Mad Slinging: Above, a fraternity team pulls against its opponent in Sunday's Tag competition. The competition, which Lambda Chi Alpha won, was among the first of many Greek Week events, in which fraternities and sororities competed to earn the most points by attending and/or winning several events. Competing teams arranged themselves into pyramids on Tuesday for the Human Pyramid throw, which could stand the longest Delta Upsilon won the event.

Library harasser apprehended
Tech police arrested an individual last Thursday, March 31, in relation to recent reports of harassment at the library. The individual, a Tech student, was reported to library security after another incident Thursday. He was transported by Tech police officers to the Tech Police Department. There, he signed a waiver of counsel and said he did not intentionally touch the woman who reported him. He was then taken to Fulton Country Jail. As reported two weeks ago in Technique, a string of recent police reports indicated that a tall Asian male was approaching women at the library under the guise of having questions about words and then touching them in an inappropriate manner.

Forum to discuss academic rights
A Diversity Forum town hall meeting titled "Academic Freedom: Diversity of Opinion in the Classroom" will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday in the Student Success Center's Clary Theatre. The discussion will focus on the Academic Rights Bill, Senate Resolution 601, which affects all public colleges and universities in Georgia. The bill addresses discrimination on the basis of political and ideological beliefs.

After quarter century at Tech, registrar to retire
By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer
After 25 years of service to Tech, five of them as the registrar, Jo McIver will retire on May 31. A search committee is underway to find a replacement registrar, although the position may fall to either of McIver's two associates.

"I've just reached a point that I feel like it's time to do some other things in my life," McIver said.

McIver has been employed at Tech since early 1981, when she accepted an assistant director position with the Registrar's Office.

A native of Atlanta, McIver said that she wanted to return to her hometown after spending several years working at other universities in the state.

"[This was] just an opportunity to give back to Atlanta," she said.

McIver jumped at the chance to become an active member of the Tech community.

"When I was eight years old, I was coming to football games at Grant Field," she said. "I have had season basketball tickets for 24 years. I live close to campus. I shop at the Kroger with the students."

Mclver moved up in rank over the years, becoming an assistant registrar and later an associate registrar. When the registrar position opened up five years ago, she decided to apply.

"I just decided, 'Why not?' And so I applied, and they hired me, and I've had five years as registrar," she said. "I have to deal with a lot of problems, but then there's a lot of good things that we do."

Mclver cited graduation as one of the most significant accomplishments of the Registrar's Office. She said she considers each graduation ceremony to be one of the many highlights of her career.

"Everybody at Georgia Tech needs to go graduation...because that's what we're all about," she said. "To be on stage there and see everybody walk across, you feel you've done a good job," she added. "And I look out at the graduates and think about the potential that's sitting there in the Coliseum, and it's just amazing."
This week’s question: How important are SGA elections? Tell us at www.nique.net

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Missing items
On March 21, an Operations employee at the Student Center arrived at his office and noticed several items missing. The reported missing items include a JVC stereo, a pair of two-way radios, a staple gun, two hand drills and a bit case. The total value of the missing items is $371. There was no sign of forced entry.

Two cars collide on Marietta St.
On March 22nd, two cars collided resulting in injuries on Marietta Street. Driver No. 1 was traveling westbound in the left hand lane until he maneuvered to enter the right lane and struck driver No. 2. Driver No. 1 said he did not see driver No. 2 and driver No. 2 said he sounded his horn but it was too late. Driver No. 2 was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital. Driver No. 1 removed his vehicle from the scene.

Smashed window
On March 21, an attempted illegal entry at the Waste Management Building was reported. An unknown person smashed a window on a door in the warehouse. Replacement cost for the window is approximately $200. Nothing indicated that the person who smashed the window gained entry to the building.

Fraudulent return
On March 22, a man attempted to return a Texas Instrument Calculator that he had bought at Barnes and Noble. The manager advised him that the man had purchased the calculator with a fraudulent check. The man turned over the calculator to the store and was given a criminal trespass warning.

Garbage can fire
On March 31, GTPD was advised that a garbage can in front of Fitten Hall was on fire. The fire was put out with a fire extinguisher at the scene. Atlanta Fire Department was not needed.

Waste of resources - 38%
Great idea - 4%
Why not make these things available for everyone? - 38%
Good idea, needs work - 20%

This week’s campus crime information contributed by Amanda Dugan

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Senate passes set of four allocation bills

By Arcady Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Graduate Student Senate passed all five of the bills it considered in Tuesday’s hour-long meeting. The senators did not deal with the pressing issue of the budget, however, postponing the bill to the end of the meeting when it first came up for discussion and then losing quorum before the meeting’s end.

The remaining senators had no choice but to postpone the bill one more week. They will have to vote on the budget bill next week because, with this week’s fourth postponement, GSS has pushed it back the maximum permitted amount.

The senators dealt with the week’s slate of bills. The first bill up for consideration was a joint allocation to the Industrial Design Society of America to travel to a major-related conference in Memphis, Tenn. The organization intends to send 80 students to the conference, one of whom will be participating in a competition while there.

A senator inquired about whether the organization had looked to its department for funding and was told that there had been no response.

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UHR passes next year’s budget

By Shan Sharif
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget during their weekly Tuesday night meeting. Several other bills were passed and UHR award nominations were made.

Unlike previous weeks’ UHR meetings, there was almost no discussion on the budget. The only funding that was cut was for Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity because representatives said that SGA does not fund social fraternities. After this amendment, representatives passed the budget.

The representatives moved on to the series of normal bills before them.

An allocation to the Sophomore Summit was passed. The organization’s representative, Lindsey Bogue, said that money was needed for a two night leadership-based retreat available to all sophomores.

The organization was requesting money mostly for transportation costs for the approximately 30 to 40 members attending. JFC recommended cutting funding for a ropes course. The representatives approved this and also cut funding for speaker fees. The bill that passed allocated $684 to the organization.

The Sport Parachute Club put a bill before the house requesting funding for a new skydiving rig and three automatic activation devices. The organization’s representative stated that they have seen a 300 percent growth in their club since the last year and a half. Thus, they currently have a shortage of supplies. The equipment requested was estimated to last approximately 15 years, thus allowing funds to come from the Capital Outlay account.

The House passed the bill without any amendments.

The Pool+Billiards Club requested funding for two members to attend the ACUI Collegiate 9-Ball Championship being held in Ann Arbor. The organization asked that SGA cover registration fees and travel expenses for two members to attend.

UHR passed the bill after amend-
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Amended the bill to $1,710 in accordance to the trip distance calculations of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) and then passed it. The senators also passed an allocation to the Pool (JFC) and then passed it.

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For instance, Andersen said he wanted SGA to move away from governing organizations; let students do that. Our goal is to fund the clubs and Billiards Club, which asked for money to send two Tech students to a national invitational tournament to be held in Ann Arbor, Mich. The graduates then discussed two bills from the Sport Parachute Club. The first bill requested funds to purchase a skydiving rig. The rig consists of a container and harness system, a main and a reserve parachute canopy, and an Automatic Activation Device (AAD), which automatically deploys the reserve parachute if the diver has failed to deploy one himself at a certain altitude. According to the organization representative, a single rig is expected to last the club 15 to 18 years.

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within SGA. He emphasized the need to appropriate funds properly to student organizations that needed them the most. He also spoke on the subject of getting students more involved in SGA. "People don't have a real understanding of SGA," he said. "They think SGA does not have an impact on the campus. This is not the case, and we need to keep students informed."

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For instance, Andersen said he would work on extending food court and dining hall hours. Howard’s initiatives included a midterm course critique, in which course critique statistics would be released eight weeks into the course. Le said that he supported a weekly online newsletter to inform students of events. Welch said he wanted SGA to move away from governing organizations. "SGA doesn't need to closely govern the organizations; let students do that. Our goal is to fund them," he said.

Finally, Lucas said that he would make himself "more available to students" and "help students stay informed about issues."

