SARS scare cancels Asia trips

By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

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Woodystock to rock April 19

The eighth incarnation of Woodystock will be held Saturday, April 19, from 1 p.m. until dark in the FE commons on East Campus. The event will feature three local Tech bands, including Weberdog, Woodysrock, and Haircuts. Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided. The event was created four years ago by FE Peer Leader Cole Getzler.

Tech to celebrate 2003 Earth Day

An Earth Day celebration will be held at the Campus lille April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The celebration will feature live entertainment, alternative fuel vehicles, a side walk chalk contest and in-line skating. The Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program will also be present. Nike will collect 5,000 old sneakers and use the material to make Georgia Tech basketball court or athletic field.

Finals, Midnight Breakfast return

Dead Week begins Monday, April 21. Finals week begins April 28. The final schedules is posted on www.s carcin.geatech.edu. If you are looking for astudy break, checkout Morning Break- fast on Tuesday April 29. Stu- dents improve diversity at Tech, and on the whole, “trying to promote a sense of community; in other words, trying to make the Tech community a little more like the Tech community.”

Share opinions on the war in Iraq

By Tim Cailloux
Senior News Photographer

As at a computer security confer- ence last weekend, Billy Hoffman, a fourth year CS major, planned to present his research on Campus- Wide, the network the BuzzCard system uses.

Hoffman began researching ways the system could be circumnavigated nearly two years ago. His research led to the discovery that it is possible to fool the system into thinking that a real BuzzCard was used when, in fact, one was not. This flaw would, for example, allow someone to get free laundry service.

When the number of sexual assauts on campus increased, Hoffman started investigating how the system could be used by unauthor- ized access to dorms and other buildings.

Early Saturday morning, Blackboard Inc., the company that sells CampusWide to Tech, served Hoffman with a temporary restraining order that kept him from giving his presentation.

Hoffman planned to present infor- mation on the network protocol used by the BuzzCard readers and demonstrate his version of a reader that would allow a real- mal reader connected to the BuzzCard network.

Along with Virgil Griffith, an Alabama University at New Col- lege student, Hoffman explored the protocol used by CampusWide to cancel two summer study abroad programs. Both programs involved travel to China or Southeast Asia, where SARS originated, and where the disease has hit hardest.

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Last issue’s poll garnered 49 responses to the question: “What is the most important step administrators should take to improve safety on campus?”

This week’s poll question relates to the student accused of hacking the BuzzCard. Should Billy Hoffman be punished for his actions? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

10 years ago: April 23, 1993—The Office of Information Technology announced that Georgia Tech may soon require all students to own their own PC. Budget shortfalls made the option appealing to administrators because it would allow them to eliminate all computer clusters on campus.

20 years ago: April 22, 1983—A lab on the fourth floor of the Physics Building was damaged when a high pressure reaction vessel ruptured. The vessel contained clay and heavy water at a temperature of 500 degrees Centigrade and a pressure of 30,000 pounds per square inch when it exploded.

30 years ago: April 20, 1973—A safety valve released a massive amount of steam in Harris dorm. A consensus editorial called students who repeatedly vandalized the steam compressor in front of Tech Tower hypocrites. The vandals were upset that money had been spent to salvage the compressor instead of paying for lighting and sidewalks around campus.

sliver box
www.nique.net/sliver

My foot was glued like lead to the floor. --> that’s all there is there ain’t no more “birth control is hard” stop letting people in that building, they are criminals i swear that is not my sports bra non-alcoholic bar HA on campus HA screw you battards who hacked the first light up cow, how exciting service with OPA rocks i am afraid to check my email i am not surprise things were messed up the first time, they are not trustworthy, i told ya you can’t beat the Sliver “I told you so” anti-war and pro-troops Iraqis thanking Bush for freedom amuses me yesterday they had Iraqis cursing Bush for civilian deaths O you who know what we suffer here, do not forget us in your prayers Dropouts make 42% less than graduates... some people just like to bitch It has been proven that you can’t exchange your female friend for a basketball player’s autograph.

Feels good to finally be a senior and have a great registration ticket you need to loosen up darn bossy stones

so mr. “i don’t really rate myself”...do you have a problem with cute black girls who read the sliver box? do you smell Sex and Candy? Doug is my hero! Who is the drummer for the beatles? Mr connery? Craven morehead. Who is craven morehead? Apparently you are AHAHAHAHAHA

i love eggs smelly garbage smell mr. cox supports tape Richard is the best 1321 TA The braves suck...HA!!!!!! “The best thing to happen to men since women”—Maxim Magazine motto

What if I am in love with my best friends?
Senate takes final immigration vote
By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

After over two months of debate, the Graduate Senate finally put the international student immigration resolution to rest Tuesday by passing a graduate only version. Ironically, the final bill passed without any discussion.

The graduate resolution came after the Undergraduate House voted to reconsider the joint resolution at their meeting last week. This decision prompted former Graduate President Alan Michaels to propose that the senate resubmit the resolution approved by the conference committee as a graduate-only motion.

“Basically it will be the same resolution as we approved before, but everywhere that it said 'Student Government,' it will now say 'Graduate Student Senate,'” said Michaels.

The proposal by Michaels and the resolution passed unanimously.

With the first four bills on the agenda tabled, the meeting looked to be a quick one. However, the graduates ended up debating many allocation bills which were originally slated to be discussed at next week’s meeting.

Some of the bills discussed caused considerable amount of debate surrounding the requested funds. One of these was an allocation from Sports Riders, an organization that received its charter earlier this semester. “Right now every time we have to get our bikes fixed, we have to take them to a professional even if we know how to do it ourselves,” said the Sports Riders president. “Therefore, we are requesting money for tools so that we can do it ourselves.” Immediately many senators were worried about where the tools would be stored.

“It doesn’t sound like there’s a good accountability for the tools,” said UHR Senator Roy Futhank.

After nearly 20 minutes of debate from both sides, the vote was called and the bill passed.

