Midterm grade reports set for fall
By Mary DeCamp
Senior News Staff

Beginning this fall, students will have the opportunity to get grade reports midway through the semester. Last year, the SGA Executive Vice-President David Moeller set up a commission consisting of faculty, staff, and students that came up with a proposal for a midterm grade evaluation. It was then submitted to the Student Regulations Committee, a faculty committee with student and staff representatives, where it was decided that this new program would be put in place. Overall, the reason we will have midterm evaluations is because a dedicated group of everyday students from Student Government came together and were willing to devote their time and energy to making midterm evaluations a reality by working together with the administration and faculty,” said Nate Watson, SGA Vice President.

“It was an outstanding example of students, faculty, and staff working together on something to improve the student experience,” said Dr. Bob McMahan, Vice Provost.

This proposal is now an official part of the Student Rules and Regulations that are published in the Course Catalog. The idea for midterm evaluations surfaced as a result of both student and faculty ideas and desires. “The development came about through student wishes to have a firm and clear indication of their performance, early enough in the term that they could take steps to rectify a poor performance. Faculty saw this as a technique to identify students with difficulties so that they could be given advice and counseling,” said Dr. Edward Thomas, a member of the Faculty Senate.

In the past, faculty members have always had to give a degree of performance to students before drop day. This communication was usually communicated privately, and student advisors were never notified of student status and never able to get an overall picture of complete performance.

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Wreck’s ride in stadium over
By Jody Shaw
News Editor

The Georgia Tech Athletic Association recently informed representatives from the Ramblin Reck Club that the club may no longer be able to store the Wreck in its current location near Bobby Dodd Stadium. The planned renovations to the stadium will limit access to the garage where the Wreck sits and make it impossible for club members to perform routine maintenance on the vehicle that has become an icon of Tech and its athletic department.

The renovations to the football stadium will occur in two phases, with the first one starting immediately after the November 24 game versus the University of Georgia. The north stands and the lower half of those on the east will be demolished. The construction will occur within a fenced enclosure, which will bar individuals from entering the Wreck garage.

“Down the west side of the track, that area is going to change into a walkway. There will be a six foot walkway against the stadium, which will close the drive where the Wreck is currently stored,” said Sterling Brown, Senior Associate Athletic Director.

After all the renovations are complete, the area near the Wardlaw Center where the Wreck’s garage is located will be used as an area for garbage storage and collection.

Earlier this month, Brown informed individuals in student affairs of the implications for the Wreck and its garage. “I was trying to inform Dr. Wilcox early to give him six months of notice to find a new place for the Wreck during the construction. I told him that it would also be smart to find a permanent place for it outside of the stadium,” said Brown.

According to Brown there are a number of security problems in the current stadium, since there is virtually no way to secure the entire facility. Once renovated, access to Bobby Dodd will be limited after a commercial opening time, which will also limit the activities of individuals from the Reck Club and prevent access to the car at their leisure. Brown feels that access can be improved by housing the vehicle in a better location.

Goizueta grant to aid Hispanic outreach
By Nair Barzey
Senior News Staff

Last fall, Georgia Tech President G. Wayne Clough established several goals for the Institute, including increased retention and diversity. The Goizueta Foundation answered that call by gifting the Institute $4.25 million to increase recruitment and retention programs for Hispanic students.

The foundation, founded by Roberto C. Goizueta, the late CEO and chairman of the board of directors of the Coca-Cola Company, will enable Georgia Tech to create an endowed chair position and an endowed professorship with its gift. For Hispanic students of the Institute, who make up 3.57 percent of the student population, Georgia Tech will use $2.45 million to create the Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund for students with families residing in the United States. The Institute will also allocate $250,000 to fund an initiative for Hispanic Recruitment and Retention.

According to Barbara Hall, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services, Georgia Tech fell short of its goal to increase Hispanic enrollment last year, but the numbers have not been improving.

Bowling, rec area may be struck
By Ty Gailey
News Staff

Since its construction, the Student Recreation Center has been a hub to meet and relieve academic stress. It has been the training ground for a National Championship bowling team and served as the venue for Olympic bowling in 1996.

However, current problems with the facility may lead to some significant changes. Ongoing financial woes, disrepair, and a weakened public interest have drawn concern from Student Center Director Rich Steele.