After the presidential candidates made closing statements, vice presidential candidates spoke. Jaworski said that his experience as vice president of his fraternity and work as a lifeguard at the CRC would qualify him well for the position. "Georgia Tech is a very proactive campus," he said. "I will work to increase fun at Georgia Tech and see that clubs will get funding," he said.

Bennicelli, speaking in the place of Byrne, said Byrne was an "experienced leader who knows how to work and affect the system." Amir said that she had the most experience out of the three candidates and was thus the best choice for vice president. "I have been in SGA for three years, and I know what works and what doesn't," she said. "I promise to serve as effectively and efficiently as possible."
Security concerns relocate Ludacris concert to Coliseum

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Originally planned for Yellow Jacket Park, this year's Sting Break concert, which took place last night, was moved to the Alexander Memorial Coliseum due to concerns about possible security problems.

According to Matt Trinetti, chair of the Student Center Programs Council Concerts Committee, the committee in charge of planning the annual event, both the Georgia Tech Police Department and the private security company hired to police the concert raised concerns over the Ludacris concert being in Yellow Jacket Park due to the openness of the space.

GTPO and the security company were both concerned about people not affiliated with Tech flocking to campus and trying to get into the concert.

“With a name like Ludacris, especially with him being a local artist, we knew that people would probably hear about it through word of mouth,” Trinetti said. “Since we are downtown… anyone could come in.

The organization received money to cover registration fees and travel expenses.

A joint allocation to Tech Beautification Day was passed after being amended according to JFC policies. The bill in its passed form allocated about $770 to Tech Beautification Day, which will take place Saturday, April 16.

At the end of the meeting, representatives made UHR award nominations. The awards include Representative of the Year, Committee of the Year and Faculty Member of the Year, among others.

Since the inception of Sting Break, the annual concert has been held at a different location each time, ranging from the Campanile to the lawn area outside the Instructional Center.

The last time a major student concert was held in the Coliseum was Ben Folds Five in 1999. Event planners had also originally hoped for general seating at the concert.

However, concerns raised by the fire marshall caused ticketing to go to assigned seating.

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Another concern that helped prompt the move was the weather.

With the forecast predicting rain, event planners felt that it was the right choice to move the Ludacris concert inside.

The move to the Coliseum also created added costs for the event, some of which the committee is still working to cover.

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Also said increased funding is needed if the committee continues to pursue big name acts in the future.

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to the online Banner system.

“Because our scheduling was so complicated, because…you've got the labs and everything…we said, ‘Well, why don’t we just let them go online and do it?’” McIver said.

Although the early version of Tech’s online registration was driven by a command-line interface, “it was a wonderful program, and we did it probably for about five or six years before anybody at any other school, because they were terrified…’Your students are going to break it.’”

So what does McIver plan to do now with all of her newfound free time?

“Probably—and everybody says this—travel,” she said. An avid gardener, she also plans to enroll in a Master Gardener program, participate in volunteer work, and devote time to her granddaughter.

But she will always fondly remember her years at Tech.

“It has given me opportunities that I probably would not have had at other institutions,” McIver said.

“Just working with the Tech students, because they’re so bright, they keep us on our toes, and that’s fun.”
Every vote counts

Next week students will have the opportunity to decide who will be their representatives and executive officers in the Student Government Association.

This year’s election has 11 candidates competing for four executive positions: undergraduate student body president, undergraduate executive vice president, graduate student body president and graduate vice president. These positions carry with them a great deal of responsibility, responsibilities that vary from position to position.

It is imperative that every student carefully evaluate each candidate before casting his or her vote next week. While Technique does not endorse specific candidates, we are proposing a set of criteria that could be helpful when evaluating the merits of each candidate.

First, keep this in mind when you are listening to candidates explain their lofty goals and platforms—the winner will have only one year to accomplish his or her goals. While everyone wants to hear about how parking is going to be reformed, how the dining hall food will get better or student life otherwise improved, chances are it’s not going to happen in a single year. Voters should look for candidates who have clear, realistic, achievable and (dare we say it?) original goals.

Second, vote for a proven leader, no matter where he or she gained leadership experience. These elections are not a popularity contest; whomever is elected needs to know how to manage people within an organization, communicate well and address key issues with an open mind. Executive officers need these skills in order to choose and lead students to serve as SGA committee chairs and as representatives who sit on institute-wide committees.

Most importantly, consider the initiatives that SGA has played a role in recently and pick the person who you think best represents your interests. The person you choose will be as SGA committee chairs and as representatives who sit on.

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By Ting Cheng / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Bill would kill academic freedoms

This year’s announcement of the Diversity Forum on the Academic Rights Bill coincided with an article from New York Times columnist Paul Krugman, “An Academic Question,” that discusses the very same issue. In Krugman’s column, he warns of a future in which biology professors who don’t give enough credence to creationism and geology professors who maintain that the earth is in fact billions of years old could face the possibility of getting sued.

For those of you not familiar with the Academic Rights Bill, it is a bill passed in Georgia last year that aims to “secure the intellectual independence of faculty and students and to protect the principles of academic freedom” at all public colleges and universities around the state. The bill is designed to stop, or at least curb, discrimination that is based on political or ideological beliefs, a kind of discrimination that some conservatives around the nation say is rampart within this nation’s academic institutions.

At first the passing of this bill seems to be a victory for students everywhere who feel downtrodden by oppressive professors. However, when considered the implications of such legislation, it seems that there would be an overall negative effect on the classroom environment and on learning.

Though only a resolution, and therefore not lawfully binding, the bill sets the tone of the student administration’s attitudes towards “academic freedom.” To many, the language of the bill in Academic Rights Bill could very well squelch the academic freedom that it claims to promote.

The main reason that this issue is so controversial right now is that the divide between supporters and opponents is largely drawn along political lines. Conservatives who feel oppressed by their mostly liberal teachers naturally support the bill, while the mostly liberal professors are largely against it.

However, I’d like to take the discussion away from politics and towards the bigger picture by raising this question: if teachers do not feel free to express themselves, opinions and all, can they still be effective teachers?

According to the American Association of University Professors, that answer is no. They feel that controversy is important (obviously more so in the liberal arts) to promote learning. If a teacher is not free to express her or his opinions on controversial issues, their potency as teachers will be diminished.

As an avid science student in high school, I remember learning the most from class discussions. It is during those discussions that I formed the basis for my personal politics and beliefs. It is also through those discussions that I learned to critically analyze an argument and to form solid opinions of my own, especially when my positions differed from those of others. Those discussions often became heated, and an unbiased observer, those discussions could have very well been construed as an argument and, perhaps, a violation of my “academic rights.” However, without those discussions, my social science classes would have been boring and unenlightening.

On the flip side, being forced to express all views can detract from learning, such as in the scenarios brought up by Krugman’s article, in which science teachers would be forced to introduce a plurality of theories for a topic, even if only one theory is accepted by the scientific community. Some biology teachers here at Tech already give pseudo-disclaimers before lecturing on evolution, just in case someone feels offended. How would people react if physics teachers gave disclaimers before lecturing on the Newtonian laws? Can students really understand a subject if they don’t believe in its central principles? And if a teacher gives a student low marks, and then the student complains that the question was subjective, who is to make the subjective decision on what is subjective?

That is where the danger lies in this legislation. I agree that teachers should, in the words of proponents David Horowitz, teach students how to think, not what to think. However I do not believe it is possible for a teacher to withhold his or her political or ideological bias when teaching liberal arts courses. In fact, liberal arts courses are expected to promote free thought and can be extremely subjective.

I do not think it right to have a legislator or a lawyer judges what is or is not appropriate political or ideological expression within the classroom.

Lastly, I’d like to add that one can censor a mean-spirited teacher who discriminates against certain students, but that teacher will remain mean-spirited and discriminatory, perhaps even more so because he or she has been censored. However, if one censors an inspiring teacher it can only diminish their message and lessen their effectiveness.
Making time for extracurriculars pays off

In the upcoming weeks in the opinions section, you’re going to find not one or two, but five so-called “swan songs,” and this editorial is the first of that series. Basically a “swan song” means that it is the editor’s final editorial for Technique. After four long years of Tech, my time at the newspaper is nearing an end. Unfortunately I can’t say the same for my time at Tech because I foolishly chose to take the often-traveled five-year plan, much to the chagrin of my parents (who are at this point in the semester).