Council Clippings Senate and House

Executive Vice President Nate Watson presides over his last UHR meeting Tuesday night. Watson will replace Tiffany Massey as student body president next year.

Bills Considered

| Resolution on Immigration Policies | Author: Brian Jones, Matha, Kirsh, Daves         | failed |
| Joint Allocation to ID Society of America | Author: Tom Moran | passed |
| Joint Allocation to Materials Research | Author: Glenn Matthews | passed |
| Joint Chartering of Students for Christ | Author: Tim Caillaux | passed |
| Joint Chartering of Catalyst Ministries | Author: Tim Caillaux | passed |
| Joint Allocation to Ent. Software Club | Author: Bill Asher | passed |
| Joint Allocation to Presidents’ Council | Author: Tim Caillaux | passed |
| Joint Allocation to Sports Riders | Author: Tim Caillaux | passed |
| Joint Allocation to Music Department | Author: Alexander Michaud | passed |
| Joint Allocation to GT Motorsports [1] | Author: Danny Puckett | passed |
| Joint Allocation to GT Motorsports [2] | Author: Danny Puckett | passed |
| Joint Chartering of Do-It-Yourself Audio | Author: Tim Caillaux | passed |
| Joint Chartering of SE Stv. Voice Com. | Author: Tim Caillaux | passed |
| Joint Chartering of Earthquake Eng | Author: Tim Caillaux | passed |
| Allocation to Tech Beautification Day | Author: Ben Lawder | passed |
| Appointment of USC Justices | Author: Tiffany Massey | passed |

Graduate Student Senate

| Resolution on Immigration Policies | Author: Alan Michaels | passed |
| Joint Allocation to AChRS | Author: Jennifer Matthews | tabled |
| Joint Allocation to Materials Research | Author: Jennifer Matthews | tabled |
| Joint Chartering of Students for Christ | Author: Tim Caillaux | tabled |
| Joint Chartering of Catalyst Ministries | Author: Tim Caillaux | tabled |
| Joint Allocation to Ent. Software Club | Author: Mayuresh Googate | passed |
| Joint Allocation to Presidents’ Council | Author: Jennifer Matthews | passed |
| Joint Allocation to Sports Riders | Author: Kase David | passed |
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House loses quorum during final vote
By Daniel Amick
Assistant News Editor

The Undergraduate House ended the year with a meeting out of the “Twilight Zone.” The surreal session teetered on the edge of quorum all night. It combined misty-eyed farewell speeches from graduating seniors with hard-nosed political maneuvering that killed the immigration resolution permanently.

Knowing that some members would have to leave early, Executive Vice President Nate Watson ran the first half of the meeting like an auctioneer, talking a twice normal speed and warning representatives against frivolous motions. The House dealt with thirteen bills in rapid succession.

Reps passed without discussion a slate of three allocation bills. They also slated and chartered five new student organizations, including the Do-It-Yourself Audio Club, Catalyst Ministries and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute. Reps also approved appointment of seven new Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet Justices who will serve next year.

And then, the wheels came off. During consideration of an allocation bill that would alleviate GT Motorsports’ budget shortfalls, four reps had to leave to perform in a concert. Quorum was lost. What followed was a flurry of phone calls to absent reps, urging them to either show up, or resign so as to favorably alter the quorum ratio.

In the meantime, outgoing Student Body President Tiffany Massey delivered her final speech to the House. Saying that holding elected officials accountable was very important, she handed out a flyer listing both her accomplishments and her failures. Massey said of the 14 objectives on her campaign platform, 12 were successfully met. The two goals not reached were expansion of the mid-term grading system, and keeping the Student Athletic Center open 24 hours a day.

To kill more time in the desperate quest...
it was a hard one to make,” he said. As SARS cases began to pop up in other Asian cities, Georgia Tech decided to cancel a second program. The eight-week International Affairs program focusing on political economy in Beijing, Shanghai, and other Chinese cities was cancelled Monday.

Program director Dr. Fei-Ling Wang said cancellation was “a huge disappointment” and “truly saddening,” but “I do understand the rationale.”

“I was hoping, until the bitter end, that the powers that be would choose to continue the program,” said would-be participant David Mardis.

“Deep down, I knew that SARS is pretty serious stuff, and that the program was going to be cancelled.”

“I feel sorry about the cancellation,” said fifth year HTS major Daniel Kim. “I really wanted to go to China.”

Finally, quorum was reestablished, and the meeting resumed. Rep passed two bills allocating about $550 to Tech Motorsports. They also allocated about $11,000 to GT Motorsports. They also allocated about $550 to Tech Beautification Day in order to pay for T-shirts. This new bill came up after Graduate President Alan Beautification Day in order to pay for things except airline tickets, even if some of their money had already been spent to pay for things like housing and classrooms. Wang said the China program and the School of International Affairs will bear the burden of the costs.

“The refund policy is as fair as it can be,” said McGill.

“I am very happy with the [refund] policy,” said Mardis. He said that Tech’s decision to refund even already-spent money “was a very classy move.”

Both study abroad programs are expected to return next summer.

“Hopefully, we’ll come back, resume and be stronger,” said Wang.

SARS first appeared in China’s Guangdong province in November 2002. Since that time, about 3,400 people have been infected worldwide. About 150 people have died. Scientists are unsure what causes the disease, but suspect a type of coronavirus. So far, there is no vaccine or treatment for SARS.

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“If we do this,” Banejere said last week, “please don’t let us down.”

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“My feeling was that I played some small part, directly or indirectly, in that is great,” he said.

Wilcox also gave a great deal of credit for recent successes to President Clough. “He’s been a great leader for Tech, not just in technology, but also in student life,” he said.

Wilcox feels he is leaving with things under his control in good shape. “Leaving when you know you have a good team and good programs feels better than leaving when the ship is sinking,” said Wilcox.

As President Clough said, “Georgia Tech owes him a great deal.”

