Summer session changes

By Ranganath Venkataraman Contributing Writer

Starting this summer, a maximum of 200 incoming freshmen can enroll in a short summer session that will allow them to take core classes. The purpose of the program is to lighten their load in the fall. West Virginia Tech offers a short summer session previously along with their regular summer semester classes. It was impractical because it began in May when most incoming freshmen were still in high school.

The new short summer session will start in late June and end in early August along with the regular summer semester.

Anderson Smith, vice provost of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, identified three main groups of students who would get the most out of this program.

“First you have the very best students who will take advantage of the program and get a head start on their fall semester. Then you have the student athletes who can take the classes in the summer and then focus on other things in the fall semester,” Smith said.

“The last group, according to Smith, consists of those students who met the criteria for admission but were at the lower end of the distribution. Freshmen can come in and take a couple of courses or a precalculus course and prepare themselves for entering calculus in the fall semester.”

By Dan Engleender Contributing Writer

The parking situation at the Tenth & Home apartments, as well as the Graduate Living Center (GLC), has recently drawn student complaints which have been discussed at the last three Graduate Student Senate (GSS) meetings. According to many of the students who live in either of the two buildings, guest parking is not readily available.

“It's very annoying. I can't invite friends over who need to drive,” said Andrew Cantino, a graduate student and GLC resident.

There are 793 total spaces in the ER66 lot, but none are visitor spaces. The lot is split between a deck next to Tenth & Home and surface lots behind Tenth & Home and GLC.

ER66 is a residential lot, so it remains restricted even after hours.

“It's ridiculous that we don’t have any guest parking,” Cantino said.

Bob Furniss, Director of Parking, explained that there is a visitor parking option for GLC and Tenth & Home residents. “Visitor permits are available for the Parking Office acceptable.”

Many residents, however, said they did not find the suggestion from the Parking Office acceptable.

That’s not a viable solution. It’s just not reasonable to make tenants have to charge their guests $8 to come visit them,” Cantino said.

GLC and Tenth & Home residents have proposed their own solutions to the visitor parking problem.

“The parking structure is only about half full,” said Ryan Rangel, a graduate student and Tenth & Home resident. “I would recommend having one of the floors of the parking building converted to Tenth & Home as visitor parking.”

Other suggestions include using a portion of the surface lots behind the

By Ben Keppertung / STUDENT PUBLICATION

SympVibes places first at SoJam

Sympathetic Vibrations, an all-male capella organization, placed first at the SoJam A Capella Festival, one of the largest competition of male a capella organizations, placed first at the SoJam A Capella Festival, one of the largest competition of male a capella organizations, placed first at the SoJam A Capella Festival, one of the largest competition of male a capella organizations, placed first at the SoJam A Capella Festival, one of the largest competition of male a capella organizations, placed first at the SoJam A Capella Festival, one of the largest competition of male a capella organizations.

The group competed amongst other nationally competitive groups such as the Duke Pitchforks and the Virginia Hallhounds.

As an honor Sympathetic Vibrations opened for professional capella groups Cadence and Dusenwe in Saturday night’s main event of the SoJam A Capella Festival.

Tickets for the group’s fall concert, which will take place Dec. 2, can be purchased online at www.sympvibes.com.

ATDC joins security network

The Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) has become part of the Technology Acceleration for National Security (TANS) Network, an organization which supports incubators that promote entrepreneurship as a tool in solving national security problems.

TANS members are selected based upon services and opportunities that they offer to businesses. The TANS network contains groups from Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Texas and Virginia.

Currently TANS represents 106 small businesses across the nation. These companies encompass a wide range of security technologies, including high beam x-ray scanning for containers, nanotechnology and wireless antennae technology.

Graduate residents request visitor parking

By James Stephenson Contributing Writer

Evans Harrell, the current director of the graduate program for the School of Mathematics, was recently named the associate dean of the College of Sciences.

“We had a search committee looking at all possible candidates. Some people were identified and some people asked to be considered for this position,” said Gary Schuster, dean of the College of Sciences. “We interviewed several people and then selected Professor Harrell as the person who best fit our needs at the current time.”

“Professor Harrell has long experience at Tech and has been active in the School of Mathematics for all of that time. He has experience with both undergraduate and graduate students,” Schuster said. “He is a noted researcher in mathematics and had all the experiences and the skill sets that will make him an outstanding associate dean for the College of Sciences.”

Harrell takes over for Anderson Smith, who is now the vice provost of Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs. Harrell said he will be doing many of the same tasks he performed in the School of Mathematics.

“In the dean’s office, I’m going to be the point man for graduate and research issues,” Harrell said.

“The way the responsibilities are divided (in the dean’s office) is that Professor Barenghi has the primary responsibility for the undergraduate programs and Professor Harrell is mainly responsible for the graduate programs and faculty,” Schuster said.

“I’ve worked with graduate students and (the new position) seemed like a natural evolution,” Harrell said. “I’ve been at Tech for quite a while, and I’ve helped the department grow.”

“Harrell was the last director of the graduate program in the School of Mathematics. He is a big responsibility,” Schuster said.

“Harrell has the School of Mathematics noticed outside Tech, as well. The Board of Regents just announced that he will serve as the School of Mathematics is selected from all the institutions in the University System of Georgia to receive the
From the files of the GTPD...

A verbal altercation arose between two parties at 2:50 a.m. Oct. 30 at the intersection of Techwood Dr. and Fifth St. The first party was driving southbound on Techwood Dr. when the second, who was on campus for a fraternity parties, gave him the finger. After the first party exited the car, an argument arose.

One of the members of the second party, who was wearing a City of Cumming Police jacket and carrying a Glock 22 semi-automatic handgun, stated, "You don't want anything stupid to happen." He then holstered the gun. When the police officer arrived, he noticed a strong alcoholic odor on the man.

The officer discovered that the man was a trainee at the Clayton County Regional Police Academy with two weeks left until completion. The police jacket, firearm, police identification card and driver's license were entered into property.

The subject was charged with Impersonating an Officer and Possessing a Weapon on a School Safety Zone. He was then taken into custody and transported to Fulton County Jail.

Missing hat…since April?

Sometime between Mar. 15 and Apr. 1, an officer had his police issue winter hat removed from his vehicle. The approximate cost of the hat is $45.00.

Twinkle twinkle

At 11:36 p.m. Nov. 3, an officer discovered three students on the rooftop of Smith Residence Hall while performing a routine building check. The two male students and one female student stated they jimmied the lock on the access door with a plastic knife. The students stated they were staggering.

This week’s campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

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Correction:

Last week’s article “GSS passes golf team allocation after delay” on page three incorrectly stated that Victoria Foster was appointed to the Joint Campus Organizations Committee. Michael Herndon, Mary Ann Wright, Brett Warta, Brittain Skinner, Lynn Hartley and Jill Adams were appointed to the committee.

Oxford Study Abroad Program Summer 2006

The 2006 Oxford program will travel Europe for four weeks and spend six weeks at Oxford University. Below you will find further information regarding courses, costs, and destinations. This information should be treated as tentative and subject to change. Applications are available on-line.

Students must choose two courses from the following list:

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Estimated Cost

$7000.00 Plus Tuition*

Cost includes program travel through Europe, housing, some meals, field trips, and health insurance.

*Out-of-state students pay in-state tuition plus $250.

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Is the freshman summer session a good idea?
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GSS discusses retroactivity rules

By Arcady Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

Two bills passed at this Tuesday’s Graduate Student Senate meeting, which also featured a brief question and answer session with Thomas Johnson, special assistant to the undergraduate student body president, on the subject of the new online ticketing system. Johnson reported that the new system will not be active for the men’s basketball home opener against University of North Carolina Asheville. As in previous years, students will only have to show their BuzzCard to get into that game.

Johnson also held several questions from the senators, including one asking whether the ticketing system would be expanded to other sports, such as football, next year.