So instead of talking about how my future will be forever impacted by my time at Tech and what I’m going to take with me when I leave from here, I’m going to reflect on what I’ve learned from my tenure so far at both the paper and Tech, and offer a few pieces of advice.

When I first started Tech, there was nothing about the place my first semester that enticed me to stay an extra year. I was positive that I would graduate at 21, not 23. My life was all planned back then—I had a five- and 10-year plan of exactly where I wanted to work and what my ideal job would be. Getting involved in the paper wasn’t even part of my plan. I wanted to dedicate all of my free time to school and meeting new people. I wasn’t even going to go to a meeting until I got an email inviting me to go because I had put down “writing” and “journalism” as hobbies on my SAT test.

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Working at the Naphe-freshman year and since has also taught me that money really isn’t everything, which definitely helped in picking a major. I didn’t love what I was doing, there’s now that I would have spent 10 to 20 hours away from my friends and classes each week as a section editor. I definitely don’t even think I could put a price tag on the time I’ve spent researching countless sources, interviewing interesting people and writing about my findings. While I may be wondering how does one advance pursuing an extracurricular activity, school work and friends, it’s not even that I’ve found that’s definitely possible. In my case, getting involved in the Naphe has provided me needed relief from school on many occasions. Getting to interview movie stars (okayyyyy—Josh Lucas and Paul Rudd) and cover the Final Four are right up there with my best school distractions. Not to mention that I was able to learn how to be a tech editor for the Tech bureaucracy in no time.

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Undergrad initiatives will lead to brighter future

Several recent guest editorials in Technique commented on campus changes and activities as they relate to undergraduates. Some were supportive of the changes and some were not. But both editorials asked good questions about what Tech is doing, why we are doing it and where it all leads.

As someone who is both a former student and the Institute President, I have a unique perspective. I know how different the Georgia Tech of today is from the Georgia Tech of my undergraduate years. I also have had the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementation of the changes that have occurred, and will occur. Allow me to share some of that perspective and provide you with a better understanding of where we are heading.

The foundation of our philosophy is in the Institute’s Strategic Plan. Our goals are simple: we are seeking to create a culture of success and growth within an academic environment that challenges our talented students to achieve at the highest level. We want our undergraduates to be able to take advantage of the opportunities created by attending one of the world’s great research universities.

We are attempting to make that happen through the Georgia Tech Undergraduate Initiative. This initiative focuses on a number of important areas:

- innovative degree programs;
- enhanced study abroad;
- undergraduate research and student leadership options;
- expanded opportunities to participate in music and performing arts; the growth of a more human-centered campus;
- new student life activities; improved counseling, student health and administrative services;
- expanded sports and recreation facilities; and,
- improved academic support systems.

Each of these activities was undertaken with the help of students in the planning. Some are almost complete, while others are works in progress and will grow as more resources are found to support them.

With that said, how are we doing? To be sure, there remains work to be done to make the undergraduate experience a truly outstanding experience. In comparison to my days as a student, conditions are remarkably changed for the better. In comparison to circumstances 10 years ago it is not as dramatic, however I see real progress.

I listen to the words of a Rhodes Scholar like Jeremy Ferris and appreciate the profound benefits of undergraduate research and international educational experiences. We’ve quadrupled the number of Tech undergrads involved in both and are now national leaders among technological universities.

I get to shake the hand of students graduating with a degree in Biomedical Engineering and remember that such a degree did not exist 10 years ago. I watch cranes hover over the campus horizon, students throwing Frisbees on the quad and people from throughout Midtown enjoying lunch or coffee around Technol Square, and I appreciate the incalculable benefits of more than $1 billion in investment in our campus.

I walk around the Student Center Commons and enjoy seeing crowds in new restaurants. I hear positive comments from students about the benefits of midterm grades, improved access to the Library and West Commons and the curriculum improvements to GT 1000. Lee Anne Pham presiding over SGA and think about the impact of the Women’s Resource Center on the growth of women leaders on campus. It is a pleasure to see more students at the Ferst Center (subsidized student tickets), more tents camping out for basketball tickets and more smiling faces from students who stay up and enjoy my amateur service at the annual Midnight Breakfast.

I think that we’re beginning to see subtle but important results from our Undergraduate Initiative, not the least of which are a 72 percent graduation rate and a 92 percent retention rate. Both of those numbers are historical highs, and they are headed up. Yet for all of the progress, there is much more to do. Our older buildings need renovations. Many of the new programs are stretched by lack of resources or growth in demand. And there are instances of the “old Georgia Tech” that still need to change. It is important to own up to those areas we have not addressed or we did not do well the first time around. These are some of the challenges to overcome as we work to create a great university.

I am confident that we are on the right path and that the future holds exciting promise for all of us...
Diverse panelists examine filesharing at debate

**EASTER TREATS**
Guess what the Two Bits Man got for Easter? A rubbery toy egg. Yeah, we don’t really know what he’s talking about, either. Page 20

**SPRINGING INTO ACTION**
Setter Lindsey Laband leads a women’s volleyball team full of promising fresh faces into spring competition. Page 31

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

If there’s one thing that nearly every student at Tech has in common, it’s a love of music. Many of us listen to it on our iPods between classes, keep it in the background while we study for our next test, and watch it on when we climb in the car.

We also keep gigabytes of it on our computers, much of it illegal. The ethical question of downloading copyright-protected music was the hot topic of Tuesday’s panel “The Download: Free for All.”

Hosted by the Honor Advisory Council (HAC), four panelists from different sides of the file-sharing debate spent 90 minutes discussing the moral implications of illegally downloading songs from peer-to-peer (P2P) networks.

“We wanted to say...there’s sides to it; downloading is illegal, and so there’s an ethical question right there,” said Erin Holtz, a fifth-year Industrial Engineering major and HAC programs chair for the discussion panel. “We didn’t want to tell people what was right...So we’d be saying, here it all the sides, now you guys...decide how to take this.”

The event was sponsored by several Tech organizations, including the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, who funded the publicity, and the Office of Information Technology, who approached HAC with the idea for the panel.

“Judges from faculty and industry went around [to present].”

The panelists included Linda Zirkelbach, Associate Counsel, Legal Affairs for the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), who fought in last week’s Supreme Court case against Grokster in MGM Studios v. Grokster.

John Bonus, an admitted former file-sharing aficionado, a Tech alumnus who co-founded the record label Bonus Records and spoke first-hand about the impact of file sharing on the industry.

He put a human face on the big business,” Holtz said.

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By Swathy Prithivi
Contributing Writer

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Many of the participants agreed that the event should definitely be repeated.

According to David, SGA will continue its efforts to make the symposium an regular event, and perhaps even extend its scope to undergraduate students.

However, the newness of the event also drew plenty of suggestions for future improvement.

William Rouse, chair of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, was part of an attentive audience and came to the event to support the school’s graduate student efforts.

“I was definitely expecting more people, both presenting and viewing the posters,” he said.

His suggestions for improvement included greater publicity of the event.

Pekgun suggested reevaluating competition categories.

“I think it will be fairer if they split the judging by department instead of schools...Industrial and Systems Engineering is very different [from] Electrical and Computer Engineering, for example. It would more fair if they evaluated on a different basis,” Pekgun said. Other suggestions included increasing the number of judges and providing poster board materials for participants.

2005 GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM WINNERS

Overall winner: Mark Tschoopp (Materials Science and Engineering)

Ivan Allen: Monica Oliver (Public Policy)

CoM: Jeff Ramosaur, Rosie Kwok, Carrie Coker, and Ree’l Street (MGT)

CoC: Jay Summet (Human-Computer Interaction)

CoC: Subrahmanyan Muthukumar (City Planning), Liora Sahar (Design Computing)

CoE: Heather Bean (Chemistry), Bahareh Azizi (Chemistry)

CoE: Soon Gi Lee (winner, Materials Science and Engineering)

Nang Gang (honorable mention, Biomedical Engineering)

Leonardo Duenas-Osorio (honorable mention, Civil and Env. Eng.)