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tained “illegal access [to the hard-
ware]” and then created a how-to on
how to take apart the system,” said
Stanton. Blackboard sought the re-
straining order “to stop him on pre-
senting information that defrauds
Georgia Tech and harms the intel-
lectual property of Blackboard.” He
added that the boxes should be more
tightly secured.
In addition, when DramaTech
sought a reader for patrons to pay
for admission with the BuzzCard
during the recent performance of
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obtain one. Many within DramaT-
ech feel that since Hoffman is pres-
ident of DramaTech and will
continue to serve as production
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overall security.
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looking to keep the system secure”
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by Tim Cailloux/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
CS major Sally Hoffman speaks at a computer conference last week.
his second presentation was cancelled after Hoffman received a gag order.
works,” Blackboard has chosen to sweep this issue
under the rug.”
Michael Stanton, Director of Cor-
porate Communications for Black-
board, said that Hoffman made a
physical, not software, attack. “It’s
absolutely not an issue [to Black-
board]. It’s an issue of getting into
hardware.”
A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this
week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete arti-
cles about the stories below and other important issues.

War in Iraq over; peace remains elusive
Last week, American soldiers and marines seized Baghdad, top-
pling the regime of Saddam Hussein. U.S. Central Command
announced that major combat operations were over. Sporadic gun
battles continue throughout the country as coalition troops try
reestablish civil authority. The war cost about $20 billion and 154
coalition lives. The cost of rebuilding Iraq remains unknown.

North Korea caves, agrees to multilateral talks
In an apparent vindication of the Bush administration’s hard-
line approach, North Korea agreed this week to talks with the both
the United States and China. North Korean leader Kim Jung Il had
threatened war if the U.S. did not agree to bilateral talks. Bush
refused. Tensions have been high since October, when North Korea
admitted that it had a clandestine nuclear weapons program.

Chirac, France try to mend fences with U.S.
French President Jacques Chirac called President Bush Tuesday
in what appears to be an attempt to repair tattered U.S.-French
relations. In the 20-minute telephone conversation, Chirac pledged
to act “pragmatically and on a case-by-case basis” in the future. Anti-
French sentiment erupted in the United States after Chirac rallied
European governments to oppose the war in Iraq.

Baseball fan attacks umpire at Royals game
An unidentified fan attacked umpire Laz Diaz at Tuesday night’s
Kansas City Royals game. Diaz, a former Marine, was not injured.
The fan will be charged with a misdemeanor or a felony. Last year,
Royals coach Tom Gambos was attacked by two fans.

Palestinian hijacker captured in Iraq
Abu Abbas, a Palestinian man convicted in the 1985 hijacking of
the Italian passenger liner Achille Lauro, was captured in Iraq this
week. Italy convicted Abbas in 1986 and is now seeking his extradi-
tion. The Palestinian Authority said that Abbas’s arrest violates
the 1993 Oslo Peace Accords. President Bush mentioned Abbas
in October 2002 as he outlined the case against Saddam Hussein.
Recently, a Tech student managed to hack into the BuzzCard system, revealing some of the system's security flaws. This appears to be the latest in a string of security breaches of Tech's electronic systems, ranging from the Fens Center's credit card records to Georgia Tech's payroll accounts.

In this instance, the student was apparently trying to help Tech, revealing these weaknesses before someone with less humanitarian motivations cracked the system. Instead of showing any interest in his findings, Tech ignored the situation, and the student is now facing criminal charges from Blackboard, the company that makes the system used by BuzzCard. While Tech can do little to change federal law, it should run its own check of the security of the BuzzCard system, which would serve both to protect students' money and information and to keep Tech from being considered negligent if a hostile hacker should get into the system. Ignoring the problem will not make it go away.

### Study abroad

Although it is disappointing that some of the study abroad programs had to be cancelled, the Tech administration made the right decision in cancelling the programs when they realized there was a significant and foreseeable threat to student's health.

The Office of International Education has also done an excellent job explaining these decisions and being flexible with students in many ways. Many students have commented that the refund policy has been more than fair, and that OIE has also been willing to allow students to transfer to other trips where there were openings, despite the fact that most deadlines passed long ago. This type of reasonable, tractable response should be an example for other departments to follow when unforeseeable circumstances force the cancellation of events or programs.

### New majors

Although the new majors that Tech is establishing will help attract a diversity of students, Tech should make sure it has the resources to support these programs so these degrees will mean as much as the degrees that Tech already offers. Especially in terms of the School of Modern Languages, more money, more professors and more course offerings for current Tech students should be implemented before new programs are implemented.

### End of college brings ruminations

So, I have reached the end. There were times when I thought this day couldn't come quickly enough, that I couldn't wait to get to law school. Now that I'm confronted with graduation, however, I find a totally different string of thoughts going through my head. What am I doing? Where am I going? While I know what I am doing immediately after I'm done, I feel like the rest of my life is a big mystery.

I remember coming in as a freshman and knowing exactly what I wanted to do with my life and where I wanted to end up. While that may have changed a bit over the years, that feeling of conviction, that ability to see my life as a foregone conclusion (for a person like me, that is a good thing) didn't leave me till the end of my junior year. At this point, that certainty is gone.

I guess that is what Tech taught me—how to deal with college, with freedom, and with life at times. Who was I going to meet? What was I going to achieve? Nothing seemed probable in those first few semesters.

After four years, my life has become much more stable. While at times I long for the crazy excitement of experiencing so many things for the first time my freshmen year, I'm going to miss the comfortable and predictable nature of my existence here. I'm going to miss Tech.

Looking back, I can't help but wonder—as I'm sure many people do—where all the time went. I feel as if I've barely been at Tech for two years: freshman year and then everything after. My upperclassmen years seem to kind of blend together, probably a consequence of being too busy for reflection. Will law school be the same or more distinct?

What I face now is much more intimidating and daunting than what I faced coming into Tech. I am moving across the country, away from the South where I have lived for my whole life, away from my family and all my long-term friends. Another source of anxiety lies in the fact that what I will be studying after Tech is going to be much more of a perpetual influence in my life than my Tech degree will be. While I leave Tech with minimal debt, I will leave law school with debt well over the total cost of a Tech undergraduate education. Because of all these grown-up concerns, I feel like the real world is closing in . . . and I'm not ready for it yet.