Johnson explained that the system now being implemented was specifically selected for its robustness, “[Expanding it to other sports] is being talked about,” he said.

Mitch Keller, graduate vice president, reported that bids for graduate health insurance were now being collected. He said the total costs of chalk from $10 to $8 made. These included reducing the spending at Tech. According to her, students in her field did not receive the opportunity to meet with the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and ensure it meets policy.

As in previous years, students will ask whether the ticketing system and the Tech Trolley are responsible for increases in several fees. Unsurprisingly, the bill passed by unanimous acclamation, as the undergraduates passed it overwhelmingly last week.

The senators also passed a bill allocating $883 to freShGA for One Night Stand after amending it per JFC policy.

Micah Lucas, chair of JFC, explained that the committee’s policy in previous years has been to fund copies of flyers at the minimal rate available to organizations on campus. According to him, that minimal price increased by $0.005 this semester, to $0.035 per copy, from $0.03 per copy last year. The bill’s amended total reflected this change.

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JAZZ AND HORS D’OEUVRES
Friday, November 18, 7:00 pm
Student Center Music Listening Room
Free live entertainment provided by Georgia Tech’s own Style Points

LIVE LUNCH CONCERT
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Thursday, November 17
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Student Center Commons Stage

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The College of Management's Technology Leadership Program, a program that allows students to achieve a dual degree consisting of a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) and another major at the same time, has gained increased interest recently.

“We have found that corporate recruiters that come to recruit our MBA students are very interested in our dual degree students,” said Paula Wilson, director of MBA admissions.

Though the program has been in existence for over 20 years, Wilson said it has only taken off in the last few. “I started with Tech in 2000 and the program really did no advertising at that time at all,” Wilson said. “I started holding information sessions…[and] ten people came…then in 2003 we got the MBA name change, though the program didn’t change [and] 100 people came to the new information session.”

Wilson said the program cost is still “up in the air,” but that “only two percent of the programs in the country have some kind of dual degree MBA.”

The regular MBA program lasts two years, begins in the fall and consists of 31 hours in core courses and 30 elective hours. The Technology Leadership Program consists of 40 hours, 31 of which are in core courses and nine of which are in electives.

“It makes you more marketable,” said Eniola Okeowo, a second-year Computer Science and MBA student.

Okeowo said she plans to use her degree to pursue information technology management or consulting.

Wilson said that admission look for students who will make contributions to the classroom and to group projects. “[We look for students] who possess a level of maturity and focus that they can bring to the classroom, and also of them have completed co-ops and work experience internships,” Wilson said. “We have some that have started their own companies and they come and say that they have this great idea and this great product but they don’t know how to get it of the ground, or know how to run a business. The program teaches the basics of accounting, finance, marketing, and operations.”

Tunde Ehindero, a first-year Electrical and Computer Engineering and MBA student, said that he would like to pursue consulting or operations work. “The MBA will help because besides just influencing the technology, we are going to [be] selling it,” Ehindero said.

“The MBA really gives them an overall business perspective. They think that having the MBA will give them more opportunities,” Wilson said.
by Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Tegrity, a software package which would allow students to take digitized notes and review captured lecture content, is currently under evaluation for use at Tech. Funding for the evaluation program thus far, approximately $100,000 according to Nelson Baker, the program’s director, has come from the $2.6 million Technology Fee.

Baker, associate vice provost for Distance Learning and Professional Education (DLPE), said that Tegrity currently is being tested in several Tech courses. Students in several Fulton County high schools are also using the program to obtain Tech credit for Math 1902. By using the Logitech m22 Digital Wiring System, Tegrity synchronizes note-taking with audio and video capture of lectures. When inserted into its cradle, a USB device, the Logitech pen saves a digital copy of any ink marks on the Logitech notebook.

Students will be able to purchase the software package, along with Logitech equipment, for a discounted price of $89. Notebooks in addition to those which come with the package will have to be purchased separately. The cost of these notebooks is $14.95 for a three pack of 128-page notebooks off of Logitech’s website.

"We have to ask questions like, ‘Would students pay an extra $5 or $10 in the Technology Fee [for Tegrity]?’" Nelson Baker, associate Vice Provost for DLPE

The pen has a clock built-in, which allows note-taking to be synchronized with the lecture. “The pen hyperlinks your notes,” said Brian Matthews, a librarian in Distance Learning and Mechanical Engineering. Matthews collects input from students and teaches several Tegrity seminars in the library. “It time-stamps your notes, so you can go back to any part of the lecture,” Matthews said.

The program docks the lecture video, professor’s PowerPoint slides and student’s notes in the same window. Clicking on a particular section of the notes links to the time in the video during which the notes were taken.

Students can also take synchronized notes while viewing lectures on their personal computers. Instructors will be able to restrict how often and which lectures are posted, according to Baker. Additionally, they can lecture while away from the university. “As a faculty member I could do my lectures in my office and make it available for the day of the lecture,” he said.

"Generally, the feedback has been positive. Many students have told us they would like to see [Tegrity] being used in more classes, especially social science classes," Matthews said. “All of it is pretty useful,” said Tanner Chung, a senior Computer Engineering major taking a Calculus class using Tegrity. “I haven’t used the notes and match-up with the class feature, but I’ve written down notes and looked at them on my computer. The video part is the most helpful — I can go back and look at lectures.”

“We will ask for more contributions this year,” Baker said. “We have to ask questions like, ‘Would students pay an extra $5 or $10 in the Technology Fee [for Tegrity]?’ This is going to have to be a partnership between students and faculty.” Baker said that as long as a license can be purchased, he plans to experiment with more courses in the spring semester of 2006. 150 classrooms are equipped for Tegrity; however, new cameras may have to be purchased for some rooms.

By Nicola Gunnes / TECHNICA PHOTOGRAPHER

The first floor of the Tenth & Home parking deck is below full capacity.
Summer session

The new summer school policies designed for next year’s freshmen could greatly benefit the incoming class. Dismal freshman year GPAs that result from students not being prepared for the academic rigor of Tech are an all-too-familiar story. At a school where students come from diverse academic backgrounds, it is inevitable that not all students can live up to the academic standards set by their peers and faculty members when they step on campus. Also, adjusting to the college lifestyle can be a struggle for the time-management-challenged. Thus, it is understandable that many freshmen struggle academically, especially while taking difficult core courses such as calculus and chemistry.

The new short summer session is designed to help those students who need an easier transition to the world that is college and Tech. It will also give ambitious students a proverbial leg up on their academic careers and allow them the possibility of graduating earlier or taking more electives throughout their college careers. Lastly, the program will also aid athletes in their transition to college, as athletes face more time constraints when selecting classes. Freshmen athletes also face the added stress of competition and training on top of the normal college adjustment issues, while working to comply with NCAA regulations that are blind to the difficulty of the school they attend. This would aid in that process without compromising academic standards.

Having an option to begin their college careers early could be a great way to prepare students for college. A short summer semester would be less demanding of incoming students’ time, and class offerings such as pre-calculus and the 22-week bridge course in chemistry could provide substantial help for promising students who need some extra attention to get up to speed with Tech’s demands.

It’s also great to see that administrators are doing their best to provide the full college experience to the freshmen who choose to come early. Forcing all those who enroll to live on campus and be a part of the Freshman Experience program means that those students will be put into a provably successful support network.

One valid concern is whether the program will be able to generate more student life activities during the summer session. A common complaint among students taking courses over the summer is that the campus is generally “dead.” Throwing freshmen into such an environment would negatively affect their view of student life at Tech, which the administration is constantly working to improve, and may make getting involved in the Fall more difficult for these students.

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AGENDA

Cultural bubble refuses to burst

At precisely noon everyday, the second floor of the Student Center becomes the meeting place for 100 Indian-American students. Perhaps that number is a slight exaggeration, but it seems that the place is seating midday with my tan-skinned peers. They always take at least half a floor. These students, despite attending a diversified population university, miss out on the benefits of diversity by limiting themselves to hanging out with friends of the same ethnicity.