Mauricio Lopez (honorable mention, Civil and Env. Engineering)
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**Tech Up Close**

**This Week’s Photo:**

By Stephen Manek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
LCC symposium brings out the “monstrous” in all of us

Two-day event features science-fiction authors and student work, Buffy and Cartoon Network

By Kristin Noell
Senior Staff Writer

Last week, the School of Literature, Communication and Culture (LCC) held a symposium entitled “Monstrous Bodies in Science, Fiction and Culture: Celebrating 25 years of the fantastic in the arts at Georgia Tech.” The two-day event featured a variety of events, including panelists, lectures, exhibits and readings.

Thursday was our kind of ‘Tech’ day,” explained Amelia Shackelford, a Science, Technology and Culture major and the conference assistant. Students presented both fiction and academic works. There was also a lunch and a session with sci-fi author and guest of honor Paul di Filippo.

Friday’s events focused more on the local Atlanta science fiction scene. Popular culture expert Rhonda Wilcox spoke about Buffy the Vampire Slayer, editors and producers from Cartoon Network’s Adult Swim participated in an open Q&A discussion, and there was a session on how to get into the fiction, comics and movie industry as a professional writer.

“I think the talk by Rhonda Wilcox on ‘Word as Flesh’ in Buffy the Vampire Slayer was my favorite part.”

Dave Lilletun
CS graduate student

The idea for a “Monstrous Bodies” symposium emerged in part from the ashes of the Frankenstein exhibit that visited Tech last year. “Everyone wanted to follow that up, because it was such a big success,” Shackelford said. The department contemplated holding a Dracula-themed event, but found the topic to be somewhat narrow. “We found that very few of us were really doing any research or work with vampires,” Shackelford said, “so through a lot of brainstorming and looking at what everyone was working on, we just really expanded it out to ‘monstrous bodies.’”

Lisa Yaszek, an assistant professor in the School of Literature, Communication and Culture (LCC), was responsible for bringing in speakers for the Frankenstein event and, as the conference coordinator, for “Monstrous Bodies” as well. According to Yaszek, planning for “Monstrous Bodies” began about a year ago. The primary reason for the event, besides celebrating Foote’s contribution to the Institute, was to share student and faculty work in LCC and STaC. “We really just wanted to showcase that work and bring together some of the science fiction community around Atlanta and...celebrate the fantastic,” Shackelford said.

Yaszek, who teaches a science fiction class in LCC, said, “We wanted people to see the sort of fun classes that we’re doing where we’re doing serious study of popular culture.”

In fact, she has been teaching Paul di Filippo’s short stories for a number of years. “I always find that students get really excited about [di Filippo’s books]. The first time I taught him, in fact, students asked for more stories, and I’ve never seen a Georgia Tech student ask for more homework before.”

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Jay Edwards, left, and Ned Hastings, far right, from the Cartoon Network lead a panel about Adult Swim programming as part of the LCC’s “Monstrous Bodies” symposium, held last Thursday and Friday.
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That enthusiasm prompted Yaszek to bring di Filippo to campus. His session was one of the highlights of the symposium, according to Shackelford.

"He’s kind of one step below rock star in the writing world," she said. "We really backed out with that one, because people, especially in the science fiction world, actually know his name—but he’s not so well known that he’s enormously expensive. And he was excited to come."

Di Filippo’s work also meshed perfectly with the symposium’s theme. "[He] really does write stories about monstrous bodies, about humans and animals and machines all spliced together," Yaszek said. "I say that with the greatest respect, but I figured it would be worth checking out." Ellis said.

At an average of 90 students per event, both Shackelford and Yaszek were pleased with the symposium’s turnout, and felt the symposium to be a success. "They also said they hope to hold similar events in the future, perhaps with a different theme."

"I love to do it again next year," Yaszek said. "I say that with the enthusiasm of having just finished the symposium, but...at this point we’re optimistic; it would be something we’d really like to explore in the future."

"I really hope to see Monstrous Bodies back again next year," Lillethun agreed.

The symposium also made a more general statement on liberal arts at Tech. "I think it’s good press for both LCC and for Tech in general," Shackelford said. "It shows we have more rounded people than just science and engineering."

Yaszek agreed. "It only recently, within the last five or six years, that we’ve even begun to talk about the liberal arts at Georgia Tech, and to do an arts festival like this [shows that] we do a lot of creative work [here]," she said. "As far as I can tell, it’s one of the first arts festivals we’ve ever had at Georgia Tech...it was a lot of fun."

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Group working to preserve and protect digital rights. However, the EFF was unavailable due to the recent Supreme Court case.

"The hardest part is finding [the panel members], because obviously you’re dealing with organizations that are pretty famous," Holtz said. The panel has been under discussion since last year, when HAC started seeking new ways to promote ethics and integrity among the student body.

"We’re not the body associated with punishment," Holtz said. "We wanted to do something that was really proactive, that tied ethics, integrity, honor, everything into something that’s not only valuable while you’re at school, but...is kind of the new hot button topic."

Especially at an institute full of techno-savvy students—who are likely to download without thought to the ethical implications—the issue becomes even more relevant.

Holtz hoped that the panel would help its attendees make more informed decisions about using P2P networks. "A lot of us are the ones that, [while] in high school, Napster came out. We just started using it, and it’s part of our lives," Holtz said. "We don’t really think about all the sides, and most people kind of made up the decision without hearing it, so this is kind of a way to learn...We want to have future benefits in the business place, basically." File-sharing and P2P networks are expected to have an increasingly greater impact in the business community in the coming years.

"As our generation starts taking over business, are we going to allow our employees to use these kinds of networks?" Holtz said. "A lot of people are going to be developing software, and are they going to want people to be downloading illegal copies online?"

Unfortunately, the event did not go quite as planned. "The discussion was dominated by Zirkelbach, who gave long responses full of statistical evidence and anecdotes. She succeeded in nailing her point home more than the other panelists, which gave the entire debate an unintended flavor, although two student questions were not taken during the file-sharing discussion, though two student questions that had been submitted beforehand through the HAC website were read toward the end of the event."

"We want stuff that’s going to stay current, but also, we want controversy," Holtz said. "But we want to do it in a way that doesn’t talk about right or wrong but talks about thinking through ethical decisions."

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"The students were quite upset...They felt it would be an actual discussion."

Jonathan Olinger

HAC chair
Ska-punk Less Than Jake rocks Masquerade

By Charbik Mitra
Contributing Writer

Some of you may remember Technique covered the lesser-known ska outfit The Toasters earlier this semester. I went to that show with ska aficionado and friend Marky D., and we both left feeling robbed. He said he’d take me to a real ska show some day. I’m pretty sure that day was this past Friday.

Last week, Less Than Jake’s tour made a stop in Atlanta at the Masquerade. They are the face of ska-punk in so many ways. They are real band for the fans.

For those of you out of the loop, Less Than Jake has long claimed Pez candy as part of their identity. Their bassist, Roger Manganelli, has described it as “the perfect thing.”

Descendents to hard rock greats such as Allroy (of Descendents fame) that told me it was a Pez ad from the ’40s isn’t a perfectly good little flick. Just replace Harrison Ford’s Dr. Indiana Jones with Matthew McConaughey’s director Breck Eisner, wants to be more than Jake has his own cadre of memorable songs, Manganelli cites his personal favorite as “Gainesville, Rock City,” which is also a crowd favorite. He recalls the roots of the band and writing the song in his mom’s backyard.

When it comes to categorizing the kind of songs Less Than Jake is known for, Manganelli was at a bit of an impasse. “A lot of it is very personal,” he said.

