McSlate
Staff Writer

The Final Four this week will be only the first test of patience, dedication and skill under pressure for point guard Jerrett Jack, who was elected President of the Undergraduate Student Government Association Wednesday. SGA Elections Chair Alan Baskowski announced Jack as the surprise winner Wednesday evening at the Student Center Commons. He won an unprecedented 79 percent of the popular vote to beat out the four official candidates.

Momentum for Jack’s presidency began building with his 29 points against Kansas in the St. Louis regional. The fierce determination Jack showed against the Jayhawks sparked an idea in the mind of political junkie Luke Schenscher, who was disappointed with the official choices.

“I thought to myself, crikey,” Schenscher said.

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New evidence leads to grade substitution

By Ivana Gradechange
Faculty Correspondent

The Academic Senate passed a grade substitution proposal that would allow students to retake failed 1000- and 2000-level courses last Wednesday, after administrators presented new evidence that grade substitution would indeed have a positive impact on students.

At the Senate’s last meeting, three students testified that if the grade substitution policy had been in effect during their first two years at Tech, they would still be enrolled at the Institute.

The first student, Edwina Thompson, who currently goes to Georgia State University, said, “I think grade forgiveness, I mean, grade substitution—is that what you’re calling it?—could have definitely helped me stay at Tech.”

Thompson said that she had a particularly rough first semester, and was forced to withdraw from Tech after the lost her HOPE scholarship. “None of my professors spoke English,” she said. “It didn’t help that in Calculus, the professor would write all these greek letters mixed in with definitions and stuff up on the board.”

“In another one of my classes, the professor couldn’t even write in English,” Thompson continued. “That was when I realized that I was actually enrolled in Chinese 1200.”

The second student, Chris Brown, who also goes to GSU, testified that the administration’s emphasis on student life almost demanded a grade forgiveness policy. “All I wanted to do was get involved,” a tear-eyed, emotional Brown said. “My first semester here, I joined a sorority, FAB, and FreshGA, Freshman Council, Emerging...”
**Technique Online** Voice Your Opinion!

Last issue’s question garnered 108 responses:

Who do you want to see most in *Playgirl*?

![Bar chart](image)

*This week’s question:*

How funny is the *Techlique*?

Tell us what you think at [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/techlique](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/techlique).

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INCIDENT: Report of a missing tin drum.
GTCN's new Management Eye set to give CS men style

By J.P. Moneymaker
Fashion Correspondent

The Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN) announced a new show this week that will air on GTCN channel 21 starting next fall. The show, Management Eye for the Computer Science Guy, will be based on the hit Bravo show, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.

The show’s producer, Katherine Minor, described the show as “a super-cool way for computer science and other less-trendy students to get some fashion and culture tips to improve their social lives.” Minor says the show will be hosted by four Georgia Tech College of Management students, each focusing on a separate aspect of the current week’s subject.

The management experts will help a disadvantaged student improve his life by providing dorm room decoration and tips, suggestions on how to eat a well-balanced meal, and culture tips and dating advice.

Third-year computer science major Neva Seendailit cannot wait to watch the show’s first episode. “I’ve had such a difficult time trying to get into the computer science major. Hopefully, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy will help a disadvantaged student get to the straight guy level,” said Seendailit.

The show’s interior design expert, Caleb Greenfield, has already been working on some design proposals for traditional-style dorm rooms and apartments. “The first thing I’ll change in most of the rooms is the beds. A computer science major has a hard enough time getting any action at it. The narrow single beds only make it more difficult,” Greenfield said.

Fashion expert Mark Pada has some great tips on how to carry around all the nerds’ necessary gadgets without making a fashion tan pas. “The key to mix colors and materials,” said Pada. “It’s okay to have a black leather cell phone holster, but don’t combine it with a black leather PDA holder and a black leather MP3 player cover. That’s so 20th century.”

Minor is confident that the show will be a hit for a new global positioning system (GPS) that tracks members of the female gender will be available for students to purchase at Burdell’s today. This system follows on the heels of the recently-developed GPS system for the Tech Trolley.