“Arcade popularity has dwindled over the past eight years. Bowling is not a big hit with eighteen to twenty-two year-olds anymore, and there has been degradation in the quality of the equipment. Every pinsetter is like a 30-year-old car. It would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix [the bowling lanes],” said Steele.

The student center has budgeted funds for a feasibility study which will take place over three years in order to determine the best course of action for the space. According to Steele, the Student Center will consider a number of options including the possible removal of any number of the bowling lanes.

This threat to Georgia Tech’s bowling tradition has sparked concern and some resentment from students. “They think bowling is not popular—go to any decent bowling alley and it will be packed,” said Janior Doug Slaughter.

“Our is not because they won’t give us the money to keep it up right. That’s the problem with this place, nothing else. Good people work here—good management. The student center or whoever controls it won’t give us the money to keep it up right.”

Since the bowling lanes are in poor condition, the Georgia Tech Bowling Club is forced to conduct their practices at a commercial bowling lane despite being able to practice free at the Rec Center. The lanes themselves are known to cause damage to team equipment. “The gutters are real dirty and
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Projects for construction at a cost of $91.3 million.

Decisions. From last year’s list of 24 rank-ordered projects approved by the University’s Academic Classroom and Laboratory Building at $24 million. Renovation of Beeson Hall at $8.5 million, and Columbus State University’s Tift Halls at $9.5 million, Georgia College and State University’s Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College’s Renovation of Herring, Lewis Halls, and SAC II, and the project approved. Other projects approved by the Regents were the University of Georgia’s renovation of the ULC parking website.

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Online parking application due today

Students, staff, and faculty members who wish to obtain an on-campus parking pass for the 2001-2002 school year can apply online at www.applyparking.gatech.edu. Today is the final day to apply for on-campus parking, and all applications are due by midnight.

All passes for the 2001-2002 school year expire on July 31. Students who wish to continue parking on campus must sign up online at the parking website.

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that marks up the balls,” said Bowling Club Captain Jake Korona.

“On the pin deck there are so many wood chips, the gutters take chunks out of people’s balls.”

According to Korona, it would cost approximately three hundred thousand dollars to revamp the bowling lanes. This money was alloted in the past, but he contends that the funds were diverted for other Student Center projects, such as the recent remodeling of the second floor food court. Whatever changes do come, student contentment will be the main priority according to Rosalind Meyers, the Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services.

“The main agenda is to have things there that students actually want to do. We want to get some feedback from students about why they go there—or why they don’t go there.

“The money is not the important thing, but the money tells us that people aren’t going there the way they used to.

“I do think the condition of the lanes can be one of the reasons that bowling is not as popular as it used to be. We won’t do anything there without student input and involvement,” said Meyers.

Wreck

The storage of the Wreck is the only thing jeopardized by the renovations. The new north stands will be configured so that the Wreck can travel under the stadium and lead the football team on the field before games.

“We are not trying to erase an icon at Georgia Tech,” said Brown.

The Athletic Association suggested a number of storage options to the Reck Club, but ultimately the burden to find a new home for the Wreck will fall on members of the Club and its faculty sponsor Kirk McQueen.

Brown and McQueen both seemed hopeful that a garage for the Wreck could be worked into the renovation plans for the SAC II project, which both men are involved in. The Institute will spend $42 million on that capital project, which is still in the design phase.

“I would make sense to me, since this is a student organization, to build a garage over there [in SAC II] and let them pull the Wreck in there so that they can come and go twenty-four hours a day,” said Brown.

McQueen said the Ramblin Rock Club is looking at a number of options—some long-term and some short-term. He believes there are several buildings on campus with garages, and he hopes to find one that can be used.

“We don’t necessarily have to build a garage. We have time to investigate our options over the next six months. I know we will find a place and that the Institute will come to bat for the Wreck,” said McQueen.

McQueen is hesitant to consider moving the Wreck off-campus. The car is often used for parades and weddings. He plans to explore all on-campus possibilities first. Ramblin Rock Club President Eric Demirjian expressed optimism about the situation.

“The Wreck is why the club exists, and we will do everything possible to make sure it has a home on the Georgia Tech campus,” said Demirjian.

Brown also suggested another opportunity that appeals to Demirjian and the Reck Club. Designers could work a glass atrium into the plans for the stadium entrance. The Wreck could be housed in the atrium, which would make the car more of an icon and centerpiece for the Tech community.

The Athletic Association stressed, however, that it could not provide funds for such an atrium. Any such structure would have to be paid for by the Reck Club.