Rarely can a non-Indian be found amidst the throng of subcontinental brains. Although these people are all unique, the bottom line remains that they are not interacting with people of other cultures. They are not exposed to a diversity of viewpoints and philosophies.

I must confess that I have been guilty of staying within a cultural bubble in the past; most of my friends were Indian-Americans and I made little effort to break out of my own cultural bubble. Breaking out can be difficult. Why is it so hard to befriended students of other cultures? Many would argue simply that because people from early race group are alike one another, they can relate to each other more easily. For instance, assuming that the Indian and non-Indian student would be the binding forces. Yet others, such as Dr. Beverly Tatum, would argue that racism keeps us in perpetual segregation. Beginning as early as elementary school, she argues that children belonging to minority groups separate themselves because they recognize that they are different.

In her book Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?, she writes, “In racially mixed settings, racial grouping is a developmental process in response to an environmental stressor, racism.” Racism segregates us because not only are the oppressors racist, but the oppressed are also racist. The presence of racism against certain groups in this country is aided by the groups themselves.

For instance, the stereotype that women are are less capable than men exists partially because these women accept the stereotype to some degree, asking for handicaps in the work force. However, racism does not even have to be in the form oppression to segregate us. For instance, assuming that all Indian people are vegetarians is a racist assumption. Within the country are different regions harboring a variety of traditions, some of those being non-Hindus or non-vegetarian (not that all Hindus practice vegetarianism, another misconception).

In one example, a white student makes the assumption that his new Indian friend will not eat beef and does not invite him to eat at a steak house with his other friends. The Indian also assumes that the white student would not enjoy Indian food that is vegetarian and does not invite him over for a home-cooked meal.

Ascan be seen from this example, another reason for the prevalence of racism is that people want to avoid confrontation. Dr. Tatum points this out in her book. Out of the fear that they might make offensive comments, neither party tries to discuss what they assume as differences. It is quite possible that both students eat meat but enjoy vegetarian food as well.

By Em Gatto, Student Publications

Quote of the week:

“Morality, like art, means drawing a line someplace.”
—Oscar Wilde

“Cultural bubble refuses to burst”

“I must confess that I have been guilty of staying within a cultural bubble in the past... breaking out can be difficult.”

Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

Keeping in this mind, it is undoubtedly easier to befriended students of the same race; confrontation is avoided. Even though this is done subconsciously, the results are visible. Even worse, the creation of large racial groups furthers a harsher kind of racism. Because the group is so used to accepting members of its own race, members of other races find it hard—even intimidat—ing—to attempt to assimilate into the group.

Such an experience is deeply impressed in my memory; it is this experience that finally made me break out of my cultural bubble. When I tried to bring a couple of my Korean friends to a party consisting mostly of Indians last year, the reactions of my India friends were so mixed. Although they didn’t do it on purpose, they stopped talking to my two Korean friends fifteen minutes after they were introduced.

Turning back to the other members of their group, they acted as if the Koreans weren’t there. One of my Korean friends asked me when I was going home. Ashamed of my other Korean friends to a party consisting mostly of Indians last year, the reaction of my India friends was inevitable. Although they didn’t do it on purpose, they stopped talking to my two Korean friends fifteen minutes after they were introduced.

In conclusion, missing out on the diversity of Tech heavily detracts what the experience that this campus could provide. Learning to step out of a comfort zone, if not learned in college, could be a skill that is never be acquired.

For someone who is about to See Bubble, page 8
Cliques prevent true understanding of life

Small, exclusive groups of friends or associates, affectionately referred to as cliques, are prevalent on Tech’s campus—there are fraternity cliques, sorority cliques, organization cliques, coupled cliques, Indian cliques, Chinese cliques, Latino cliques, cliques within cliques and even anti-clique cliques. Building support networks and healthy relationships is a very important part of success in college and in life. Finding ‘kindred spirits’ and fun, interesting people whose wavelength is wonderful and spending time with them does provide security and an affirmation of your choices.

Cliquing can create positive, stimulating environments and provide a family away from home. But more often than not, people in these cliques, due to a high comfort level and complacency they feel, become totally absorbed in their circles and stop pushing boundaries or even stepping outside their comfort zone.

Aside from limiting personal growth, it is dangerous because once a believer fails to see that the world revolves around one’s chosen beliefs and opinions and it makes people unable to look beyond stereotypes. From being a group of people who believe in the same ideals and behave in the same ways, these people’s beliefs are merely affirmed rather than questioned or analyzed. As a result they start looking at the world with the base premise that it rotates around them and begin seeing things solely through their viewpoint.

Dealing with differences really stretches your mental capabilities because you’re dealing with something outside your understanding of the world and this challenges your views. Personal growth is not really possible without challenges of different sorts.

Globalization and technology has only added to the problem and in a way, made us falsely secure in our comfort zone. We drive Japanese cars, order Chinese food, watch French films and dance to Latin music—we’re globalized, right?

This clique or sub-group phenomenon broadens on to encompass an entire culture and results in a lack of cultural exposure in the world.

Thomas Friedman, the celebrated New York Times foreign affairs columnist was on campus recently in order to give a talk on how the world is changing and exceedingly connected, the argument he makes in his new book, The World is Flat.

He believes that the future will be driven not by giant multinational corporations or major international organizations like the World Bank, but by individuals.

To truly compete in this global economy one needs to understand the world from an international perspective. According to Friedman, the world is changing the plane on which it is operating from vertical to horizontal, meaning that you have to be able to reach out to your fellow man on the other side of the world at the same level of understanding.

On a study abroad trip earlier this year, I had the opportunity to observe my fellow classmates take on a new culture. Understandably it is comforting to see people and landmark institutions from back home when in a foreign land. But sticking to familiar terrain for the entire length of the trip is contrary to the core purpose of traveling, which is meant to expand one’s narrow view of life.

If you primarily eat at KFC or Pizza Hut in Singapore you’re not experiencing Singaporean culture, you’re experiencing local fast food in an intriguing location. If you mainly visit drinking joints aimed at home or bars in China for entertainment and never go the Peking Opera, you’re not soaking in Chinese culture; you’re just bopping in Beijing.

This way of travel ensures that you see this new exotic world only through your own shoes and not anyone else’s, thus defeating the very premise of going to a new land, observing new cultures and broadening your horizons.

We all step outside your comfort zone, even if only in those small baby steps, because in today’s increasingly integrated world, if you don’t you will eventually be eaten alive.

By Erin Meczacken
Daily Collegian

(U-WIRE) U. Penn—I am a minority. Yes, I am a middle-class Caucasian female at Penn State, but sometimes I feel like part of a minority— I am not on Facebook.

I have come to expect a certain type of reaction when I reveal this deep, dark secret. People usually seem confused/surprised and ask “Why?!” with such alarm/horror that you would think I kicked a puppy. They call me a freak and say “I’m out of the loop”— but I think I’m okay with that.

I shrug off pleas and pressure to join Facebook because, really, I just don’t understand why it’s such a big deal.

I’ve always been a late-bloomer when it comes to communication technology. While most of my peers started using AOL Instant Messenger in seventh grade, I didn’t start using AIM until I came to college, when the Ethernet hookups in the dorms made it possible to be online 24/7. I avoided sending e-mails until—and behold—Penn State gave me my own WebMail account. So, when Penn State’s extensive Facebook community was created, I decided that, like sororities and country music, it just wasn’t for me.

First of all, I have heard many first-hand accounts from Facebook users that it’s addictive and distracting, which makes me wonder why it’s soflippen sweet. I know you can keep in touch with people, look at funny pictures and join groups. But would joining the ‘Like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches’ group really make me more popular?