In this sea of uncertainty about the future, I do have one solid thing to cling to. Rather than being one of those people who feel like Tech has changed them, I feel like Tech reinforced all of my underlying beliefs. I am basically the same person I was when I got here, maybe just a little more jaded, a little more cautious, a little more prone to wild behavior. Maybe others would disagree with me; I doubt many of us can perceive ourselves with any clarity. Despite what developmental psychology tells us about personality development during the college years, I believe I am essentially unchanged.

One of my ideas that has survived college is the thought that none of us can ever know what it is like to live in someone else's head. This has two consequences in terms of the way I see the world. Number one: we all have problems. No matter how perfect you think someone's life is, no matter how little you think they have the right to complain, everyone has some problem (or problems) they think is all-consuming. Never believe that people are concerned with. To do so is one of the things that I consider the most offensive in life because each of us will need sympathy and someone to listen many times in our lives.

The second consequence: I have no chance to offer to the faceless masses. I can't say things like: 'Don't take college too seriously; remember to have fun,' or, 'Be sure to get involved in some extracurricular activity.' 'Not only am I not sure about the efficacy of such adages, I don't believe that we all live according to the same rules. Maybe, just maybe, you are different from me, so I feel unqualified to offer you sweeping advice that may or may not apply to your life. So, if you were reading this hoping for some brilliant or inspired words of wisdom, you're not going to get them.

In the end, the only question I am really left with is did I do everything I could? Did I accomplish what I wanted to? Am I finished here? I am still too close to the whole Tech experience to have an answer, and whether or not the answer to all those questions is yes, it is time to move on. I guess all I can really say with any sincerity is that Tech is a place I love where I found people I love. No one can really hope for any more than that.
Remember to make time for relationships

It’s hard to believe my “swan song” is here. I start this editorial like I started my Technique experience—without any idea of how it will begin or end or what will come between. I remember the beginning well. A Tuesday evening in August of 2000 I went to the Tech tower to meet the leadership, including the editors, during the last week of summer. I was part of that vision and developing relationship with people around you. It’s a dual process of developing a vision and developing relationships with people around you. The people who are important to leadership. And it is true that every leader needs a vision, as well as a plan to turn that vision into a reality. But the people must be an important part of that vision and that plan. Therefore, I propose an addendum to the well-known proverb: "Where there are no people, the vision perishes."

It sounds silly at first; after all, people are always there. As I read, without them the institutions we know and cherish would be mere abodes. Therefore, I propose an addendum to the well-known proverb: "Where there are no people, the vision perishes."

Grad School

The ample pollen around campus is a visible demonstration of one of nature’s greatest miracles: reproduction. When a momma tree and a daddy tree love each other very much...they...yeah...the pollen count is astronomical, not only killing those of us with allergies but also making benches a hazard to those wearing white pants. Then again, if you wear white pants, maybe you deserve what you get.

SAGA vote undemocratic

SGA has been grappling with a resolution concerning inter-national students and immigration laws for the majority of this semester. The actions of two representatives filled the process with misrepresentations and coward-ice, rendering SGA unable to hold an honest, open, and democ-ratic debate on the resolution. Three-weeks ago, SGA moved to reconsider a resolution that had passed in previous weeks. This resolution asked for fair and just treatment of international students that were being affect-ed by the new immigration laws. SGA moved to reconsider the immigration bill. In an attempt to muster a compromise between the support of the resolution and the opposition, this resolution was failed for the purpose of creating a compromise resolution. At the final SGA meeting, this compromise resolution was slated to be discussed last instead of debating the resolution and voting against it, as would be customary in a democratic body. Representatives Jennifer Hinkel and Josh Alexander took advantage of SGA’s inability to stay above quorum and walked our discussion. This reduced SGA below quorum, effectively killing the compromise resolution. It’s quite cowardly to walk out of a meeting after using repeated lies to subvert the democratic process. One should not tar SGA in its entirety for the failings of these members; it is important to note that a number of SGA’s representatives have expressed support in condemning their actions. However, if SGA ever is to throw off the common perception of ineffectiveness and worthlessness, the cowardly subversion of open discussion and democracy must cease.
I am quite sad that this will be my last column to run in the Technique. I have so enjoyed writing these columns over the past two years, and I hope you have enjoyed reading them, or at least, that they sometimes gave you something to think about. Thank you to everyone who took the time to let me know what they thought about something I wrote, whether it was in a letter to the editor that disagreed with my point of view, an email, or just a kind word.

I’m also quite a bit sad to be leaving Tech, which is very funny for me. I never planned to come to school here — often times, I think I came in kicking and screaming, but I’m definitely going out the same way.

A few weeks ago, I had an interesting moment at home. While I was looking through a journal I had during high school, I found a page that asked the writer to make a list of goals. Of over 100 lines, I had filled only twelve. Each line had a box next to it so that goals could be checked off as they were reached.

To my great surprise, many of these goals were actually things I had either achieved or was very close to achieving. Things that had seemed the most far-fetched goals in high school were not only possible, but even reachable. I checked off the boxes that needed checking, and I added about ten new goals to the list. Most likely, I won’t look at that journal again for several years, but I hope I find the same thing the next time I look. Already, I’ve forgotten some of the things I wrote down, but I have faith that many of them will come to pass.

“I am in complete awe of so many of my peers for the things that they have achieved to make this campus better.”

Jennifer Hinkel
Columnist, Technique

When I started at Tech, I only had the faintest idea of where I wanted to end up in the future. Even now, I have no idea exactly where I will live or what career I will have. But many things over the past four years have given me small nudges in the right directions. Each person with whom you come into contact at Tech can impart both small gifts and great wisdom — it is our responsibility to figure out how to use these things and what they mean.