“The atrium would make the Wreck more of a part of the community, more accessible visually, and more of the icon it is supposed to be,” said Demirjian.
Board of The Consensus editorials reflect the majority opinion of the Editorial Board, but focus groups, done by Rich Steele for taking the time to provide. I would like to thank Mr. Steele for doing this. But, ultimately, it is a student’s responsibility to determine how they are doing academically.

New grade reports

The new midterm grade reports, recently passed by the Faculty Senate, are a good idea, but in their current form they will only provide a limited benefit to the students. Classes at Tech are not generally taken pass/fail, so grade reports should not be similarly ambiguous by stating only satisfactory/unsatisfactory. The grade reports should be more indicative of a student standing in relation to the rest of the class so they have a valid perspective on their performance. But, ultimately, it is a student’s responsibility to determine how they are doing academically.

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Student input important

For over a year Auxiliary Services (AUX) has been making plans to change West Side Diner. In April of this year the employees of the diner were informed of the proposed change and they informed the current patrons. This caused students to contact AUX and express their discontent over the change. The decision to change the diner was partially based on a survey of East Campus residents taken two years ago and a nationwide survey done by Sodexo Marriot. No survey or student input was sought during the past year until discontented patrons began contacting AUX.

Starting this Summer term, focus groups about the diner began. Rich Steele, Director of the Student Center, conducted a focus group after a West Campus Hall Council meeting on June 4. During the meeting, Steele expressed that nothing is finalized and that student input is very valuable to AUX on the issue of the diner and on all other services provided.

I am impressed that such input was sought and I would like to thank Mr. Steele for taking the time to seek student input and answer all concerns. But, focus groups, done when more than just two of the fourteen West Campus residence halls are open, would yield much better results.

So I began to wonder: if plans for changing the diner existed long before the Summer term and AUX desired to do focus groups with the intent of gauging student opinions, why were focus groups not done during the Fall or Spring terms when more residents are present? How finalized are the planned changes for West Side Diner? And, as any patron of Junior’s wonders, why is Tommy not in charge of dining services?

But, no matter what the answers to these questions are, there are two lessons learned from this situation. First, when Auxiliary Services does something without student input, it will probably backfire. But more importantly, there is a lesson for students: you all have voices and email—use them. When you see something wrong with campus, tell AUX, SGA, RHA, or submit letters to the editor. Don’t wait until something decides for you and it’s too late to do anything.

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Thieves need punishment

I read your consensus editorial last week with a mixture of surprise and disgust that the Technique seeks to condone felonies committed in the name of tradition. Students who attempt to steal the “T” from atop the Administration building are no better than felons and should be treated as such. Under OCCGA 16-8-12, the appropriate punishment is imprisonment for a term between 1 and 10 years, and these thieves should be made to serve every minute of that. The Technique is always complaining about crime on campus, yet it publishes editorials advocating lesser punishments for the perpetrators. I fail to see the logic in this set of double standards.

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Quote of the week:
"Woo hoo! I’m a college man! I won’t need my high school diploma anymore!" - Homer Simpson

Drop day: Don’t drop! I’m done, ok, I’ll stay...

By Jamie Schulz | STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
"Life in a fish bowl" begins for Bush daughters

Barbara and Jenna Bush knew what they were in for. They urged their father not to run for president, yet he did—and won. Now they are subjected to "Life in a fishbowl." At least they don't have to grow up with their father not to run for president, which is probably worse to be in the White House like Chelsea and Barrack Obama, who was the only habit he couldn't kick.

And who's to say that anything else in life isn't relative? Some people can't go a day without a heavy dose of caffeine. Or, while some live for the adrenaline rush of racing, skydiving, and other activities. Are these things more dangerous? Think of the damage done by the liver and kidneys from caffeine intake, or the arterial stress from a glass of red wine a night. No busi- nessman with heart problems has waged a suit against McDonald's for years of lunches grabbed on the go.

After 1964, the tobacco compa- nies had to issue some sort of warn- ing stating that tobacco was harmful to one's health. Instead of health warnings or no alcohol, people went out to the store and bought another pack, knowing that what they were smoking was detrimental to their health. Even in lieu of the warn- ings, people went to the store to begin their habit of smoking, to begin their war against the tobacco industry are drawing the line. In Mr. Bush's case, he does not only ad- mit to smoking, he is also seen join- ing it, but also to drinking and heroin use, two other activities that un- doubtedly impair the health of any user. Mr. Bush is not going after Anheuser-Busch or any of his drug dealers for the fact that he used to smoke; that was the only habit he couldn't kick.