Facebook is funny and cute, sure, but I don’t like to be as associated with anything labeled “cute.” Maybe not joining is my own way to avoid conforming to societal norms. Or maybe I’m full of crap.

Honestly though, Facebook scares me. I don’t like the thought of a complete stranger knowing of a complete stranger.
Sept. 11 prompts introspection, thoughts of turkey

Ah, Thanksgiving, the time of year we eat things we rarely ever eat, like turkey and cranberries.

The time of year we stuff our turkeys with cranouts and our mouths with the turkey. We dress our kindergartners as little pilgrims and Indians, teaching them the importance of unity and love.

But in some ways, Thanksgiving can be a real pain in the wattle.

There’s the sleeplessness that overtakes you, caused by an essential amino acid called tryptophan, in turkey. That’s why Thanksgiving science teacher told us right before Thanksgiving break one year, though he may have been a vegetarian. I’m not sure.

And then there is the airport.

For those of you who live within driving distance of Tech, be thankful for your closeness to home on this occasion. The rest of us who do go home must travel by plane.

Traveling on Thanksgiving Day means your flight will most likely be delayed and very noisy children will be in the aisle behind you, kicking your seat throughout the flight. Not to mention the obligatory strip search now required at most security gates.

In all seriousness, except for holidays, I usually like flying. I like seeing the top of the Bank of America building as the plane departs, and I enjoy seeing Atlanta’s skyline as I return from my parents’ home in Maryland.

The Thanksgiving after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center was the only time I was afraid to fly.

I was flying into Washington-Dulles airport, which flight 77 departed shortly before it eventually crashed into the Pentagon.

I was very scared. Suddenly my world of coursework and trivial concerns became serious. Death, destruction, confusion, and revenge plagued the air. Fear was definitely a part of the equation.

That autumn semester of 2001 I served as a leader to freshman students just coming in. Many of the freshmen were also afraid of flying. Our faculty sponsor told us, “I know this sounds fatalistic, but just tell yourself, ‘If it’s my time to go, it’s my time.’”

She warned us not to let other people frighten us from living our daily lives with confidence. She encouraged us to still enjoy life and to push onward.

I do not know enough about the details of the attacks to make any judgments, and I never intend to do so.

I do know that that particular November I grew. I grew in a way I had never really grown before, not upward or sideways or even intellectually.

Something happens when people realize they are part of something larger than themselves. The world seems very big very suddenly, and this can be overwhelming.

After time, though, I think I’ve come to appreciate my place in the world, however small.

So I am thankful for the very large things I often take for granted: the freedom to speak as I wish, the freedom to vote and to drive a car, the freedom to write. The freedom to board that plane on Thanksgiving and choose to forgive the noisy brass behind me and acknowledge the place each of us has in this large, marvelous world.

I'm not saying it will be easy. But I’ll certainly try.

**Your Views**

Shuttle coverage skims over issue of cost

Your news item “Shuttle shifts to Atlantic Station Publix” dodges around the main issue of the Kroger-Publix debate: the prices.

There is only passing reference to students thinking the prices at Publix will be higher. Andersen’s comments justifying the move are totally bogus; shopping for groceries has nothing to do with enjoying movies at Atlantic Station. Also, your blurb of Meyers’ statement is totally irrelevant to the discussion.

The “regular users” of the grocery shuttle interviewed are apparently not regular users as seen from their comments and own admissions. The grocery shuttle is of critical importance to me and others who don’t own a car, so I appreciate your reporting this on the front page and highlighting the issue. But your reporting would be fairer if you did a more in-depth analysis and engaged real stake-holders for feedback.

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**Letters to the Editor**

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**O P I N I O N S**

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reading details about my life and wanting to “poke” me.

Making my profile accessible only to my friends doesn’t make me feel any more secure. There’s always someone who will find a way around the system. And I’ve heard people admit that they use Facebook to “stalk” people. This kind of creeps me out.

I’m content in my anonymity. I value my privacy and considering that the police are now using Face- book to aid their investigation into those who rushed the field at the Ohio State game, I’m glad mine is not being violated.

People should have been aware that the government and corpora tions have access to people’s Internet activities before they posted incrimi nating information.

For example, Echelon, a huge intelligence and analysis network, uses computers to sort intercepts such as phone calls, faxes and e-mails all over the world. It is important that people realize the stuff they write over the Internet is not as safe as they may think it is. Don’t let this keep you from using the Internet. It is important that people realize the stuff they write over the Internet is not as safe as they may think it is. Don’t let this keep you from using the Internet.

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And if you ask me why I’m not on Facebook, don’t be offended when I ask you why you are.

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Go into the post-university world, skipping this important lesson could have huge consequences. Some of the experiences that college should provide should be new ones, ones that force us to adapt. Lacking the ability to adapt, the progress of members of segregated groups is greatly hindered.
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By Chanchala Kaddi
Contributing Writer

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Watkins has had to spend the semester away from her husband, who worked in Baton Rouge until recently, when he moved back to New Orleans.

“It’s been an adjustment, [but] I’m safe, my husband is safe, I’m one of the lucky ones,” she said.

The technical aspects of registering here at Tech were well taken care of for the displaced Tulane students.

“I just called the academic advising office, told them I was, what classes I needed to take and that I didn’t want early morning classes, and my schedule was the way I wanted it,” Alexander said.

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Taste of Africa educates, entertains Tech community

By Trevor Suttleburg
Contribution Writer

African beats and traditionally dressed greeters welcomed attendees at the Taste of Africa event last Saturday night, hosted by the African Student Association (ASA) in the Student Center.

Programs designed as menus detailed the night’s activities, including poetry reading, singing performances, African dances and a short drama put together by the Georgia Tech Drama and Dance Teams.

“The event was organized to truly entertain, educate and enlighten any and everyone who wants a taste of Africa,” said Ugo Ezemamzie, a third-year Management major and president of ASA.

“We get to expose people outside Africa to African drama, music, dance, fashion and food and make them more aware of issues,” said Uzoma Onunkwo, a graduate student in Electrical Engineering and ASA member.

“The event featured a short, comical, yet educational play about a young African couple’s wedding.

“What important [about the play] is that Africans have a very distinct culture in terms of the family perspective. Marriage is half a much bigger event, incorporating a lot of organization on each family’s part,” Onunkwo said.

“People should realize that most Africans from the east or west side speak French or English,” he said.

“Even though there is the traditional language, and you’ve got a lot of diversity there, [French and English] are the official languages of most African countries since the colonial era.

“One of the prevailing sports is soccer. The World Cup is a big deal for Africans,” he said.

“I came because I just wanted to experience it. This is the first time I’ve been to an ASA event,” said Dylon Dalva, a graduate student who attended the event.

“The ASA conducted all preparations and rehearsals for the event in just a month and a half, making it a truly difficult undertaking.

“People have a lot of imaginary notions about African culture,” and here they get to see first-hand that they are just like regular people,” said Dulapo Kalokiyi, a graduate student and a member of ASA.

“I’m in the fashion show, and the officers and performers did a lot in terms of organization,” she said.

Interestingly, one of dance performances was an Indian dance by Nazaqat, India Club’s official dance team. Indian culture is permeating influence in southern Africa, where Indians make up a large portion of the population.

“We’re performing a typical Rajasthani dance from the Indian film Pacheli,” said Shalini Bumb, a third-year Biomedical Engineering major and a dancer on the ‘Nazaqat’ team.

“The team will also be performing at the Holi Show in April.

The final event of the night was a fashion show in which ASA members and others entertained the audience as they strutted down the runway in traditional African garments with bright, colorful patterns and lively headwear.

After the events of the night drew to a close, students gathered for a true “taste” of Africa, as a traditional African meal was served, complete with fried plantains, jollof rice (a mixture of fried rice, vegetables and meat), meat pies and rice bread.

“(I) really enjoyed seeing different aspects of the culture, I liked it all,” said Brittian Skinner, a graduate student.