He then went on to talk about the band’s multiple tours and reminisced about some of the good times. “There are so many funny stories they start blurring together,” he said. As we got up and concluded the interview, I took note of a tattoo on his leg. He told me it was a Pez ad from the ’40s and proceeded to show me a tattoo of Allroy (of Descendents fame) that was, for lack of any better description, Pez-died.

The opening bands for Less Than Jake were Days Away, In Plain View and Allister. All of them were pretty well received by the crowd.

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Roger Manganelli of Less Than Jake spoke with ‘Nique before the band played a long-anticipated show at the Masquerade.

Sahara explores old ideas in action genre

By Evan Zasowski
Senior Staff Writer

Sahara, the new film from director Breck Eisner, wants to be Indiana Jones so bad it can taste it. Just replace Harrison Ford’s Dr. Jones with Matthew McConaughey’s rather unfortunately named Dirk Pitt, the love interest du jour with Penelope Cruz’s Eva Rojas and that little Asian kid with Steve Zahn and voila, instant classic.

Sadly, despite Sahara’s seething desire for the heights of greatness attained by the good doctor those many many years ago, it doesn’t quite make it. This is not to say, however, that it isn’t a perfectly good little flick. Just forgettable, that’s all.

Dirk Pitt, archaeological diver extraordinaire and Al Giordino (Zahn), plucky sidekick emissary, are on the search for the long lost Confederate ironclad, Texas, filled with C.S.A gold which has, apparently and despite all laws of physics, probability and common sense, found its way to the Sahara desert via the Niger River.

Naturally, she hitches a ride with Dirk and Al and mayhem ensues, world-threatening plots are discovered and undone and at some point a 150-year-old cannon gets tigate a mysterious and spreading plague, despite the rather heroic objections of the local warlord.

Century Center hosts Comic Con

This Sunday the Atlanta Comic Convention, a gathering of comic book enthusiasts, is coming to the Mariottornt Center. The con will feature special guest Bob Burden, creator of Flaming Carrot and Mystery Men. Admission is $4 and doors are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tech gets invaded by mtuV, Muse

This Sunday, mtuV’s Campus Invasion Tour is making a stop at Tech. From 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. an interactive village featuring video game competitions, physical challenges, makeovers and more will be set up in the Burger Bowl. MtuV will also be handing out a small number of VIP tickets to the sold-out Muse concert at the Tabernacle Sunday night.

They don’t like sharing

The RIAA shows it’s against microphone sharing, too, as it monopolizes HAC’s panel on file sharing. Page 13

Filling the Circle

Sophomore Sarah Wood looks to become softball’s leading pitcher after Jessica Salinger graduates. Page 29
Easter delivers long-desired gift, imaginary account of events

...and its secular observance does involve eggs and rabbits. That's really about it. After that, basically, every facet of this story is tainted to some degree or another with the stink of lies. Consider yourself disclaimed, or me to have disclaimed. I don't really know how it works.

For Easter, which my mother has gotten into her head is a gift giving holiday somewhat akin to a miniature Christmas, I got this weird little egg thing which was basically some nearly gelatinous fluid encased in a rubbery, elastic shell. In all seriousness, I'd wanted one since I was, like, 10 and one of my friends got one as a party favor. They're the coolest. They're sticky, they walk down walls, you can squeeze 'em they're squishy and gross and for the last 11 years, I've wanted one so bad that it hurt. They have been my albatross, and my longing has only been compounded by the fact that, after that fateful Saturday afternoon at Ben Levinway's birthday party, I didn't see one again until I was in my 20s. But now I have one, and I am not sharing. Anyway, at some point in the afternoon, my lady friend had expressed an interest in also playing with my new toy, and being a communal and loving fellow (any declarations made in the heat of passion in the above paragraph notwithstanding), I obliged by tossing the more or less liquid mass in her general direction.

She, apparently unable to catch soft, slow moving objects as they pass near to her, did not secure it and instead flew into convulsions at what was ostensibly the very idea that I had not presented the egg to her on a satin pillow of some sort.

Now, I tried to reason with her, explaining that a satin pillow was both unavailable and impractical because it would have gotten fuzz all over the adhesive exterior of my beloved egg, necessitating a wash. She would have none of that and instead exclaimed the best and most hilarious thing that anyone anywhere has ever said: "I hate it when people throw things at things!"

Now, she will deny the accuracy of this quote, and she will be right to do so, because it is almost entirely the product of a fevered imagination hopped up on low-grade chocolate molded into the form of a delightful bunny rabbit.

Wholesale fabrication aside, you've got to admit it's a pretty good quote, and in my defense, that is what I thought she said at first. Also, there really weren't any other people there to corroborate her version of things. So, if you think about it, things might have gone down like that.

Who are you to judge events which cannot be accurately relayed to you? Nobody, that's who. And you'd better remember that next time you think about opening your fat mouth, fatty.

I apologize for that. I got all worked up and let my emotions get the better of me. For all I know, you're in great shape, and even if you are overweight, I'm sure it's just a thyroid problem. All things considered, you're probably healthier than me.

Being the type of guy who gets worked up about imaginary people commenting on his imaginary stories involving his very, very real girlfriend, opens one up to all kinds of hypertension and high blood pressure related illnesses——

Where was I? Right. So, that's the story, pretty much. A bit anticlimactic, I know, but then again I've never been very good at telling stories. I don't even know why they hired me for this job. I'm awful at it. I mean, look at this ending. It blows.

"My kind, loving, intelligent, beautiful, funny, personable, beautiful, amazing, generous, beautiful and above all forgiving girlfriend. And beautiful."
The frantic part of the crowd tore back about 15 rows, by far one of the most hectic shows I’ve ever seen at the Masquerade. A few concert-goers provided some insight into the crowd’s energy. Sanjay Deshmukh, a senior Computer Science major, said he was ready for a show “nothing short of spectacular.”

“Well, I’m actually kind of hoping for more than Jake, but I’d settle for Less Than Jake,” said Daniel Keeney, a second-year Computer Science major.

“When they toured with Linkin Park, that wasn’t a real Less Than Jake show. I’ve been waiting for two years [for this show],” said BJ Hicks, another concert-goer.

One of the crowd favorites was “Nervous In the Alley” from the band’s 1998 release Hello Rockview. It was a little disappointing that they didn’t play “All My Best Friends Are Metalheads,” but from a 13-year canon of songs, it was a long shot. Between songs they told scatological jokes much to the delight and amusement of their fans.

“Old Hotlanta’s always been good to Less Than Jake,” Chris Demakes, the lead vocalist, said. He even gave a congratulations to all the high school graduates.

After a brief absence on the stage, the band returned for an encore with Demakes saying, “Whew, that cocaine was good.” They proceeded to bring the set to a conclusion with “Gainesville, Rock City.” Free hot dogs were even being served in the venue. Less Than Jake fan Matt Hershaw commented that “the only show that rivaled this show was the last Less Than Jake show.”

Manganelli says that the band’s plans for the future include more touring, hanging out and recording songs for their next album. Watch for their next record in June and a subsequent tour with John Melencamp.
nearly an hour into things.

Considering that explosions are the bread and butter of movies in this vein, that’s a pretty sad state of affairs.

As far as acting goes, the cast does a fine job, but then again, this isn’t what one would call Shakespeare, either. Sure, the three leads are perfectly fine actors, but frankly, they could have cast Tara Reid, Freddie Prinze Jr. and some third atrocious actor to come in and read the lines off cue cards and it would have been just as well.

Visually, the movie is quite pretty, and once it actually gets going, there are some very nice actions sequences to be had. As a general rule, it seems that the makers of Sahara were much more influenced by the Rambo school of action filmmaking as opposed to the one governing The Matrix.

The film’s very light on blue screens and excessive CGI, which was a very nice change of pace from the current theory running through cinematography which states that one novel camera trick can make a whole movie.

When someone jumps onto the roof of a train in Sahara it’s a fairly safe bet that there was an actual train somewhere in the vicinity of the shoot.