I’ve never been an advocate of strictly mapping out one’s life. The future is too unpredictable for that. But I think it is important that we all have three things — goals for what we want to achieve, the faith that they can be achieved, and the perseverance to achieve them. Every day at Tech, I have seen people doing things they didn’t think were possible, whether they were trying to get an A on a final in order to pass a class or they were making a long, impossible pass down the field. I am in complete awe of so many of my peers for the things that they have achieved to make this campus better.

I, along with the rest of Tech, thank you.

Set goals that are high, mighty, and even impossible. Hang them on your fridge or tuck them away to check on in five years. Have the faith that your goals are achievable, no matter how unattainable they seem. If you believe in your goals and have faith, you will be able to persevere. The last two parts — faith and perseverance — are certainly the hardest, but they are what distinguish people who just want to do something from those who actually do it.

I have no closing speech to Tech about the things I’d like to change for the better. (That’s why I wrote all of those other columns.) If one thing has helped me survive Tech, not just academically, but in all kinds of ways, it has been the faith that I eventually would graduate. Now it’s your turn. Make your goals good for you. Thank you.

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You can read the full tale of the repercussions of last year’s 2600 publication on a mirror of his website at http://www.se2600.org/acidus/index.html. We need to stand up for “known and admitted hacking” that results in the betterment of society. If Billy is forced to sign a permanent gag order, not only does it invalidate his degree and career plans, but Blackboard, the grossly negligent corporation, will win.

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Billy Hoffman, a fourth year CompE, is currently being “gagged” by Blackboard, the provider of Tech’s BuzzCard system. Blackboard’s system has control of door access, vending machines and the debit accounts of BuzzCard holders.

Last year, Billy became curious about the system and did some investigating to determine how the system worked. He discovered the gaping flaws in the security of the system due to negligence of both Blackboard and Georgia Tech.

After the publication of his findings in 2600 magazine, Billy was contacted by the BuzzCard office. They were not, curiously, looking to find out exactly where they were going wrong. They instead wanted Billy to write a letter stating that his research was wrong and to post the letter to Blackboard’s company forum. Knowing his findings were correct, Billy refused.

Hacking good for security

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When I reflect on my year spent running the Technique, I see it as a tale of two semesters — one in which I worked for an abstract vision and another in which I focused on people. The second, despite my physical hardships, became the more rewarding.

Jody wishes to thank his staff for lots of great memories: your butt, gr-oo-s nap, the editor pants, demoralization, the ‘Nique luth, the F-bomb, theAthens2.5, the weather and many communities of trained monkeys.
It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s a paper glider!

Earlier this month a team of engineering students traveled to North Carolina to compete in the Energy Challenge 2003, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. The glider placed second in the flight category.

By Jennifer Lee
Staff Writer

If you think folding paper airplanes is cool, what about building a paper hang glider? Five students from Tech have been doing just that. Their efforts recently culminated in the Energy Challenge 2003, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. An annual competition, previous years’ Energy Challenge participants have had to build, for example, kayaks and sailboats—all out of paper.

Carl McIntyre, Vicky Hsu, Wendy Fu, Jabulani Barber—all chemical engineering students—and April Moore, an aerospace sophomore, composed this year’s team. They became involved after applying to several schools. What sold them was that Tech has the most exceptional students, and that their professors often feel that in and out of the classroom. Female students and professors often feel that in and out of the classroom. Female students and professors often feel that in and out of the classroom. Female students and professors often feel that in and out of the classroom. Female students and professors often feel that in and out of the classroom.

"We all got a chance to hang glide... and we talked to the instructors, [who] helped us understand... how a hang glider works." Vicky Hsu, chemical engineering senior.

The group also got a chance to interview Ed Burns, who is starring in a new movie called Confidence, coming out next Friday.

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Burn, baby, burn.

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Back on the field

The football team played Saturday to showcase next season’s talents on the field. The offense needs work, and the defense impressed. (See page 32)
Hang

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was just the three of us,” said Hsu, “and while we were trying to put the sail on the frame—it was huge, and it was very windy—we were spreading the sail out, and a gust of wind just came, and it caught an edge and the sail just ripped [in] the middle... almost ripped halfway.”

Therefore, unlike the rest of the teams, who spent Friday testing their gliders, the Tech team spent it patching up their sail. “Duct tape fixes everything,” Hsu laughed. In addition, they had just enough time to assemble their glider before the competition began the next day. “We made sure we didn’t go out to the windy area [to set it up],” said Fu. And lastly, despite having trained for the moment, Hsu, the team’s pilot, did not get the fly the hang glider. Because of the strong winds that day, for safety reasons, instructors flew each team’s hang glider.

However, despite all the mishaps, the Tech glider fared amazingly well. “Everyone was shocked, especially the instructors,” said Fu. “They were like, well, we didn’t even test fly it!” said Hsu. She added proudly, “One of the instructors, who was the main instructor for a hang gliding school, said that our glider was most like the training glider that they have.”

Also, Hsu added, “Also, a lot of them made this project their senior design project, while we were just doing this as volunteers.”

Their glider’s performance earned them a second place finish in flight. “Even then, there was a discrepancy,” said Barber, explaining that they got second by a close margin. “The pilot that flew [our glider] hit a dune near the bottom. The winning team didn’t have that dune.”

Unfortunately, when it came to scoring, flying only counted 20 points out of the total 100 points possible. Other components that were considered in the overall standings included midterm and final reports, various criteria the paper used in the sail had to satisfy, and a presentation the day of the competition. Because the requirements had not been well-documented on the website, the team was unaware of several of the requirements. “We had no idea about the presentation,” said Hsu.

“I went and talked to the judges afterwards,” Hsu continued, “and he was saying... your advisor should know about the requirements, and we said, ‘Our advisor just told us to go there and have fun!’”

The teammates were likewise good-natured about their mistakes, and jokingly asserted that the only thing that really matters is the flying. “We’re engineers! Who cares about reports?” said Hsu.