Flags from many African nations hung over the event, representing the presence of African

By Amanda Thomas / STUDENT PUBLICATION

Mahadhi Afrika, an Emory dance troupe performs a traditional African dance at the Taste of Africa event hosted by the African Student Association.
CETL helps students show faculty appreciation

By Melissa Cataldo
Senior Staff Writer

Starting with a Thanksgiving kick-off, there will be a new service for students to thank professors who made a special impact.

The Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) is creating a simple online form for students to write notes of appreciation for especially effective teaching.

CETL will then send the note along with a letter explaining the program and a certificate to the faculty member or TA.

Students will be able to use the service at any time, for courses they are currently enrolled in and for courses they have already taken.

The online form will be at www.thankaprof.gatech.edu and will also be accessible through the CETL website under the ‘Services’ heading.

“Trite cliché…because I just came here in September, and this is a program we started several years ago at the University of Minnesota,” said Joyce Weisheimer, Assistant Director for Faculty Development.

The program was well-received by students and instructors and spread to other Big Ten schools.

So what does the service offer that writing email or thanking a teacher in person doesn’t?

Aside from the special certificate and letter for the instructor, the program offers the option of anonymity.

“By making it so students can either sign their names or leave [the note] anonymous…[Some students at Minnesota would say], ‘I don’t want to look like I’m trying to look like a better grade, but I wanted to say thanks a lot,’ Weisheimer said.

The service can allow professors to see what individual students really appreciate.

“When [professors] are teaching several classes…[students] comeand go, lots of times faculty and TAs start to think nobody really cares,” Weisheimer said.

Hopefully, as students voice their thanks, professors will be inspired to keep trying the things that students appreciated in the first place.

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A positive effect of the service can be letting TAs or faculty know students value what they’re doing. Lots of times the [the teacher whom the student] chooses to thank might have gone out of his or her way…so that’s reinforcing,” Weisheimer said.

At the University of Minnesota, school officials and faculty were often surprised to find that the things students appreciated the most were often little things like remembering students’ names in a large class.

As is typical at a research institution, Tech students also often attend large or impersonal classes, especially during their first few years.

So when a teacher reaches out, even small efforts to get to know students might be greatly appreciated.

“It wasn’t that we felt something was wrong. We know that when teaching is appreciated it gets better and better…success breeds success. The only venue we had was student evaluations [or nominating an] outstanding person as an outstanding teacher,” Weisheimer said.

Nominations only allow for a small number of highly outstanding faculty members to be recognized, whereas the new system personalizes systems that just get a kind of distance.”

The thank you notes from University of Minnesota were often informal and even quirky.

Students wrote comments such as, “You completely blew out of the water the stereotype I had of boring old professors who do not care too much about their students.”

Another student wrote, “[You showed me] a professor can care about the success of a student instead of being an emotionless, droning machine.”

Yet another student wrote, “Thanks for making me realize that math isn’t too evil.”

Some Tech students seemed to prefer to thank a professor more directly.

“I would not use [the online service] because it seems like an impersonal way to thank a professor. I don’t, I would do it either directly through email or in person, depending on the circumstances,” said John Parish, fourth-year Electrical Engineering major.

Weisheimer made the point that in her experience some students were uncomfortable thanking a professor directly.

“I can see situations that I’ve been in where it would have been nice to have this service...however [at the time], I was just lazy…I could have emailed the professor,” said Martin Walsh, a fifth-year STA major.

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Panhellenic Judicial Board

The Panhellenic Judicial Board hears cases dealing with the six sororities in the Panhellenic Council. According to Sally Kline, the Coordinator of Greek Affairs, the Panhellenic Judicial Board is comprised of six justices and one chair. Each sorority has one justice and one alternate, and the executive vice president of the Panhellenic Council serves as the chair.

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students and other attendees from various parts of the continent. “I really enjoyed everything, it was very well put together, and there is a lot of diversity here,” said Bhuan Agrawal, another graduate student who attended the event. Taste of Africa was not just a Georgia Tech production; singer U. Amura from UGA and dancers from Cox College and Spelman College performed at the event. “It’s great that they brought a bunch of schools together for the event,” said attendee Talya Trudell, a graduate student. “We do this to showcase our culture to the Tech community. We realize that it doesn’t get exposure in the media, and this helps promote understanding,” said Eden Wornyo, a graduate student in Electrical engineering and member of ASA. “Since Georgia Tech is such a multicultural environment, I think it really students understand each other,” she said. “I’ve had discussions with people and they ask, ‘Where are you from?’ What kind of music do you have?” The fashion show seemed to be a particular hit with attendees. “I came just really because I don’t know much about African culture. I liked the fashion show, I’ve never seen these clothes,” said Mitchel Chui, an international student from Hong Kong. “Taste of Africa is put on every year by the Georgia Tech ASA.” “It was a really good turnout, a diverse crowd and the house was full. Every year we try to add more variety with the show, like this year you saw we featured the Indian dance, and next year we’ll try to tap into other areas of Africa,” said Karan Chopra, a fourth-year Electrical engineering major and an Executive Board member of ASA. In the spring, the ASA will host the annual Africa Fest, a concert event held in the Burger Bowl. “[It usually features a popular African artist or band along with feature presentations by African comedians, dances by African students and last but not least, the ASA’s renowned drama group,” Ezeamuzie said. “We are making plans to collaborate with the African Student Associations of Morehouse, UGA, Emory, Georgia State, Spelman, Southern Polytechnic and Clarke Atlanta to hold the second annual African Collegiate Conference (ACC).” “We had our first annual ACC conference this September and it was a huge success. We had African students from all over Georgia come to the Student Center ballroom where the event was held,” said John Stuck, a member of ASA. “Taste of Africa” was funded by SGA, hall councils, and Out Of Ogun, a Tech alumni and corporate sponsor of the event. For further information about the organization and their upcoming events, visit their website at http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/asa.

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From the beginning of the year, Tulane hosted its students for the fall semester. “Tulane will be open to students on Jan. 9, 2006, and the first day of classes will be Jan. 17. All of their grades will be reported to Tulane pass/fail, so the different system doesn’t shouldn’t negatively affect their GPA,” said Claude Owens, a Tulane graduate student, is taking some of his gradu-
Munich Symphony Orchestra visits Ferst Center

Haining Yu
Opinion Editor

Strains of Beethoven graced the Ferst Center last Friday, as the Munich Symphony Orchestra came into town to perform under the direction of famed conductor and pianist Philippe Entremont. While the musical selection drew from some of Beethoven’s lesser-known works, the performance was stunning nonetheless, highlighted by an impressive performance of the “Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58,” in which Entremont acted as both conductor and soloist.

The program opened with the Overture from one of Beethoven’s first ballets The Creatures of Prometheus. Energetic and lively, the Overture was a good selection to begin the evening with. It captured the audience’s attention with its upbeat and moving melodies and was short enough to serve as a prologue for the rest of the evening. The overture gives the introduction to the auditory version of the Greek myth of Prometheus and the creation of man. In this tale, Prometheus shapes man and woman from clay and water and gives them the spark of life using a brand of fire stolen from the sun. While Prometheus is ultimately sentenced to eternal torture for his transgressions, the beings he creates are taken by the various gods to be educated into reasoning and feeling beings.

After a slightly irritating and unnecessarily long break in which the piano was moved around to the center position, the orchestra moved onto its second piece of the evening, the “Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58.” Entremont really took the center stage in this piece, both figuratively and literally. The piano was moved around to the center position, the orchestra moved onto its second piece of the evening, the “Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58.” Entremont really took the center stage in this piece, both figuratively and literally.

Good place to buy really old stuff

This weekend, the Atlanta International Antique Fair takes over the Cobb Galleria Centre. Admission is $10 daily or $15 for a three-day pass. The fair ends Sunday at 5 p.m.