Is Sahara a great movie that will be remembered for generations? Probably not. As a matter of fact, the odds aren’t altogether good that anyone will really remember it all of five years from now.

It’s a popcorn flick. You pay your 10 bucks, stuff blows up, hero gets the girl and you get two hours worth of escapism. There’s nothing wrong with that. Just don’t go in expecting greatness and you’ll be fine.
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mance was outstanding,” pitching coach Bobby Moranda said. “I thought his execution was really good. He made two mistakes, and that’s very good for eight innings. One of those mistakes was just flaky. He threw a fastball to a left-handed hitter, and he hit the ball down the line where it rolled around for a bit. The kid on first base was able to run, which is how they scored the go-ahead run. I’ll take that for the rest of the year with him.”

Tech responded by blowing out Maryland 24-4 in the series finale. The Jackets capitalized on five errors and scored four or more runs in four different innings. The offense was led by Tyler Greene, who hit his third grand slam of the season and drove in eight runs. The 20-run margin of victory was Tech’s largest in ACC play since beating Virginia by 23 in 1998.

After losing to Auburn 7-6 in 11 innings previously, the Jackets returned the favor by beating the Tigers 3-2 on Tuesday. Auburn took a 2-1 lead in the first inning, but they did not score again for the rest of the night. Tech drove in a run in both the second and third innings to win the game.

“I was very pleased with [the win],” Hall said. “After the first inning, Ryan Turner really settled down and pitched well. Tim Gustafson came in and did a great job of putting zeros on the board, and then Matt Wieters pitched great to close it out. We made some great plays defensively to help the pitchers out. I think that Trapani made a couple of nice plays, and Danny Payne’s diving catch in centerfield was huge, and then Andy Hawranick blocked a ball in the dirt and threw a guy out at second base to keep them from getting a guy in scoring position. It’s great to go on the road and beat a very good team in Auburn.”

For the second time this season, Auburn used six pitchers against Tech to slow down one of the top hitting teams in the ACC. The Auburn bullpen has given up only two runs to Tech in 16 innings of work on the season.

“Auburn, twice now, has pitched a bunch of guys against us,” Hall said. “Sometimes you benefit as a team if you see a guy the second and third time through the order. Both times they’ve kept us from getting much of a look against their pitchers. They’ve done a great job of pitching against us.”

Tech will be hosting Winthrop in non-conference action this weekend before the team will go on the road to face rival UGA on Wednesday night.

“I think we better be prepared to play,” Hall said. “This non-conference team is one of the Top 50 in the country, and their number one pitcher is 7-0 with a win over Clemson. They are one of those teams that nobody knows a lot about, but those of us in college baseball know that they are very good.”

Jeremy Slayden takes a pitch for the Jackets. Slayden has a .390 batting average this year and leads the team with 42 RBIs.

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non-consensus people love sex... especially bottle blonde
This goes out to this one gorgeous girl that I bump into everyday and never ask out ... I look in your direction But you pay me no attention, do you? I know you don’t listen to me ‘Cos you say you if I hear another girl talking about how there are no nice guys anymore around me, I’m gonna punch myself in the face... so if you see a dude with a black eye, he’s probably pretty nice and you should talk to him.
ladies: spring = skirts
I find your lack of funk disturbing
Girls dig guys who understand Classical Mechanics
These are not my pants...

“Shalynn” is the coolest name in the world
Chicks dig guys with cameras
Dammit...hold the door open for people on crutches!
The best way to get through GT is Ctrl+A, Ctrl+C, Ctrl+V, Ctrl+B
I’ve just read the sliver that was submitted three weeks ago.
Vote Well, Vote Will
I hear by announce my candidacy for Pope
Oh good! It is after Easter. Now I can wear my white pants and no underwear.
Republican: “Culture of Life”????? What a bunch of hypocrisies...
you think maybe they’ll get a sting break performer someday that knows how to play a musical instrument?
Blower man, the walkways are flawless. No stop and don’t come back for a month.
Freshman wins three silver medals

Tech freshman Chandler Alfred from Conyers, Ga., won three silver medals at the USA Weightlifting Junior National Olympic Weightlifting Tournament in St. Paul, Minn.

Alfred took second in the snatch with a lift of 246 pounds. He lifted 347 pounds in the clean and jerk and also finished second for his total lift.

Alfred has previously won two national championships in the 170 pound weight class and one championship in the 187 pound weight class.

Women's tennis stays hot

Tech's women's tennis team has continued its success in ACC play, improving its league record to 6-0 with victories over Virginia and Maryland.

Against Virginia Kristi Miller and Alison Silverio earned singles and doubles victories for the Jackets as they won 6-1.

In the match against Maryland Silverio and Miller along with Lyndsay Shosho and Kelly Anderson won at singles and doubles to lead the Jackets to a 5-2 victory.

Howard named Athlete of Week

For the second time this season, junior Chaunte Howard was named the Female United States Track Coaches Association Athlete of the Week.

Howard notched a season-best mark in the high jump and also participated on the women's 4x100 relay team.

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"I think Calvin is actually playing better right now than he did last year, which is really good to hear," Geis said. "I'd say [to the quarterbacks] 'read the coverages,' but when you can, throw the ball to No. 21, and he'll make a play for you.'" The same accolades cannot yet be given the team's other receivers.

Damarious Bilbo, Chris Dunlap, James Johnson and others have all improved, but in Tuesday's practice alone there were three or four times when well-thrown balls bounced off of a receiver's hands or were dropped outright.

"[Bilbo] is getting better and better at the 'X.' He is going to get a lot of reps there. I think James Johnson will challenge him, but it will be a good challenge and they both know it," Geis said. "The best guy [will win]." Nearly 10 or 15 days into fall practice, I will decide on my 'X' starter and go with him the rest of the time and the other guy will be a backup.

The offensive line has also been struggling to come together. However, last year's season began with the line in quite the same position they are now, and after Tech's victory at Clemson no one dared question the offensive line's ability. Experience and the mambmouth players stacking Tech's front line will have everything worked out by the beginning of the season, as witnessed by improvement throughout the spring.

"We're coming on slowly. They've been here but they haven't had much experience and they've been playing some guys after different positions, so that's a position that's probably going to take all of spring and next fall for those kids," Geis said. "Actually they do things good at times and then they'll miss some assignments, but I think they are gradually getting better."

In brief scrimmages during Tech's practices, the offensive line looked strong and came out with intensity.

There were points when the defensive line seemed to completely overwhelm them, but the offense fought back.

The strength of the defense they must battle has made team scrimmage the part of practice that has seemed to benefit the offensive line the most.

Unlike the other areas of the offense, the backfield seems to have more good players than it knows what to do with. P.J. Daniels, Chris Woods and Rashaun Grant are among a few of the returning players who will be carrying the ball for the Jackets.

Last year's only loss for the backfield was senior tailback Jimmy Dixon, and his spot will be the most fought for. Already getting a few looks are A京东 "Ace" Eziemefe, sophomore Mike Cox and redshirt freshman Justin Guadagni.

"Neither of them has been on the field consistently," Head Coach Chan Gailey said of Eziemefe and Cox after practice on Tuesday. "That was the great thing about Jimmy Dixon—he was there every snap."

As of Friday last week, a new player will be fighting for a spot in the backfield, a native of Georgia and a transfer from Oklahoma, Tashard Choice.

"I am focusing on anything I can do to get better as far as pass blocking. There are other things to being a running back, so I can be a better football player on the field," Choice said after practice.

Choice, originally from Riverdale, Ga., enrolled at Tech in January after transferring from Oklahoma.

He appealed to the NCAA and was granted a waiver last Friday due to extenuating family circumstances that necessitated him to move close to his home. Choice spent two seasons at Oklahoma, including a redshirt year in 2003. He will have three seasons of eligibility at Tech, beginning next fall.

"We'll give him more work now that it's a definite," Gailey said. "He's done a great job thus far. He's been one of the more impressive players in spring practice."