With most of the team planning on competing again next year, though, they are already starting to look ahead. Next year’s Challenge will be to build a snowboard. “We want to make a call to all snowboarders,” Barber said, “whether they want to get involved with the construction, or the testing, or the actual competition.”

And this time they’ll be prepared. Said Barber, of next year’s endeavor, “We will make sure that it wins.”

Anyone interested in joining next year’s team should contact Vicky Hsu at gte988i@mail.gatech.edu.

“Hang gliding team pilot

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Vicky Hsu

Hang gliding team pilot

The team poses with their finished hang glider on the dunes at Jockey’s Ridge State Park in North Carolina. Despite having to be patched with duct tape, their glider placed second in the flight competition.

Photo courtesy Institute Communications and Public Affairs

Vicky Hsu and Wendy Fu work on the paper sail for their hang glider. Construction of the glider took place at the Atlanta Technology Center, off Northside Drive, in a lab owned by the pulp and paper department.

Photo courtesy Vicky Hsu
The Aware Home Project, located just outside campus on the corner of 10th and Center Street, aims to develop ways to make a home more responsive to its inhabitants. Georgia Tech computer science and psychology professors, as well as undergraduate and graduate students, collaborate on this research endeavor. Besides benefiting the morale of senior citizens, the project could also benefit them economically. Nursing homes and other institutions that care for older adults have high costs, so if an adult can live in his own home, then it would save money. Additionally, elderly home facilities are not always available. The research findings from the project have the potential to make a world-wide impact. In addition it could potentially increase Georgia’s retiree population if more people move here to take advantage of Georgia’s advances in elder care and aware home technologies because of the project’s findings.

Besides the grant from Georgia Research Alliance, the AHRI has the industrial sponsors Accenture CSTaR, Hewlett-Packard, Intel and Motorola Labs. AHRI has also received funds from the Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratory and Visteon. The National Science Foundation sponsors the project as well.

For more information, check out http://www.awarehome.gatech.edu
opportunities...It puts females at an advantage,” she said. The early pioneers like Shirley Mewborn and Elizabeth Herndon had to deal with professors who didn’t want women in their classroom.

Smith’s classmates are also unbiased. “Sometimes I feel a little intimidated when I’m the only women in the group, but the IE classes are split fairly evenly. I get along better with guys, anyway.”

Women like Smith no longer have to deal with the taunting related to their gender. The days of “I’m a Ramblin’ Wreck from Georgia Tech and I keep my lipstick near my freshman year, and was turned her attention to many of the leadership conference and the Virginia Monologues, held special events such as the opening of the 50 Years of Women at Tech exhibit at the library, and provided a myriad of programs during Women’s Awareness Month. It’s given women like Smith an important understanding of their past.

Smith exemplifies today’s Tech woman. Busy and ambitious, she shares many of the same traits as her predecessors without the hassle of intimidation. She’s had the freedom to pursue her own interests, and most importantly, she’s had fun.

“It’s been a blast,” she said.
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Winner of the Tech Up Close contest receives a Technique T-shirt and a coupon for a free student combo at Li’l Dino’s.

Last week’s Tech Up Close:
   Junior’s Grill sign

Last week’s winner:
   Danny Nguyen
The history and state of affairs of women at Tech is so extensive and complex that it really deserves a full study by a professional historian. It could be researched, composed and bound in a volume that would literally take up hundreds of pages to even glance at every facet of women at Tech. This newspaper series was barely able to scratch the surface, but it wasn’t meant to be a complete case study. Instead, it served as an overview or a glance at women at Tech, how far they have come and how wonderfully diverse they’ve become.

Many other aspects of women at Tech could have been explored as well: women in music or art, women in religious organizations, women in honor societies and many others deserved attention. More than one woman per decade during the historical section of the series could have been profiled. One woman hardly does a decade’s worth of history justice.

A goal of this series has been to make the point that women at Tech have gone from a persecuted minority to a significant, vital, well-respected part of the community. Women don’t allow themselves to be intimidated because of their gender, their background or their diversity of interests. They’re a strong, ambitious, independent bunch, and may they be saluted for making it this far and setting a standard that the rest of society should follow.

The following people deserve to be recognized for providing vital assistance in the production of this series:

• Marilyn Somers, who provided videotaped interviews of many of the first women who attended Tech, which were vital to the writing of the first four articles.
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• My classmates Irene Gung, Erin Reddick and Tina Denq were also instrumental in helping track down interviewees.

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Hoffman, Burns face off in a heated game of Confidence

By Art Savay
Staff Writer

Title: Confidence
Starring: Edward Burns, Dustin Hoffman, Andy Garcia, Rachel Weisz
Director: James Foley
Rating: R
Runtime: 98 minutes
Score: ★ ★ ★ 1/2 out of 5 stars

“At no point is this guy for real. I tried to be as detached and cool, but calm as possible. All the time. Although this guy almost isn’t a caring, feeling person,” said Edward Burns, describing his latest character when visiting last month.

Eddie, as he likes to call himself, first appeared 1995 with the Sundance Grand Jury Prize-winning film The Brother’s McMullen, which he wrote, directed and starred in. He has also been in such other films as She’s The One, Saving Private Ryan, and Life is Everything, like it.

Burns stars as Jake Vig in the upcoming film Confidence, opening April 25. The all-star cast alone, including Dustin Hoffman, Andy Garcia, Paul Giamatti and Rachel Weisz, is enough to warrant a ticket purchase.

Jake Vig is a grifter, with a talented team at his side. The movie begins as his team has just pulled a coin on a person who turns out to be an accountant for a man in a foreign country, a leader of a large national bank with strong ties to organized crime.

The plot is smart, and it’s presented in a quick entertaining way. “I think [people] are hungry for good stories and good storytelling. And if the storytelling uses these devices that Confidence offers, it makes Hoffman, Burns face off in a heated game of Confidence.

Confidence is about a man who never had to work through the crowd to remind everyone of the great work he has done in the past. The character is a man of many faces, and he is always there to help others.