It really doesn’t take an Einstein

The Alliance Children’s Theatre will be performing the play Einstein is a Dummy on the Hertz stage tomorrow and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Admission is $5 and tickets are $15 for seniors and students. Visit www.theatreinthesquare.com for more information.

Stephen Lynch satisfies with Craig Machine

Andrew Gayton
Contributing Writer

Ever since seeing the movie This is Spinal Tap, Stephen Lynch chose the vulgar comic route to music instead of the poetic one. His work isn’t just humor; he’s an excellent vocalist, a clever writer and has excellent control over his instrument. As the son of a former priest and a former nun, he fell far from the tree. He’s now on his third original CD, The Craig Machine, recorded live at the Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space in New York City. He is currently touring with his new material and made a stop in Atlanta on Nov. 5.

As with any CD, some songs on The Craig Machine are better than others. Unlike most normal CDs, I actually enjoyed more than two songs on it. By making fun of (for example) lecherous professors, Jesus, Satan and French people, he creates humor that is bound to offend somebody, somewhere and definitely bound to make you laugh. For example, his typical song begins innocently and goes straight to Insensitive Land. On this particu-
It’s like being in a sensory deprivation chamber only instead of communing with your innermost self...you’re taking a slam....

...and then it’s just like, “Well, I’m gonna die now. I guess I had a good run.” And then you wash faster than you’ve ever washed before in a desperate bid to escape whatever the hell it is that’s supposedly going to get you.

The actual logic behind the fear leaves much to be desired, however. It’s not like there’s enough room in my shower for anything bigger than a squirrel to hide—not to imply that the average Tech squirrel isn’t vicious enough to tear a grown man’s flesh from his bones, but what would they be doing in my apartment?**

And why you may ask, did I not just take a shower with the door open? To which I respond, “Look, buddy. This is my story and I’ll tell it however I want.”

For those of you who have never actually taken a bathroom went out the other day.

Two Bits Man discusses bathing, crapping in a pitch black room

Life has taught me a few very important things. Among these are: never piss into the wind; a 56 can be an A if you have the right professor; and finally—and most pertinent to the subject at hand—adding the modifier “pitch blackness” to almost any activity ups the terror inherent to that activity by 500 percent.

On that note, the light in my bathroom went out the other day. Now, I don’t know how many of you out there have ever actually taken a piss in a small dark room, but let me tell you, it is a treat.

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The terror is so huge that it almost has a certain matter-of-fact quality to it. You get in there, it’s dark, you take off you clothes, you get in the shower and then it’s just like, “Oh no, my prize collection of nuts!”

Secondly, the sight of my magnificent wangs, for the unprepared, an experience of awesome and terrible power whose effects have been known to range from near-religious ecstasy to mind shattering insanity, and that’s just not something that I could risk my unsuspecting roommates being exposed to. That would be highly irresponsible and shameful on you for even suggesting it.

So yeah, taking a slam in the dark = “Oh God. Oh God. Oh G’manna die.” This has been your random story that never happened.

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Manx fails to Rise

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By Kenneth Baskett
Concerting Writer

The cover art for The Fast Rise and Fall of the South, being a picture of nothing in particular, fully captures the feel of the album.

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Of course, the title, there is nothing quick or catchy about this album. It’s like being in a sensory deprivation chamber only instead of communing with your innermost self...you’re taking a slam....

No experience necessary
THEME CROSSWORD: CHECK YOUR MATH

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

ACROSS
1. Bitter to the taste
6. Nobleman
10. Drooping
14. Preliminary version
19. Kind of energy
20. — fixe
21. Earnhardt or Carnegie
22. Score in golf
23. Craft
24. Digits
25. Unmatched thing
26. Young fish
27. Start of a quip by Milton Berle: 5 wds.
31. What was purchased
32. Bert’s buddy
33. Mineral
34. Time of year: abbr.
36. Original sinner
38. “— a Wonderful Life”
39. PC printing program
43. Pastures
45. Clay
47. Oxeye
48. Albania’s currency
50. Adjust
52. Chapeau
53. Recipe direction
54. Prima donna
55. River in France
56. Capture
57. Fairy tale events
58. Marathon man
59. Like some cities
61. Seed pod of cotton plants
62. Hit the hay
63. Part 2 of quip: 5 wds.
69. MLB player
70. Foray
71. Schoolboy
72. Simpleton
73. Large net for fishing
75. A pronoun
76. Prospect
80. Hunted objects, at times
81. Revealed
82. Old salt
83. Off one’s rocker
84. Part of RSVP
85. Plaster of —
86. Spumoni relative
88. Amerindian
89. Unbeatable foe
91. Wire measure unit
92. Secular
93. Where Swansea is
96. Vessel
100. End of the quip: 4 wds.
107. TV, radio, etc.
108. Similar
109. Pueblo people
110. Thumasaurus’s specialty
111. Edgar — Poe
112. Firm
113. City on the Oka river
114. Heath genus
115. Chosen
116. Pitcher
117. Endangered bird
118. Stage setting

DOWN
1. — Spumante
2. Mine basket
3. Complex
4. Speeder’s undoing
5. Star of the comics
6. Word-for-word
7. Smell
8. Actress — Witherspoon
9. Caught sight of
10. Handsome Greek
11. Surgeon’s knife
12. Butterine
13. Neighbor of Chile
14. Rain
15. Jacob’s wife
16. Soil: prefix
17. Current
18. Spread to dry
19. Small anchor
20. Emmets
21. Loop in a rope
22. Jai —
23. Ver’s concern
24. Disorder
25. OT king
26. Fruit stones
27. Provoke
28. Nosed midnight rider
29. Sawbones
30. Big truck
31. Fiddle around
32. Black or Silkwood
33. In a tidy manner
34. Essential to a plan
35. Toward shelter
36. Wire measure unit
37. Fiery signal
38. Charter broadcast
39. Ripple pattern
40. Hanging ornament
41. — the lily
42. Of touch
43. Lunatic
44. Way
45. Made tranquil
46. Fogg
47. Took an oath
48. Fiery signal
49. Ink container
50. Lazy
51. Diminish
52. At an angle
53. Sign on a door
54. Puerto —
55. Wound’s aftermath
56. West or Murray
57. At the Alamo
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This Week on GTCN:

Georgia Tech at Miami: The Jackets finally get to invade the Orange Bowl in a huge matchup being played now due to Hurricane Wilma. Tech still has an outside shot at the Coastal Division title, but Miami has a shot at a BCS bowl bid. This game will have the intensity of a category five! Will Tech pull off the upset? Will Miami clinch the division? Find out Saturday! Georgia Tech at Miami Saturday @ 7:45pm ESPN (Channel 53)

GT SWEAT: If you need more exercise than walking to class or typing on your keyboard, GT Sweat is your show. You'll see new and fun ways to stay active as we cover everything from kayaking to belly-dancing. This week Monica hangs out with the Men's Club Soccer Team. Watch the team practice and find out how to get involved with the team. GT Sweat weekdays @ 6:50pm on GTCN 21.

Will Ferrell stars as the coach of his son's soccer team, who doesn’t always follow the rules of good sportsmanship. Will his unorthodox style of leadership lead his team to The Championship? Find out all this week as Kicking and Screaming is the GTCN Cinema @ 7 movie!

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Happy Thanksgiving!
Easily the least boring and most radio-friendly track on the album is “1000 8.” It is also the fastest song with catchy vocals and an exciting melody, ending with a psychedelic outro.

Another outstanding (read: better than the rest of the (dick) track) track is Nova. It begins with vocals over a driving drum rhythm, then gives way to a cascading guitar riff. The band sounds like they would rather be doing their taxes. While the tracks do seem very polished and finished, it is hard to tell what the songs on this album were go over with a fine-tooth comb, but in so doing, the band extracted every ounce of emotion and excitement they may have once contained.