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Jamie Schulz
Advertising Manager

It is bad enough for the Bush daughters that they have to be es- corted by the Secret Service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Which brings up another issue: should the Secret Service agents have intervened when the girls attempted to buy alcohol? They are from the upper class, so they have more resources, agents, so it is their duty to prevent the law from being broken. Techn- ically, they are supposed to protect the President's children, but if they were about to do something illegal, shouldn't they be stopped? It is the nice of agents to let Barbara and Jenna do their own thing, but they could have prevented the whole media mess by not allowing them to purchase, or attempt to purchase, alcohol.

Although I feel bad for the Bush twins having to live public lives, I also think they should be more cau- tious. I was the President's daughter and everyone knew my name, what I looked like, and my age. I don't think I'd be as cautious. That's just common sense. So I think Jenna and Barbara should use a lit- tle more discretion, and if they are to be a celebrity, they should devise a better strategy for getting their alcohol.

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Julia Trapold
Opinions Editor

Advertising. Tobacco companies use advertising to target mainly the teen- age groups, making smoking ap- pear popular, cool, and attractive. Isn't this the main purpose of ad- vertising? Advertising makes the consumer want to buy the product; otherwise, there would be no need for advertising. Think about how many times the average person sees a soda, or even more, makes an im- pulse buy, just on the fact that he or she has seen it advertised. This kind of ad- vertising by the tobacco products is surreal. The tobacco company is just doing what any other company would do: advertise their product so people will make the consumer want the prod- uct.

There is an old saying: buyer beware. To go back to the Reservoir Dogs reference, these people know- ingly made the decision to buy the cigarettes, they knew or became aware of the facts around cigarettes and what smoking can do to their health. Plain and simple, they walked into the store, they bought the cigarettes, they smoked them, and they smoked them for the past year. They made the overall deci- sion to ruin their health; they should be held responsible for their actions.

There may be a silver lining to this gray cloud: Florida law prohib- its any award that would bankrupt a company to the tune of about $15 billion (according to a 2000 report), there is no way that Philip Morris can pay the dam- ages. Looks like the lottery would have been a better way to go.

Jamie's parents insist to him at an early age the wrath of the anger he would encounter if he ever began smok- ing. Therefore, Jamie does not smoke.

"What is America's fascination with the President's children? I'm not sure what drives it – I guess we just a nosy country. I believe our fascination with public figures causes the overabundance of media attention to small issues like these. The media knows we love to learn about people's private lives, so they continue to cover trivial issues and blow them out of proportion.

"Because they are the President's daughters, of course the media has had to be subjected to a life in the fishbowl. It's been all over the newspapers, magazines, and television. I first heard about this was when that story about the cover of People magazine with a headline saying something like, "Oops, they did it again." I even saw it the back of a magazine on the cover of the Bush residence in the Bush house last night. He had a pulse made out of a six-pack of beer and called it "The Bush beer purse." This thing has gotten way out of hand.

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Contacting Us
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CAMPUS LIFE

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Interns see government in action

Tech students obtain legislative internships with the Georgia General Assembly at the state capital. Participants experience government firsthand while earning college credit.

Karen Whelatche
Staff Writer

Participating in a successful internship program can be a rewarding experience. Yet finding such a program can be difficult and time-consuming.

Tech students had the opportunity to take part in such a program by obtaining an internship position at the Georgia General Assembly. This internship, considered one of the most prestigious in the state, was begun thirty years ago as a service to college students who wanted to experience the state government firsthand while simultaneously earning college credit.

Aside from keeping in contact with Dr. Gordon Kingsley, the Georgia Tech liaison for the program in the School of Public Policy, the academic requirements are light.

To apply for the program, students should first contact the School of Public Policy. The basic requirements include an essay on why you want to become an intern, three to five recommendations from employers or professors, a transcript and a general information fact sheet. Once Dr. Kingsley has accumulated all of the applications, he then makes the decision as to which student applications will be sent to the Legislature for final approval.

Simply being selected as one of the Georgia Tech applicants does not mean that you will be one of the thirty students that actually obtain internships, and for this reason, notification is not sent until the final selections are made at the Capitol.