Spring practice has also seen some changes at quarterback for Tech. The most obvious of which is the temperament and consistency of Reggie Ball. Though Ball has yet to go through a practice without making a minor mistake, the change in his approach and attitude is obvious.

"We feel like we are pretty solid at the offense, the defense has not seemed to gel at the position. Experiencing some changes toward the end of the season, in fact the defense has never been more complete.

In practice every loss of a yard involves some kind of celebration from the defensive line and more often than not rookie quarterbacks Kyle Manley and Taylor Bennett have difficulty finding an open receiver against the unit.

"We feel like we are pretty solid back there. We are just working on doing the little things right—eliminate and minimize mistakes and come together as a unit like we were last year," said Houston. "We are basically looking to gel at the position we are in right now.

"I think Calvin is actually playing better right now than he did last year, which is really good to hear."

Buddy Geis
Wide receiver coach

“We run a pretty aggressive defense. We don't want to give the quarterback any chances to make any reads; we disguise a lot.”

Reuben Houston
Football cornerba
Young softball pitcher blossoms

By Patrick O'Connel
Assistant Sports Editor

The softball team, with a record of 35-9, is ranked No. 19 in the country and currently sits atop the ACC. While senior Jessica Sallinger continues to dominate from the pitcher’s circle, the future of Tech pitching lies in sophomore Sarah Wood.

Wood has a 10-2 record with a 2.06 ERA, and she has thrown three complete games this season. She also helps the Jackets offensively, where she is hitting .246 and has a .373 on-base percentage. While it’s not unheard of for a softball pitcher to step up to the plate, her offensive capabilities are certainly a nice asset.

Wood said that she does whatever she can to help her teammates—whether from the circle or in the batter’s box—and she was quick to mention how the team helps her when she is pitching.

“The whole team is great. You can see that my strikeout numbers are really low. They’re not as high as [Jessica Sallinger’s], but that just goes to show you how incredible my defense is behind me. They’re making the plays, and so that’s why I’ve been successful—just because of my teammates,” Wood said.

Wood also noted the role the catchers play during a game. “One person particular that’s really helped me out this year is Lauren Schlechte, one of my catchers. She catches for me a lot. It switches between her and Savannah [Brown]. They both do a great job. Lauren and I really connected, and she’s really helped me out a lot as far as talking to me on the mound. She has something about her that just calms my nerves when I’m out there,” Wood said.

A Marietta, Ga. native, Wood started playing softball at the age of eight with her church slow-pitch softball team. By 12 she was in a fast-pitch softball league, and at 13 she started pitching. Her brother played little league baseball for a while, but other than that her family had little exposure to the diamond.

“My dad was a wrestler in high school, and my mom, she was a synchronized swimmer in high school, so [they had] no background at all. My dad knew what he knew just from common knowledge of the game, but it’s not unheard of for a softball pitcher to step up to the plate, her offensive capabilities are certainly a nice asset.”

Wood was a four-year letter winner at Walton High School, where she also earned state honors her junior and senior years. She found her college home just down the road at Tech.

“It was something I really prayed about. I’m really strong in my faith, and I just really felt that this was the place where God wanted me to be. I came down to visit, and the coaches were fabulous, and I love the campus, and I really like the team, and I thought that it was an up and coming program. So I thought that this was a good place for me to go,” Wood said.

The softball team currently leads the ACC with a 4-2 record, but they still have three tough series left in conference play against N.C. State, Virginia Tech and Maryland. Conference standings can change quickly, however, because each series features three games per weekend.

Wood is cautious and takes each game one at a time but still thinks the team is capable of achieving great things like making it to their third College World Series.

In the next couple of years the team has the potential to build on this season’s success. “I know we’ve got a great class coming in next year, real strong players coming in. We’ve got a great freshman class this year, so I think we’re just going to continue to get better,” Wood said.

The softball team hosts N.C. State for a three-game series this weekend. Tomorrow they play in a doubleheader with games scheduled for 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday’s game is at 12 p.m. Wood usually pitches one game of the Saturday doubleheader.

This Wednesday the team travels to Athens to take on UGA for a 6 p.m. game. It will be the first time the two teams have met since the NCAA Regionals last year.
The volleyball team has started spring practice and looks to rebuild after a successful 2004 season that saw the Jackets in the sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament.

The Jackets finished last season undefeated in the ACC and look to continue the success they have encountered over the past few years, but Tech faces quite a challenge to sustain this level of excellence with the loss of five seniors who had outstanding careers.

“We have a number of new young players who will be playing key roles for us next season and there’s no better way to gain experience than during the spring season. This also gives our returning starters the chance to develop stronger leadership roles which will carry over to next year,” said Volleyball Head Coach Bond Shymansky.

Tech’s recruiting class for next year features four players named to the Volleyball Magazine Fab 50 list, a compilation of the best 50 high school seniors from 2004. Laura DeMichelis, Talisa Kellogg, Callie Miller and Allie Niekamp all made the list. Only four schools in the nation had four or more players named to the list, putting Tech in elite company.

DeMichelis a 5’10” outside hitter who enrolled at Tech in January and is currently practicing with the team. DeMichelis and current freshman Lindsey Gray will be called upon to fill the outside hitter positions that All-Americans Lauren Sauer and Lynnette Moster leave behind.

“You really can’t replace Lauren [Sauer] and Lynette [Moster] because they have so much experience,” said current junior setter Lindsey Laband.

“But Lindsey [Gray] and Laura [DeMichelis] are really physical and really good blockers. They’ll create good names for themselves here at Tech,” Laband certainly knows about replacing star players. Last spring she was trying to fill the shoes of Kele...
Men’s tennis tops Wake Forest

Tech’s men’s tennis team squeaked by Wake Forest 4-3 at the Bill Moore Tennis Center on Sunday. David North sealed the victory for the Jackets with his win at the No. 2 singles spot. Zachary Rath and Jordan Delass also had singles victories in the match against the Demon Deacons.

The win followed a 7-0 loss to No. 5 Duke on Saturday. Rath was the lone Jacket who was able to take a set against the Blue Devils’ highly ranked squad.

Tech Sports Day set for April 16

Tech Sports Day sponsored by Delta Airlines has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16. The day will include a football scrimmage, baseball, softball and tennis.

The final spring football scrimmage begins at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free. A street festival on top of Peter’s Parking Deck will begin at 11:30.

The baseball team plays Florida State at 1 p.m., softball challenges UAB at the same time, and women’s tennis against Duke begins at noon.

Football springs into action

By Edward Tamsberg

In the two weeks since school returned from break, football continued to improve in spring practice. They are beginning to fill in the gaps left by last year’s seniors and are building on the strength of the team’s veterans.

The coming season is shaping up to be one of the best. All of this year’s returning starters have performed well in practice and fresh faces are stepping up. However, many of the concerns shared last year by fans and alumni have yet to be worked out.

Tech’s largest issues in the coming season will undoubtedly come from the areas it has lost the most starters at—wide receiver and the offensive line. These past two weeks, the Jackets have seen growth in both positions, but they are certainly not settled.

Calvin Johnson has locked up the starting job at the ‘Z’ wide receiver position, and journeyman Damarius Bilbo appears to be the frontrunner to start on the other side of the field at the ‘X’.

“I think [Johnson] is a big plus for us. I think [Bilbo] is running our ‘X’ with James Johnson over there. Chris Dunlap’s running the other ‘Z’ behind Calvin, [along with] Xavier [McGuin], those three right now are doing a pretty good job for us,” Wide Receiver Coach Buddy Geis said after practice on Tuesday.

It is safe to say that Johnson has built on his impressive freshman season and continues to be a star for the Jackets. In a play in Tuesday’s practice, Johnson was guarded tightly by the defense, and when a ball intended for him was intercepted, Johnson quickly stripped the ball from the defender in one motion before he could fall to the ground, popping it into the air and catching it for a completion.

Calvin Johnson has continued his stellar play from his freshman year to lead the Jackets receiving corps throughout spring practice.