Listening to this record is even lower on my list of things to do than riveting activities like watching grass grow and racing snails. Some people will like this album, though.

It would make a great addition to a collection of elevator music. Or, if you need to get someone to talk, it would work great for torture. The Anthology of Shake Company Commercial would be a much better way to spend your money, and you'd have a friend in the diamond business.

Listening to Beethoven's works is always an emotional experience—a glimpse into the troubled mind of a genius—and the orchestra did an excellent job of executing these shifts in feeling. The Allegretto feels of a slow dance or march with something ominous lying waiting just beyond the horizon, while the Presto immediately jumps out full of skipping and whistling joy.

The last movement, the Allegro con brio is probably the most famous, with its well known repeating motif. There is a palpable tension in the concert hall as the music climbs towards a bursting end. The world-class orchestra drew an almost full house. "I would say it was captivating, thrilling and also moving," said Jerome Vasseur. "It was a great chance to welcome such a fantastic orchestra at Tech. I hope we will have more concerts like this one; I will definitely go back to such an event."
Non Sequitur by Wiley

Honey? Do you remember which one of these is for improving memory?

The Daily Treasure Hunt of Nanopaulo.

Dilbert by Scott Adams

How does my project fit into our company's overall strategy?

Beats me. I didn't even know we had a strategy.

Never ask a question if you don't want to hear the answer.

That's why I never say how are you?

Everyone meet our new team member, Flashy.

Gaaa!!! Suddenly so hot!!! Burning!!

Flashy will be in the cubicle by the thermostat. Coco-coco!

Flashy, do you mind if I turn up the thermostat a few degrees?

Yes, it's boiling in here.

Okay, fine.

Would you mind if we built a device that would redirect the radiant heat from your body?

I should have asked more questions.

I see that you have lots of experience as a boss's pet.

Show me the face you'll use when you bully my staff behind my back.

Okay.

Nice use of forehead wrinkles. You're hired.

Don't worry that I might give all of the good projects to my pet employee.

Petricia. I'd like you to evaluate cutting-edge technologies in Hawaii.

Now, who's left to wax my back?

For a boss's pet, you're nice.

I see no reason to be unkind.

Buhahaha! We're alone now, nerding! Do my bidding or I will eat you alive!!

They always forget to factor in your head size.
Freshman golfers shine in Florida tourney

By William Bretherton
Contributing Writer

This weekend the Tech golf team was at the Hooters Match Play Championship in Honey-in-the-Hill, Fla. For the first time, Connor Hughes was placed at the Mission Inn and Golf Resort. Tech left Roberto Castro and Kevin Larsen, their two top golfers, at home in order to allow their younger players a chance to gain experience.

Of the five players, there were four freshmen and one senior. Mike Barbera was the lone senior, while David Drago, Cameron Tringale, Taylor Hall and Adam Coahan were the four freshmen. While the tournament did not count for the national rankings, many major competitors were at the tournament.

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was already playing without four members due to suspension and had other players back from injury who were still vulnerable.

The first play after the injury was when Ball threw his incomplete interception of the game, which set up a 48-yard field goal. Then Johnson or Damarius Bilbo was put the Cavaliers up 17-0.

Tech struck back following that drive with a 36-yard field goal from the Virginia 34. After the Cavaliers had driven past mid-field, Dawan Landry fumbled his fourth interception of the game. The interception set up Tech at their own 32.

From there, Ball completed passes to Bilbo for 28 yards. Ball took the Jackets from the Cavaliers 40 to the 51 on a run. With eight seconds left in the half, Ball kicked a 48-yard field goal. Virginia tried to ice Bell by calling two time-outs in a row, but Bell was too successful and earned his longest field goal in his career.

Virginia

The Jackets defeated Stanford 3-1-0, 7-6 and 6-2 to lead the Jackets to a victory over Virginia.

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Tech opened the tournament last Friday in the first round against Missouri. The Jacksons had no problem with the Tigers as each player for Tech won his match. Barbera won 3 and 1, Tringale won his match 3 and 1, Coahan won his match 3 and 2 and Drago dispatched of his opponent 5 and 4.

In the afternoon, the Jaguars faced off against the Arizona State Sun Devils. The Jackets won this round 3-1. Barbera, Drago and Coahan won their matches, while Tringale halved his match, and Hall lost his match.

On Saturday, the Jackets competed against Stanford, who beat Oklahoma State and Coastal Carolina in the previous rounds. The Jackets defeated Stanford 3-1-

Human golfers in their flight championship.

Barbera and Drago won their matches again, making a three-match winning streak. Barbera played in the third match, Barbera had to rally from being three holes down with seven to play before winning 1 up. Hall also won their match halved his match and Tringale lost.

With the victory over Stanford, Tech advanced to the finals where they would face the defending national championship team Georgia. To start the day, Georgia’s top rated player Chris Kirk who is currently ranked No. 3 in the country, faced off against Tringale and defeated him 5 and 4. In the second match of the day, Drago was defeated 6 and 5.

It appeared early on that Tech was going to be handed a sure defeat by Georgia. However, in the third match, Barbera dominated the back nine to defeat Georgia freshman Brian Harnan, who currently sits at No. 11 in the country, 4 and 3. The fourth match was one that Cohan controlled for the most part for a 5 and 4 victory. The final match would decide the match play championship.

For the Jackets, Hall was their chance to rally back and upset the Bulldogs. However, it was not to be for the Jackets as Georgia’s Kevin Kisner defeated Hall 2 and 1 to seal the Hooters Match Play Championship. The Jackets gave a great effort in this tournament becoming the runner-up for the second year in a row without the help of their top two golfers. Tech will be back on the links in February for the spring season.

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• Will Tech’s offense be able to attack the Miami defense? The Miami defense is renowned for its speed and quickness and may likely be facing the blitzy day long, and outside running plays could be very difficult as well. Rocky Johnson or Damarius Bilbo. The Jackets had no problem taking the ball over at their own 44.

Tech took the ball in yet another third and 10 opportunity. Hagan’s first run back 10 yards. Ball rushed for five yards to find himself in yet another third and 10 opportunity. From the Virginia 24, Ball passed to Bilbo, who ran into the end zone for the touchdown to tie the game at 12-12.

On Virginia’s next drive, after driving into Tech territory, Hagan found himself facing a first and 22 on a personal foul on Williams sent him back 15 yards. A 5 yard rush and a two-yard pass by Hagan set Connor Hughes up at the 37-yard line to make the field goal.

Tech drops to 2-9 all-time against Virginia at Charlottesville. The Jackets play the No. 3 Miami Hurricanes this weekend in a game that was postponed from Oct. 22. The game is televised on ESPN Saturday at 7:45 p.m.
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#### GEORGIA TECH (6-3) VS. NO. 3 MIAMI (8-1)

By William Bretherton  Contributing Writer

### Four Key Questions

- **How will Tech handle Miami's speedy special teams?**
  Tech has had difficulties all season long with covering kickoff and puntreturns, and Miami presents one of the more difficult challenges this season. While return man specialist Devin Hester may not be available for this game, junior wide receiver Darnell Jenkins can adequately fill his place on punt returns for the Hurricanes. Jenkins has returned four punts this season for an average of 11 yards per return. On kickoffs, Travis Bell, instead of Mohammed Yahiaoui, poaching kicks high in the air as the did against Wake Forest. Chan Gailey used this strategy to avoid letting Chris Barclay beat them in the return game.

- **Against Virginia Tech, a blocked field goal was the turning point in what ended up being a lopsided affair. If the Jackets can keep Miami from making the big plays on special teams, it will give them a far greater chance of staying in this game.**

- **Will Tech's front seven stand up against Miami's running game?**
  Virginia had much success against Tech's run defense last week, and Miami will look to exploit the Jackets in much the same way. Senior running back Tyrone Moss tore his ACL against Wake Forest and will not be available for the rest of the season for the Jackets. The Jackets must try to hold Miami in touchdowns with 12. His backup, Charlie Jones, is more than capable, however.