Once students have been selected as interns and have notified Dr. William Thomas at Georgia State University that they will be accepting the internship, they must wait until the start of the session, generally the first or second week in January. Upon arrival at the Capitol, on the first day of orientation, students are briefed on the do’s and don’ts of life at the Capitol and instructed in their basic duties. They later listened to speeches from the major players at the Capitol, including Representative Larry Walker, the House Majority Leader; Senator Charles Walker, the Senate Majority Leader; and with him.

The state capital. Participants experience government firsthand while earning college credit.

By Alisa Hawkins

“Off with their heads!”

Stephen Burks
ECE Senior

“How should students be punished?”

Joe Geze
Physics Junior

“Pay the cost to put ‘T’ back.”

Katherine Clarke
CMPE Junior

“Nothing at all. Good for them!”

Ravi Ruddaraju
CMPE Junior

“Expelled so no one takes that risk.”

Feature and photos by Alisa Hawkins

DNA research

If DNA research strikes your fancy, Dr. Schuster employs undergraduate students and advises anyone interested in this field to speak with him.

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Depending on the number of people going, you need to make sure there will be adequate room for all of them. Fitting four 6-footers into a Ford Probe isn’t recommended, but doable. If there are more than four people planning to ride in a vacation van or inviting a friend with a Blazer.

You’ve heard of DNA, right? You probably learned about it in high school biology or from Jurassic Park. Well, unfortunately, your DNA tends to develop errors. Most of these wind up being harmless, but occasionally something important will get broken, like the part that tells a cell to stop replicating—this is how cancer develops. Scientists have determined that over half of the errors that cause cancer may be initiated by something that sounds simple—a misplaced electron. Working with professor Uzi Landman in the School of Physics and his sophisticated computer simulations, Dr. Schuster’s group are trying to figure out why.

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to Excess Staying Syndrome. If you are somewhere and want some company, ask your current friends or make some more. Sometimes I’ve learned that a lot of people will plan on going, and then about half will cancel. If you’re in charge of getting tickets, make sure that all people planning to go pay up front, so you’re not stuck with their tickets.

Passing the time on the trip is very important. Usually some CDs will do, just make sure you’ve got stuff that your friends will listen to. Otherwise, the occupants will waste time making fun of the amount of country albums you keep in the car. Driving while tired or intoxicated are two of the top reasons for highway accidents across the U.S., so always take a friend that you would let drive your car in case you need a break.

Other important things to remember are to carry a AAA card for towing (or bail), print up some maps from the net to where you’re head- ed, and put up those car flags, wind- ow clings, or whatever else you can to show your spirit. Go forth and travel the world. And a must for away games, keep up the tradi- tion of paging Mr. Burdell.

Student Center Programs Council Weekly Activities

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Saturday, June 16
Time: 7:30am - 4:30pm lunch and transportation included must register to space by calling 4-2002 or e-mail all to aux@gt.edu/move/
Sponsor: MOVE Committee

RECYCLABLE ART Demonstration & Creation of Art using recyclable products Thursday, June 21
Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm Location: Skiles Walkway Sponsor: Arts Committee Rain Location TBA

“AMERICAN HISTORY X” film viewing Monday, June 25 Time: 7:00pm location: Student Center Theater Sponsor: Ideas & Issues

PAINT CEREAL BOWLS Thursday, June 28
Time: 1:00pm - 8:00pm Cost: $1.00 Location: Crafts Center Sponsor: Crafts Center

Join the Student Center Programs Council
If you enjoy programming events, get involved in the Student Center Programs Council! The Student Center Programs Council involves 11 student-run committees who plan educational and entertaining programs for the Georgia Tech campus community. Call 894-2805 or visit www.studentcenter.gatech.edu

AN ALUMNI AND CHILD CELEBRATE AN UPTOWN VICTORY AT LAST YEAR’S CLEMSON GAME. STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ALIKE PARTICIPATE IN THE “ROAD-TRIP.”

We proudly bring back Space-filler Man to intimidate you into joining the Technique staff.
**“Thrills” password to Sena’s Swordfish**

John Travolta and Halle Berry sizzle on the screen in Director Dominic Sena’s summer blockbuster Swordfish; the cyber-thriller has an intricate subplot and dazzling special effects that rescue its somewhat flawed storyline.

By Jason A. Dean

MPAA Rating: R

Starring: John Travolta and Hugh Jackman

Director: Dominic Sena

Studio: Warner Bros. Pictures

Runtime: 97 minutes

Rating: ★★★★☆

*Swordfish,* which opened June 8th, is the story of a cyber crime with a purpose. No one is who he or she appears to be.