Baseball falls from top spot

By Michael Clarke

The Jackets keep on winning as they pulled out three of the four games this past week. Tech’s only loss came in a pitcher’s duel against Maryland that was sandwiched between two blowouts. The team avenged the loss to Auburn two weeks ago by returning the favor on their home field.

Tech opened up the weekend with a 13–4 lead against Maryland before the game was delayed in the top of the 5th inning because of the rain. When play resumed Maryland scored four runs to quickly close the gap, but the Jackets stopped the Terps and won 13-8.

Before the start of Saturday night’s game, Head Coach Danny Hall was presented with a plaque and a ball signed by the team in honor of his 50th win at Tech.

In the Nightcap, the Jackets and Terps traded first inning runs before the pitchers took over the game. Maryland added a go-ahead run in the third inning to take the lead.

Lee Hyde pitched what was quite possibly his best performance of the year, striking out 10 batters and giving up just three runs on six hits.

“Unfortunately for him, the offense was not able to get over the hump and take the lead. Tech was unable to capitalize with runners in scoring position, leaving 11 runners stranded on the base. The 2-1 loss was the first home-loss to Maryland since 1993, and it also ended the Jackets’ 16-game winning streak over the Terps.”

“I think your goal anytime you play in the ACC is to win the series,” Hall said. “That’s a very positive thing. The game that we lost was just the case that [Ben] Pinfaraff of Maryland pitched a great game, and we tipped our caps to him. He did everything that he could do to keep us from scoring. It’s one of those deals that we felt that we would get to him but never could. That’s the only disappointment. It would have been great to win all three, but we did win the series.”

“I thought [Lee Hyde’s] perfor-
Although it’s not a very exciting issue, one of the best exercises during Tech graduate student’s health insurance plan is to take care of ourselves. This is an issue that needs to be brought more to the forefront by the top executives of the Student Government Association (SGA). We need to work with the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) to arrange an equitable health plan for graduate students. Furthermore, the Internet should subsidize insurance for students with an interest in advanced policies but must allow the Senate to enact them in a manner that they see fit.

In terms of leadership experience here at Tech, one of the most important things I have been able to do is to focus on the issues that are of concern to the graduate student population at Tech to ensure that we produce the best possible graduate students. This year’s Executive Board has made great efforts to the recent Graduate Student Symposium, to graduate student families.

In terms of academic inclusion, I propose to build on the success of our first annual graduate student poster competition by making more inclusive events that will serve both the social and cultural needs of the average graduate student. These social events will be a way to foster communication and will provide a forum to express my views on the purposes and goals of SGA and the role of graduate students.

As vice president, my first priority will be to continue working on the issue of graduate student parent reimbursement. I have been able to see the success of this program and to make sure that it continues to be funded at a level that will allow us to continue.

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Currently every campus initiative is supported with money from one organization or another. More than students were read by students. Surveys showed that this organisation is aware of the student. From working in the Student Government, I feel like I have a better grasp of what is expected from SGA than my opponents. I propose that we add an additional midterm examination where students can go and see every thing that each organization is doing for the week.

• Enhance Campus Life

As President, I would like to see the student awareness by making sure students are knowledgeable about the information that is being produced at the different administrative meetings.

• Hold regular informal meetings where students are able to come speak with their representatives and me; we will discuss the information discussed at the meetings as well as any concerns that students have.

• Produce a regular column to make students aware of our current ticketing process.

• Would like to work on additional methods of publicizing our current events such as an outlet where students can go and see event information.

• Enhance Quality of Education

As President, I would like to pursue the proposal for grade substitution. I am a fifth-year EE/MGT major from Lilburn, Georgia. I have been involved with more than one organisation that I have gained a diverse leadership experience. This experience comes from serving as President of over six different organisations that include the three Tech choirs, Omicron Delta Kappa and Team Buzz. I have also started a number of new campus initiatives, including new music programs, leadership programs and coordinating the Tech Tsunami relief efforts.

My focus as your new President would be to serve as the voice of the students. Coming from a background in government and in Tech’s administration, I have an understanding of the needs and concerns of the students more frequently and the student body. I will start an online newsletter where the students can come and ask questions about SGA. This will allow better communication channels with the student body. I will start a Tech newsletter where the students can come and ask questions about SGA. This will allow better communication channels with the student body.

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Tech has proved to be one of the best Institutes of Technology. I believe. Please see the rest of my platform at www.lucas4president.com and SGA is an organization in which I strongly believe. I would work with other local SGA’s to tackle the issues with which we all deal, and to build a better foundation amongst our organizations.

Promoting The Use Of Capital Campaign Funds To Subsidize Student Tickets

As Tech prepares to start a $1.2 billion capital campaign, I feel that it is critical that a portion of those funds go towards the subsidization of student tickets. Study abroad programs can be an amazing experience, but many students are not able to participate due to the cost. If Tech is to position itself as a truly global institution, we must enable our students to go out into the world, bring back new knowledge, and spread the word of Georgia Tech.

Better Notification Of Campus Events

As President, I would like to see the creation of a customizable email list used to promote on-campus events. A student would be able to sign up for events that interest them, and students would be able to unsubscribe at any time. I would also like to see the addition of a computer generated list of upcoming events.

Show Students The Workings Of SGA

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Sara Amir

Major: Public Policy, Class: Senior

SGA Experience:
- UHR Class Representative, '02-'03 session
- UHR Class Representative, '03-'04 session
- UHR Class Representative, '04-'05 session
- FirstSGA
- House Advisory Committee, Chair
- Prioritization and Allocation of Student Funds Committee, member
- SGA Roundtable, member
- Up with the White and Gold Committee, SGA delegate
- L. W. Cottin Student Leadership Award, chair

Website: www.Saira4VP.com

While the president position deals with student life and campus activities on a regular basis, the main focus for the vice president is running the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR). The UHR is the body that allocates the Student Activity Fee back to the students for funding organizations and clubs. We deal with a budget of over three million dollars. Most of our platform deals with how to run UHR meetings efficiently and allocate funding responsibly.

Paul Byrne

Hometown: Birmingham, AL

Major: ISyE

SGA Experience:
- Member, Governmental & External Affairs Committee
- Member, Internal Development Committee
- Co-chair/Founder, Student Lobby Board '03-'05
- Sophomore Representative
- Junior Representative
- Executive Committee
- FASET Leader '04
- Phi Alpha Delta (Pre Law Fraternity)

Website: www.PaulByrne.com

As an upperclassman in ROTC, I will not personify the idea of an SGA insider. I will make my position a voice of the students, not a system of special interest groups that will work separate from the students. I will work with all levels of administration to ensure the Student Activity Fee and its allocations get to the people; an everyday guy. As your Vice President, I will work to make sure that the students at Tech get the most from their student activity fee.

Victor Jaworski

As SGA Vice President, I will have the unique ability to provide strong, well-rounded leadership, being a fresh face in SGA. With my unique perspective, I will mold the actions of the Undergraduate House of Representatives around the goal of SGA-student body interaction. My extensive experiences in various organizations around campus will make me the voice of the students, not that of an SGA insider.

I will work with all levels of administration to make sure that an unacceptable tuition hike does not happen again. I will be adamant in creating a more efficient and effective debate and to prepare for meetings in advance through the use of the current campus system.

I will also use the UHR to address key campus issues such as the current alcohol policy, grade forgiveness, and student bodies by establishing a system of special interest groups that will work side by side with standing executive committee members to address and solve the problems students experience.

I am further committed to responsibly managing the Student Activity Fee funds. No organization should be without money at the end of the year because the House mismanaged its funds and doesn't have any money left at the end of spring semester. As the chair of the UHR, I will ensure this doesn't happen.

On Student Services:

As Executive Vice President, I will work with Auxiliary Services to expand the operating hours of the Student Center food court to include dinner hours, expand the list of businesses that accept BuzzCard off campus, and lower the cost of parking permits and pay-lot rates for students who drive off campus. All three of these things will serve each and every student.

The SGA election begins Monday, April 11 and runs through Wednesday, April 13. Voting is online at elections.gatech.edu.