The set continues with more new Sharp originals and calm and shadowy renditions of some Rental songs. A projection slide show complements the performance as the backdrop, changing once for every song. Among them is one depicting the old house in the Tennessee countryside where Sharp and his conglomerates spent several months together working on the new solo album.

The set is composed of three acoustic guitars, Sharp’s falsetto-ready vocal talents, and occasional implementation of some experimental sounds from the xylophone or other live music instruments.

The title of his Atlanta show was “An Intimate Evening with Matt Sharp.” The show began with the opening number, “Every Time in Blue.” It is aptly titled, as the set contained a multitude of twists. The ending is deceitfully shadowed, as the ultimate mark of the coin is ironically the audience itself.

Explained Burns, “There’s really very few moments in the film where he’s actually present as Jake Vig. So many scenes in the film we are putting on an act for someone else in the film. You just kind of have to remember very rarely in the film is this character acting honestly. Even the scenes with Dustin, the choice to sort of allow him to intimidate my character are all part of the bigger con.”

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Incoherent Scribblings

What’s next? Are you gonna be in boxon beauty from Paraguay? Armies of beautiful women for my precious Eddie to lust over?

Oh well, it’s too late for explanations. Your hijinks are compromising the fragile girly gang. I have to get you. Sadly for you, I cannot rest until you are destroyed. Good day, Magnus. Watch your back.

Geek, what a TECH BETCH!

Ang, how!

Incoherent Scribblings
Wind Waker carries on Legend, introduces new graphics

By C. Jason Mabry
Contributing Writer

Game: The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker
System: Nintendo GameCube
Score: ★★★★ out of 5

The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker, the newest installment in the Zelda series, is a welcome addition to the collection. Seasoned players and newcomers alike will enjoy the game’s interface and feel. Markedly different from previous titles, it maintains the overall aura classic to Link’s adventures. Gameplay technique is essentially unchanged, as players still undergo combat with evil forces while seeking elusive treasures in conspicuous locations.

The puzzles, increasing prevalent in the collection, are even more rampant in The Wind Waker, much to the joy, but also consternation, of gamers. Friendly characters provide hints and tips throughout the game, via both dialogue and action. Previous puzzles were often complex, but those in Wind Waker at times border bewildering. Though older players will have an easier time playing through the game, the less-seasoned will, with a concerted effort, at least manage.

Time is the main aspect of the game. Especially in the beginning, all goals take large amounts of time, not just in figuring out the objective and a canonical solution, but actually performing the task. As with previous adventures, expect inordinate amounts of backtracking. This can make for frustrating game play, but the adventure is somewhat entrancing. Every new tool or heart container seems only a few minutes away, and players can easily consume four hours without realizing it.

The Wind Waker adventure is particularly exciting due to the change in scenery. Instead of the usual overland trek one has come to expect, the play revolves around island hopping in a little red boat complete with talking masthead.

The story line is well fleshed-out and rather absorbing. The creators have really pushed the envelope, taking the series beyond its previous scope. Gameplay technique is essentially unchanged, as players still undergo combat with evil forces while seeking elusive treasures in conspicuous locations. Numerous side missions break up the often monotonous routine of sailing the vast distance between islands. The ocean map is divided into a grid, and each square presents its own obstacles and opportunities for exploration.

Unfortunately, the map is initially blank, and requires countless hours of aimless sailing to completely identify and label each island. Furthermore, the endless search for sunken and otherwise hidden treasure is almost a game within itself, as some objects only appear at certain times under specific conditions.

Wind Waker is a superb achievement. While perhaps not high on repeat play, it will undoubtedly entertain for many hours. For those who enjoy role-play adventures, Zelda is a classic and Wind Waker shines. Unless free time abounds, this may be best reserved for summer, as half an hour between classes will not yield much progress. Expect lengthy gameplay and challenging puzzles, and this game will not disappoint.

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“The South’s Livliest College Newspaper,” e-mail:
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For months, I have longed to have an apropos moment to write about things that you shouldn’t stick in a microwave oven. However, I realized something this morning: there will never be a time in my career with the Technique that this topic will be apropos enough to write about. So, instead, let’s talk about the kitchen appliance that accelerates water molecules to a rate that would displace a car: the dishwasher. Just like the microwave, cats hate when you put them in the dishwasher and turn it on. However, being the benign, equal-opportunity Two Bits Man that I am, I would like to consider all things animate that you should leave out of the dishwasher.

I started thinking about this when I went to grab a mug out of the dishwasher and found one of those thirty-two-ounce tumblers upended in the dishwasher, filled with sludge. Non-dense objects should not be left to their own devices in the dishwasher. They fly faster than the neighbor’s record-setting prize gherkin. But if you decide to shine your next-door neighbor’s record-setting prize gherkin, then consider it worthy of monetary damages. If this is how you believe in spiritual ‘cleansing,’ it’s all about Whirlpool, baby.”

If the object’s owner or the object itself will sue you, don’t wash it. Though I believe that judges should smite those who file frivolous lawsuits, not all judges agree. If you’ve ever thought, “Gee, I wonder what would happen if I throw all 100,000 packages of Pop Rocks! You could be greedy and eat them, but you’d never recover. You’d be in class at church, at Symphony Hall, at one of those brownbag shindigs that the CoC is fond of; you’d be everywhere. So, why not throw all 100,000 packages in the dishwasher and turn it on? Though I’ve never had the luxury of winning 100,000 packages of Pop Rocks, I suspect that ten minutes into the cycle, you would hear a raucous noise, and then an explosion would knock you up for a test—wash it! You’ve learned nothing from the New Jersey shore? Pins are dangerous, and you would displease a cat: the dishwasher at one of those magic 3D posters, and all you see is a bunch of red and blue dots—wad it up, and set your dishwasher for pots and pans mode.

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The early days of being played on college radio were responsible for setting the course towards success. Rivers Cuomo, Weezer’s front man, and Sharp apparently shared at one time a very similar thought process and a compatible passion for music that helped forge the lasting success of Weezer.