He’s sitting in a dimly lit room, spouting off about some movie and how things are never the way they appear to be. He’s got a smooth look — long hair and soul patch. Clad in an Armani suit, he’s an intimidating figure. Meet Gabriel Shear (John Travolta), the European tough guy who’s out to steal money that’s been laundered from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Sheat is on a mission to stop terrorists and needs money to fund his project. Gabriel’s got girls at his fingertips that would make even Hugh Hefner envious. He means business, always comes out on top, and won’t allow anything to stand in his way.

His accomplice and partner Ging- er (Halle Berry) is a strong woman who isn’t afraid to let her sex appeal do the talking, especially to forward her own interests. She lures computer hacker extraordinare Stanley Jacobson (Jackman) into their cyber heist.

Jacobson enters the movie as a pathetic figure of a man, denied access to both his daughter and computer, the two loves of his life. He lost his daughter in a bitter divorce, and he cannot come within fifty feet of a computer due to his history of hacking.

While Gabriel is the bad guy in the government’s eyes, he is really a villain at all! Ginger is Gabriel’s partner in crime — or is she an undercover DEA agent assigned to work the DEA? Who can Stanley trust, and will he even get a chance to get his daughter back? These interpersonal questions keep viewers on the edge of their seat, attached to the intrigue of the plot even when the action begins to wane and the plot begins to stretch believability.

From the get-go, you can tell this movie’s going to be spectacular. Produced by Joel Silver (*The Matrix, Die Hard* series) and Jonathan D. Crane (*Face/Off,* *The General’s Daughter,* *Look Who’s Talking,* this big money production doesn’t disappoint. Its superstar cast and star-slew crew team up to make this an edge-of-your-seat, slam-bang, shocking thriller, that never slows down.

The opening scene is the most impressive. Gabriel Shear has over a dozen hostages strapped with C4 explosives that will explode if they leave the vicinity. The scene is intense as Gabriel and cyber crimes agent Roberts (Don Cheadle) are yelling out negotiations over their cell phones. The scene heats up as a S.W.A.T. team member attempts to save a hostage, ignorant to the fact that his actions will kill them both.

135 still cameras captured the scene, pausing the motion to see it from every angle — a technique visual effects supervisor Boyd Sherrins pioneered in *The Matrix.* The technological expertise needed to film the scene was well worth it in terms of effect. The scene was so powerful, shocking, and amazing that the entire theatre erupted with applause.

The major problem of *Swordfish* is its insistence that the audience take its cyber crime story line seriously. The plot mixes both highly technical and commonplace elements of crime thriller movies, creating inconsistencies that harm the story. The plot twists and character motivations are so convoluted that it is difficult to follow, especially near the end of the movie.

The hacker storyline of *Swordfish* is shallow, yet the movie is salvaged by its secondary themes and intricate character profiles. The special effects, particularly in the opening scene, are phenomenal — possibly the best to hit the big screen since *The Matrix.* If you’re looking to blast away the summer school blues in half the time of *Pearl Harbor,* the escape into the world of guns, girls, and greed that is *Swordfish* is your ticket.

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**John Mayer carves out his own niche with national debut album**

By Alan Bach

*Chug a Flat Coke by the gallon*

Artist: John Mayer

Album: Room for Squares

Label: Aweare

Rating: ★★★★☆

In a recent interview for *Creative Loafing,* when asked about the buzz surrounding him, John Mayer, my “I have no idea what the — is going on.” What’s been going on is that in a little over two years, this transplanted Connecticut native has become the head of people all over the South with his face, vocal quality and nimble, jazz guitar stylings.

His national debut, *Room for Squares,* this hit stores on June 5, should let the rest of the country find out what fans around here already know—that he has a pretty good idea of what to do with a six-string and a microphone at his disposal.

Several of the disc’s 12 songs were first included on Mayer’s independent 1999 debut *Inside Wann Out* and get a little reinforcement here. “No Such Thing,” one of his signatures, is at the top of the order on both discs; this time around, it takes on a new, insistent tone thanks to the added drum and organ lines. “Back to You” gets a percussion re-make and locks perfectly into the groove from the opening bars.