The technology will allow its users to determine the latitude and longitude of the nearest attractive woman. The GPS will be introduced and developed by GTRI. "Auxiliary Services is constantly seeking new ways to spend the students’ money on effective programs that are profitable for Auxiliary Services. We feel that this new feature, which allows students to track female students, a rarity here, will bring people together who might not otherwise interact. We’re promoting school unity with this project, really doing something for the gals. And my Richie Steele will always be able to find me,” added Meyers.

Joe Frank, a fifth year Computer Science major, noted that he has seen a girl in two years, and is really looking forward spotting someone. “I just added the GPS tracking website to my favorites list, and I’ve already watched Girl #901 508567 stop at a vending machine in the IC,” said Frank. "I think it’s funny, that’s all. If anything, it’s a great show of scientific progress by GTRI since I know how difficult phonemones are to identify and test for, so that this system utilizes them is neat."

The tracking website for the TBS-GPS can be found at www.importantstuff.gatech.edu
For the first time in nearly a century, Tech architects and designers are beginning to follow a rule that architects and designers at most other universities have known for years: design a building to look appropriate during its entire lifetime and not the first 15 days. After years of approving plans for Hightower, Van Leer, MRDC and the MARC building, Tech’s Office of Capital Planning have made a wise decision with the new Modern Languages building.

Our campus has always been known as a mix-match of strange architectural styles that clash with each other and show no apparent planning for a look of the overall campus. Let’s face it buildings like the new CRC and Health Center will look like a perfect example of “when architects go bad” in 10 or 15 years, and buildings like Howey-Physics and Cherry-Emerson have been ugly from day one. It is time that campus administrators realize building styles and finishes should be a major focus. If the campus looks better, students will be more likely to work hard to stay, thus improving the all important retention rate.
let’s make my mate Jarrett the next SGA president.”

Luke formed a committee to aid in the campaign, called his “posse,” the group’s clever shirts quickly became a campus rage. Jack was hesitant to run at first, since he had missed the date to apply to be an official candidate, but Schensher convinced him that he would be able to run a successful write-in campaign. Upon deciding to mount the write-in offensive, Jack immediately appointed Schensher as his campaign manager.

Schensher’s first move was to post signs advertising Jack’s campaign, but since he placed all the posters at his eye level, the rest of the student body couldn’t read them. Once David Nelson joined the campaign team, called his “posse;” Reynolds Van Peper organized a campaign to expose them figuratively, letting the country know that Tech boys are not all “nerd” but rather all man.

The men of Georgia Tech felt about their inability to flaunt their man parts, they took action. The male population of Tech rallied together and sent a petition to the publishers of Playgirl, requesting that they do an issue titled “Boys of the ACC” as a complement to Playboy’s “Girls of the ACC.”

Their voices did not go unheard. After receiving thousands of computer-generated e-mails from Tech students, the publishers decided there must be something worthwhile at Tech, so they planned a visit, and they will be recruiting for Playgirl models this weekend.

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MGT majors love lazy river change

By James Anthony
Take me to your leader

Officials from the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) submitted two new amendments to the student activity fee this week. The amendments are both aimed at expanding the current plans of the "lazy river" in the new facility.

Although the original plans called for the river to wind around the area currently under construction behind the Student Health Center, CRC director Kirk McQueen announced a new plan that would bring collaboration with many groups across campus.

"When we first developed this plan, the money was coming from a donation from an alumnus who wanted it to be used specifically for this purpose," McQueen said. "This alumnus wanted to give students a break from the grind of Tech."

Once the idea was announced, however, the CRC was flooded with calls from students who felt the idea needed to expand around campus. According to McQueen, the largest number of calls came from Management students who saw the lazy river as a perfect fit for their lazy lifestyles.

"Therefore, we developed plans for a course that winds around campus and across the Downtown Connector to Technology Square," McQueen said. "This gives students better options for transportation and will be a great use of student activity fee funds."