- **Miami quarterback Kyle Wright has shown much improvement over the second half of the season. In last week's game at Wake Forest, Wright tied a Miami record by throwing five touchdowns in one game. He was a key reason why Miami was able to defeat Virginia Tech on the road by throwing 17-27 with one touchdown and only one interception against one of the top defenses in the country.**

### Spread: Miami by 14

- **He is very active. He is one of those guys that are just very hard to contain. He likes to move the chains and do what is best for his team.**

### Larry Coker

Speaking on Reggie Ball

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**Miami’s Brock Berlin takes a snap in last year’s contest. Kyle Tew took over after Berlin.**
Seniors play last two home games as team splits pair

By Asif Heerji

Coming off a four-match ACC losing streak, the longest such streak under the helm of Bond Shymansky, the Jackets won two out of three games last week. They defeated N.C. State 3-1 (30-25, 30-20, 29-31, 30-26) last Friday, lost to North Carolina 3-1 (27-30, 30-26, 27-30, 33-35) last Saturday and beat Clemson 3-2 (30-25, 30-18, 27-30, 33-35) on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Carmichael Arena to wrap up their road stretch as they travel to Georgia Tech for a mid-week date with the Yellow Jackets.

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Young team looks to continue program success

The men’s basketball team kicks off a new era tonight at 7 p.m. as they take on UNC Asheville at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Following back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances and the loss of six starters, this season looks to be a test for a very young squad. The good news, however, is that many other teams in the ACC have also lost important players.

Following a national championship game appearance against Connecticut two years ago, Tech was expected to contend for the championship again last year after returning everyone on the roster except graduates Marvin Lewis and Clarence Moore. However, B.J. Elder’s ankle injury on New Year’s Day against Kansas kept him out of nine games against conference opponents, while Jerome Smith’s dislocated knee in the second game of the season kept him out until early February. It was clear from the beginning that the team also missed the leadership and perimeter shooting of former starters Marvin Lewis and Clarence Moore. While the Jackets were always up to the task defensively, holding opponents to 66.7 points per game, they often lacked the offensive firepower that ended the eras of Paul Hewitt’s first and second recruiting classes.

Fortunately, the team filled the void from the beginning of the season. Freshman Alade Aminu, who had an impressive outing against against Georgia Southern, showed promise last year at the center spot. Dickey displayed nice frontcourt and a soft touch around the basket, but he must show he can rebound consistently and be an intimidator.

Power forward Jerome Smith brings toughness and versatility much like the departed McHenry. Though undersized, he’s a great rebounder and defender. Smith is also very athletic and can score from anywhere inside the arc.

The lone senior on the team is Theodis Tarver who also suffered an injury last year. What followed was a mass exodus of talent that ended the eras of Paul Hewitt and Tony Bennett. The team also missed the leadership to one of energy and, this season, they were always up to the task defensively, holding opponents to 66.7 points per game, they often lacked the offensive firepower that ended the eras of Paul Hewitt’s first and second recruiting classes.

Hustle guard or point guard. He is a triple-jumper with raw talent who has only played organized basketball for four years. At only 210 pounds, the former state champion must bulk up to handle the rigors of ACC competition.

While the team has a lot of talent, they will surely exhibit the growing pains that come when players don’t have much game-time experience. Hewitt always expects his teams to play great defense, and this group must learn to do just that and let the offense take care of itself. An early test will come against national title contender Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Nov. 5. The game will be on national television and put the team in a hostile environment it has never played in before. Other nationally televised games include games against conference powerhouse Maryland, Duke and Wake Forest at home and against North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Elsewhere on the non-conference schedule, the Jackets will visit rival UGA in Athens on Dec. 7. ACC competition begins Jan. 8 against conference newcomer Boston College and ends with a matchup against Clemson on March 6. Due to the conference expansion to 12 teams over the last two years, all ACC schools will no longer play each other twice in a season. Instead, teams will play a 6-game conference schedule that sees a home-and-away show with five other teams each season.

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Jackets drop tough game at Virginia

Tech’s three-game winning streak ended in Charlottesville this past weekend as the Virginia Cavaliers beat the Jackets 27-17. Halfway through the fourth quarter, Virginia’s Marques Hagans threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Deion Williams to go up by 10 and secure the win.

The Jackets did not look like the Jackets of the past three weeks. Ten penalties led to a loss of 89 yards including three penalties that resulted in first downs for the opponent. The key to this game though was time of possession. Tech led the ACC in clock management, about 32 minutes per game with the ball. In this game, however, a role reversal occurred and Virginia held the ball for over 35 minutes, including, perhaps most importantly, a crucial 10 minutes, 19 seconds in the fourth quarter that held the Jackets to just two drives, one resulting in a missed 44-yard field goal, the other leading to a punt.

In the fourth quarter, Travis Bell’s missed field goal, his first in his last five attempts, gave the ball to the Cavaliers on their own 27-yard line. Running back Jason Snelling carried the ball four times in a row and picked up 57 yards and two first downs to start the drive that saw Williams score the final points of the game. The subsequent drive was the final drive for the Jackets. After a touchdown on the kickoff, the Jackets started with two straight passing plays resulting in a first down to the 35. A holding call sent the Jackets backwards to their 26 after a three-yard rush by Ball. An incomplete pass to Calvin Johnson and an incomplete pass to James Johnson set up a third down and long situation. Good coverage and pressure on the quarterback prevented the Jackets from picking up the first down.

There was no problem with the Tech offense. Reggie Ball completed 20 of his 38 passes for 207 yards, 27-yard line.

Two passes to Damarious Bilbo and Calvin Johnson produced the first downs and took Tech from their own 15-yard line to the 42. Two plays later P.J. Daniels picked up 12 yards and a first down.

During that run by Daniels, Nate Lyles attempted to tackle Daniels, but Lyles took a kneecap to the head and fell to the ground. Lyles lay still for 10 minutes before being taken off the field on a stretcher. That was a big score for the Virginia team who have the final drive for the Jackets. After a

Gailey signs new five-year contract, will coach through 2010 campaign

On Tuesday, Director of Athletics Dave Braine announced that Tech head football coach Chan Gailey has been given a five-year contract through the 2010 season. The current contract, which runs through the end of the 2006 season, will have the final year replaced by the new contract.

“What type of message does it send if you hire a coach that has had four winning seasons, gone to four bowl games and has recruited very well in what I feel is one of the toughest jobs in college football,” Braine said.

The extension is expected to pay roughly the same amount that Gailey is currently making along with a percentage increase per year based on the annual faculty raises. The deal will likely not be finalized until the end of the season.

Gailey is 27-20 overall with the Jackets and is 6-3 in his fourth season on the Flats. The Jackets are bowl-eligible for the ninth year in a row. The team has spent six weeks ranked as one of the top 25 teams in the nation.

“Chan Gailey continues to be successful,” Braine said. “Maybe not as successful as a lot of our people would like him to be, but he deserves (the extension). Regrettable of what people think, he will continue to be successful.”

To end the regular season, the Jackets play No. 3 Miami tomorrow and No. 14 Georgia next week. Gailey is 0-3 against UGA and 0-1 against Miami.

Basketball ticket system delayed

The new online ticketing system for distributing basketball tickets will not be used for tonight’s game against UNC Asheville and the Monday evening game against Elon. Students who wish to attend the games should use their BuzzCards for admission, while the system is being updated.

Lady Jackets hit the floor tonight

The Lady Jackets open their hoops season tonight as they travel to Birmingham to take on UAB at 8 p.m. Coach MaChelle Joseph returns 12 members from her team last year and also welcome three freshman into the mix. All five starters from last year’s squad will return to the court while welcoming three freshmen. Every game this season can be heard on the Tech student radio station, WREK 91.1 FM.