Mayer plays electric guitar through most of the album, but goes unplugged (or at least partially so) with his acoustic guitar. Two of his best offerings on this end are “Why Georgia,” a look at potential that can slip away even before mid-dle age, and “83.” Referring to the year its writer was six, this cut thinks back to childhood and what happens when the real world starts to intrude. “Here I stand, six feet small/ Romanticizing years ago.”

Fans of Mayer’s live shows may be a bit disappointed to hear only small doses of his light-fingered solo approach. The two versions of “Neen” recorded on *Inside* have been merged into one here and give the best insight into how his mind works when he takes off. From time to time, his vocals seem a bit over-whelmed by the instrumental parts — something that rarely happens in an acoustic show.

As it stands, though, *Room for Squares* already stands head and shoulders above the bulk of today’s record store openings. Once Mayer learns another thing or two about working in the big leagues — asserting himself a little more strongly in front of his backing players—he can put out something that’ll climb up on stools.
Better late than never for Another Man Down's full-length debut

By Alan Back

The lettering on the press box still reads "Welcome to Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Grant Field." Buzz still appears on the scoreboard. You can still see the "GT" on the walls next to the field.

But what's this? Seating areas awash in seafoam green and purple? A video screen in the north stands awash in seafoam green and purple? There's someone sitting in the student section—perhaps the president of the student government?

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And can definitely fire up the crowds... well, the University of Georgia fans. As for the Atlanta fans? Not quite so sure. But there are a few thousand here, and they're doing their best to make some noise. And it's working. The crowd is getting into it, and the players can feel it.

The Atlanta Beat, the women's soccer team, is playing the San Diego Spirit tonight. The game is being held at the newly renovated Bobby Dodd Stadium. The stadium has been redone, and it looks great. The fans are dressed up in their best soccer gear, and the spirit section is rocking.

The game is intense, and the teams are fighting hard for the ball. The Atlanta fans are cheering them on, and the San Diego fans are doing their best to keep up.

In the end, the Atlanta Beat wins 2-1. The fans are excited, and the players are happy to have gotten the win.

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Atlanta—and Tech have got the Beat

By Andrew Santelli

Supporters of Atlanta's Another Man Down have got the Beat this season. The band released their full-length debut album, "Dangerous and Close," on May 7, and it has been getting a lot of attention from fans and critics alike.

Coach Tom Stone called the facility "one of the finest soccer facilities in the world" and that the team was proud to be housed in the hallowed grounds of Bobby Dodd. Other members of the Beat also praised the quality of the facility at the Beat's second home game ever on Grant Field against the New York Power.

The Beat's first game was back in April, when they played the first soccer game ever on Grant Field against the New York Power before a raucous crowd of 20,176. The game ended in a scoreless tie, as did the second home game against the Philadelphia Charge, but the crowds at Bobby Dodd have not seemed disappointed.

Over the spring, the stadium was readied for soccer play, which included, among other things, re-sodding of the turf and widening the field from 53 yards wide to 66, so much that the field looks as if soccer is the only sport to have been played there.

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table were David Wright, JayMitchell, Kyle Davies, and Jim Johnson who were selected in the 1st, 4th, 5th, and 5th rounds. This just goes to show the outstanding status that the Tech baseball system is currently at. The Yellow Jackets were able to sign these top-tier players to letters of intent. Although they will not be playing for the Jackets next year it reflects the level of our pro- ting coach. He also is the coach at the head of the recruiting depart- ment. Last week he accepted a job as the head coach of their baseball pro- gram. While this is a progression in his career, Tech will hate to lose such a good coach. While it may seem that there are a lot of people leaving Tech, the Yellow Jackets are not a sinking ship. It’s actually rather the opposite. There are many players staying behind, such as Menocal. Also there will be stars emerging. Just recently pitch- er Kyle Bakker and outfielder Matt Molder were named to the Fresh- man All-America team. Bakker led the team with a 2.78 ERA and Molder led the team with a .385 batting average. This just another example of the revolving door that is college sports. As great players have to further their career they are replaced by those who are just beginning their own careers.

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player in NCAA history to accom- plish this feat, joining former Tech standout David Duval, Wake For- est’s Gary Hallburg, and Arizona State’s Phil Mickelson. Molder also ended his season with a .69.43 stroke average, the lowest single season av- erage in NCAA history. He also set a new record for career stroke aver- age with his .70.69, topping Stan- ford’s Tiger Woods (71.10). Troy Matterson was named a third-team All-American, and Miikelsen re- ceived an honorable mention. When Molder was asked if he was plan- ning on going pro or retaining his amateu status he said, “The only reason I wouldn’t remain an amatu- er is if I went out and won the U.S. Open.”