The plan will also put Tech on the map with yet another technological innovation. "As far as we know, this will be the first time a major university has taken on the crossing of a major interstate with a controlled waterway system," said Institute President Wayne Clough. "This could really be a potential recruiting tool for the school."

Most students agree that the plan will provide huge benefits. "I'm so excited about the plans," first-year Management major Jessie Spano said. "It will be, like, great to have this kind of experience on a daily basis. And in the winter it can double as an ice-skating rink."

Other students see even further potential. SGA has proposed a collaboration project that would combine the river into its frisbee disc golf course. "Players could ride the river from hole to hole," SGA President Nate Watson said. "I really think this is a worthwhile amendment."

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Building plans tasteful, elegant

By Kerry Kristopherson
Multimedia Correspondent

In flagrant violation of Tech traditions, the Department of Modern Languages, flush with alumni money, has unveiled plans for its new home, the Meyers Building of Modern Languages. The building is hailed as an architecture Tour de Force.

"We actually have a building that wasn’t look like crap in thirty years," quipped Professor Claude LeMuire of the College of Architecture. "This is how an academic building should look."

The plans are drawing heavy criticism from numerous fronts, particularly the Schools of Mechanical and Electrical and Computer Engineering. "Tech has a rich tradition of fad buildings, we will not stand here and idly watch our traditions being destroyed," said Professor Robert Sprocket of the ME Building Committee. The groups have vowed both to block the Modern Languages proposal and to push through an Institute-wide policy enforcing the tradition of building mediocre buildings that bear no resemblance to each other.

Grades

Leaders and Hall Council. Also, my Peer Leader would always plan really fun activities on the weekend. I was spending so much time having the ‘freshman experience’ that I didn’t even know I failed out until my mom called me asking me to explain this letter saying I had failed to meet my academic probation. Like, how is that fair?"

The last student, Eric Belfair, having dropped out of Tech after earning a –1.83 GPA his first semester, is currently unenrolled in a college and is living at home with his mother.

"Grade substitution? Yeah, I guess that would have helped me at Tech," he said, “though I worked real hard for that –1.83.”

Belfair compared Tech to peer institutions such as the University of Georgia, where he was considering resuming his studies because "grade substitution isn’t even an issue there because no one cares about grades, anyway."

The grade substitution proposal had been languishing in the Rules and Regulations Committee after its members determined that more investigation was needed into the implications of such a policy.

However, Academic Senate committee members unanimously passed the proposal, after Executive Assistant to the President Gary May argued that the students’ testimonials were undeniable proof that a grade substitution policy would not only improve retention rates and raise Tech’s national standings, but would also solve global warming, cure cancer and end world hunger.
“...” cried Ben Thomson, a sixth-year Electrical Engineering major. “Pretty soon they’ll have eighth-years at Eight Street,” Thompson added.

“I feel that my extra semesters here have really enriched my Georgia Tech experience,” said Alan Ginski, a Civil Engineering major. “Plus,” he said, counting on his fingers, “Calculus II is a lot easier the… (one, two, three) — third time around.”

The sixth-year representative from SGA said that the large turnout may encourage funding for similar programs in the future. “Sixth Years at Sixth Street—it’s perfect. Maybe next time we’ll do an Eighth Years at Eighth Street, too.”

Other students, however, had mixed opinions. “I don’t really see the point of this event,” said Josh Baxter, a sixth-year Management major. “I just want my degree so I can get the hell out of here.”

SGA leaders on hand called the event a great success and called for more class unity events.

“I’m looking forward to the opening of 10th and Home so that Ph.D students will have a place to meet,” said Amy Phoung, SGA Treasurer.

An exultant Ray rallied his major switches to the judges. “I started out as an Aerospace Engineering major, and my second semester I switched to ME but then I decided that I didn’t want to do engineering so I switched to Physics, but then I got really sick of all that calculus, so then I switched to Biology, but then I realized that I didn’t really like math and science in the first place and so I tried Industrial Engineering because they say that’s not really engineering anyway but finally I just switched to Management,” he said.