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I'm in special!” - Ralph

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Bryce Molder receives his eighth place award at the NCAA Championships. Molder’s career stroke average of 70.69 is the lowest in NCAA history.
Going into the last day of play, Tech was in eighth place at 7-over-par. Due in part to starting the final day by shooting 8-under-par, Tech was able to turn things around and gain their 3rd top four finish in the past 4 years.

Team placed fourth overall in the NCAA Championship held at the Duke University Golf Club in Durham, North Carolina. Individuals Kris Mikkelsen and Bryce Molder placed second and eight, respectively.

Three players on this year’s team received PING All-American honors. Molder was named to the first-team, marking the fourth year he has been named a first-team All-American. Molder is only the fourth player in Tech history to be taken in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Standing second in the field yesterday Tech was in eighth place at 7-over-par, Tech was able to turn things around and gain their 3rd top four finish in the past 4 years.

Baseball's new home Renovations to expand the seating of Russ Chandler Stadium begin this week.

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School record nine baseball players taken in MLB Draft

Despite interest from the Astros, Cardinals, and Diamondbacks, senior shortstop Victor Menocal will be returning to Tech for his final season.

By Derick Stanger
Sports Staff

It's a time of mixed feelings for all those out there that love the Yellow Jackets and the crack of the bat. On the one hand Tech can be proud that a record number of nine players have been selected in this year's Major League Baseball draft. On the other hand, Tech fans will be saying goodbye to some of the best players the school has seen. Hopefully these players will represent Tech well out there in the massive field that is Major League Baseball.

Leading the Jackets in the draft was Mark Teixeira who was picked as the fifth overall selection in this year's draft by the Texas Rangers. Teixeira becomes the fifth player in Tech history to be taken in the first round of the draft. He joins the ranks of such players as Kevin Brown, Ty Griffin, Norim Garciaparra, and Jason Varitek. Teixeira has been the all-star on Tech's squad for the past few years. Teixeira is the past recipient of the National Player of the Year Award last year, the ACC Freshman of the Year two years ago, and the Summer College player of the Year Award. He also represented Tech and the U.S. with the USA Baseball National Team. This past season Teixeira was out for the majority of the season with an injury, but returned playing well.

Following him in the draft, also in the first round as a supplemental pick, was junior Richard Lewis. He will be staying close to home playing for the Atlanta Braves. Lewis went undrafted out of high school and decided to come to Tech. In three years he jumped from undrafted to a first round pick. The next draft pick came in the fourth round. Another junior, pitcher Steve Kelly will also be near his hometown of Fairfield, Ohio. He was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds. Kelly led an outstanding pitching staff that as a team had an ERA of 4.52 in a college sport that is dominated by high scoring and little defense. Also taken from the Jackets pitcher staff were Rhett Parrott, Kevin Cameron, and Brian Sager, all junior right-handers, pitchers who were selected in the 9th, 13th, and 14th rounds by the St. Louis Cardinals, Minnesota Twins, and Chicago White Sox, respectively. Sager spent only one year at Tech after transferring from Stanford last summer. He never lived up to the expectations of the coaching staff as he acquired a strange injury. After the ACC tournament he quit the team and has decided to transfer back to Stanford where he will be continuing his degree work.

The first senior taken in this year’s draft came from the tenth round, as catcher Bryan Prince will join teammate Steve Kelly with the Cincinnati Reds. Last year he declared himself eligible for the draft but went undrafted so returned to the Yellow Jackets. Also seniors, teammates Jason Baul and Brad Stockton went in the 15th and 22nd round to the Oakland Athletics and Texas Rangers, respectively.

Despite the vast number of players that did leave Tech to pursue careers on the major league, there are standouts such as Victor Menocal. Menocal was contacted by several of the best teams that wanted to draft him. However once the tenth round ended, when the Houston Astros, St. Louis Cardinals, and Arizona Diamondbacks called, he informed them of his decision to stay with the Yellow Jackets another season. This past season as shortstop Menocal led the Jackets in hits and doubles and was second behind Teixeira in home runs and runs. He hopes to be able to improve upon this already great performance.

Also in the draft nine of Tech’s sixteen prospects from high school were drafted. Among the most...