“I think somewhere in there I may have at least tried computer science, but man, I switched out of that, fast.” Ray added. “While the $500 prize isn’t enough to make up for the thousands I’ve spent in extra years of tuition, it’s still pretty sweet. I realize that I didn’t really like math and science in the first place and so I tried computer science, but man, I switched out of that, fast.”

Ray added, “While the $500 prize isn’t enough to make up for the thousands I’ve spent in extra years of tuition, it’s still pretty sweet. I can at least get my new sixth-year FRIENDS to some BEER, because, you know, we’re OLD enough to DRINK.”

Other students who attended said that they were inspired by Ray’s positive attitude. “Now that I have this sense of solidarity at Tech, I’m really debating whether to stick around for another year. I mean, I probably could finish by the end of this semester, but why hurry?” said Ben

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Tech offers undergrad basketball class

By A.J. Chieftan
Washington Bureau

Following the phenomenal success of the Jocks in this year’s NCAA basketball tournament, officials in the Athletic Association and the office of the Registrar have announced plans for a new series of classes devoted to the fundamentals of basketball. The decision comes on the heels of last month’s ESPN report on a similar class offered at UGA in the fall of 2001.

However, the fundamentals of basketball theory at Tech will not in any way resemble the joke of a class that was offered down the street in Athens. Instead, the Tech course, which will be placed in the new GT series of classes that was organized for GT100, will give a new spin on the game.

“A dam dunk of a course, this is not. Our GT100 will be aimed at helping students to truly understand the game in a way they would have never looked at it,” Registrar Jo McVey said. “Our professors will instruct on not only the basics of the game, but also how these basics can be applied to the areas of science and technology.”

Although instructors have not yet been selected, it is rumored that Head Coach Paul Hewitt will follow in the steps of Jim Harrick, Jr. in leading at least a portion of the class. Hewitt is quick to point out that similarities end there. “I will make it a point to make this class as difficult as possible. I want to follow in the Tech tradition of what do you call it—shattering—the students.” Other instructors considered include professors in the math and sciences departments.

Many students have mixed views on the idea. “Leave it to Tech to ruin the excitement and thrill provided by the game of basketball,” second-year Civil Engineering major Seymour Hardy said. “I mean why can’t we just have one class at this school that doesn’t center around science and technology.”

To talk about basketball, geography and his posse

Luke Schenscher
Tech’s Australian basketball star Luke Schenscher sat down with the Techlique to discuss his posse and his newest geography lessons.

“Lague. So, Luke, a few weeks ago you weren’t sure where Milwaukee was. Are you more familiar with it now?”

Luke: Well mate, I didn’t see much of the city or Wisconsin. It’s was rather cold though. When I first stepped off the plane, I said, “Crikey, I need my long bitch- es.”

“Lique: Long. Bitches. That’s great. So how excited are you about the Final Four?”

Luke: Final Four. Well, I’m not sure what you’re talking about, mate, but I know we are still playing basketball. Lague: Um, you are still playing, and you are playing in San Antonio with a shot at the national title.

Luke: In San Antonio? What part of Mexico is that? I don’t want to play for the Mexican title. Their beer is worse than Foster’s.


“Lique: Exactly. So what’s been the key to your success recently?”

Luke: Well I’ve been crashing the boards pretty hard and laying off the Amber fluid. I also have the support of my posse at my side.

“Lique: What’s this I hear about a pose? Tell me more.”

Luke: Well it’s a bunch of blokes from the team and around campus who helped workon Jarrett’s SGA Presidential campaign. Now we hang out all the time. And they come out to barrack the team.

“Lique: I saw the T-shirts. Luke: Yeah the T-shirts are pretty nice, but they don’t have my size.”

“Lique: Well it’s more about the pose than the T-shirts. Getting back to basketball, how do you see yourself matching up with Oklahoma State?”

Luke: I hear they are Cowboys, so I hope they leave the horses in Oklahoma—wherever that is. Aside from that, as long as we are better than Foster’s.