Though Sharp no longer speaks with Rivers and is currently engaged in a lawsuit against Weezer regarding compensation and songwriting credit for songs such as “Undone (The Sweater Song),” “El Scorcho” and “The Good Life,” he still prefers to generate favorable reflections on his history.

The future seems to offer a very different course for Sharp than what his past might suggest. His musical ambition, he said, is to “remove a lot of the barriers that separate the message of a musician from his audience.” He is fully dedicated to music and his current solo pursuit is where he wishes to pay the most attention.

Matt Sharp will be releasing his first solo album, titled “I’m All Wound Up,” in May. Visit www.matsharp.net for more information on Sharp and his current tour.

www.nique.net
He covers a lot of ground, and his defense has improved, although there are still occasional lapses. Jeremy Snyder has suffered a bit of a sophomore slump but has shown signs of breaking out of it in the last few weeks. Freshman Steven Blackwood has done a fantastic job filling in at all three outfield positions and DHing. He already has a walk-off homer and a grand slam to his credit, and he is building a solid case to be in the Yellow Jackets starting outfield next season.

Starting Pitching: A+ This was supposed to be the strength of the squad, and it surely has been. The starters have a combined record of 22-3 with a 3.93 ERA. Kyle Bakker and Chris Goodman were supposed to be the anchors of the rotation, but have struggled more than expected. It hasn’t mattered. Both of them have bounced back from rough patches, and the depth of the staff has been amazing. Freshmen Micah Owings and Jason Neighborgall have been nothing short of outstanding. Solid contributions from Andrew Kown and Brian Burks have also helped considerably. It doesn’t seem to matter who is in the game, as the Jackets are always in a position to win.

Relief Pitching: A+ An Achilles’ heel at times last season, the bullpen has been a major strength for this team. The bullpen ERA is a measly 3.64, their record is 7-3, and they have already recorded 10 saves. Jeff Watchco has done well in a return to the bullpen fulltime after splitting time between the pen and the rotation last season. Aaron Walker has been left-handed lightning, and solid contributions from Nick Wagner and Jordan Crews have also helped preserve late-inning leads. Add in rubber-armed Brian Burks and this unit is beyond solid.

Discussing the depth and quality of the overall pitching staff, Coach Hall commented, “I think Kown has given us some good starts, Burks has been real good. Jordan Crews has thrown really good in middle relief lately. I think Goodman has thrown much better. I think Bakker is throwing better.”

“Watchco has kind of been in and out,” added Hall. “He’s one guy I’d like to see get a little more consistent. Neighborgall has been okay. Micah Owings has been great. Micah has been everything that we’d thought he would be.”

Offense: B+ The Jackets started off slowly at the plate, but in the past four weeks the bats have finally warmed up. The Yellow Jackets are hitting .314 as a team, scoring 8.54 runs per game, and they have 56 HR and 64 stolen bases in 55 games. That would ordinarily qualify as an A, but there are two major reasons for concern. Tech has achieved these gains against fairly poor pitching staffs, including Duke and Maryland, the weakest teams in the ACC. Another concern is an all or nothing approach at the plate. Tech strikes out 7.8 times a game, and not putting the ball in play kills rallies, especially for a team with so much speed and the philosophy of applying pressure to the defense. The Jackets haven’t faced the type of pitching they are going to see in the coming weeks as they enter the meat of their ACC schedule, and the offense is still a concern.

Defense: C Team defense was a problem last year and is still a concern this year. The fielding percentage is just average. For a national title contender, the team commits too many errors, and those errors appear to come from mental lapses and breaks in concentration rather than an inability to make plays. Thirty of the team’s 54 errors have come from the left side of the infield, which was expected to be stronger defensively. Davis Myers has not hit well enough to see much action in the field, and Tyler Greene seems to make errors in bunches with one bad play affecting his confidence to make the next. As Greene matures and begins to put more trust in his abilities and shake off bad plays, that tendency should disappear. In the meantime, the extra outs given to opposing teams show up in unearned runs, and the Jackets continue to allow more than one run per inning, just like last season. On the state of the club’s defensive performance, Coach Hall stated, “I think we’re just average right now. We need to get better.”

“We’ve had some of those. So, we’ve got to get better at that,” Hall said of the careless errors and mental lapses. On Tyler Greene’s defense, Hall said, “I think he’s worked hard to get better, and I think he is getting better. I think he has made some errors where maybe he’s a little careless, but I think he’s improving. I like what I’m seeing.”

“Now is the time of year where you really want your team to put it all together and get better.”

Donny Hall
Head Coach

Overall: A-

In all, Tech deserves its spot in the top five of most national rankings. The pitching staff is one of the strongest in the nation from top to bottom, and this team will go as far as the pitching takes them. The offense is good, but not great. The reliance on the long ball has led to inconsistency in scoring runs. The defense is average, but a renewed attention to detail and getting some of the younger players to focus more could improve the situation considerably. The experiences of last season, the focus on team goals, and the overall emotional makeup of the team should help this team do whatever it takes to be a winner. “I don’t think we’ve put it all together yet,” said Hall. “We started our pitching great. Our offense kind of lagged behind. Lately, I think our offense has gotten a lot better. Our starting pitching has been pretty good. I think our relief pitching has been okay. I’m still waiting for our team to click on all cylinders to where everybody in the lineup is hitting good, where we’re playing good defense, and all the guys we’re running out there to pitch, pitch good. I’ve seen signs of it, and now is the time of year where you really want your team to put it all together and get better.”

From page 32
By Katie Neal  
Sports Editor

On Saturday, the Georgia Tech men’s lacrosse team traveled to Auburn, Alabama to face SELC conference rival Auburn, who Tech had not beaten Auburn since 1997. The Jackets entered the game ranked in the No. 20 position, while the Tigers were in the No. 15 spot. The winner of the contest would take the No. 3 seed in the upcoming SELC tournament in Atlanta.

With an aggressive run and gun style, the higher-ranked Auburn Tigers put forth a tough battle, but ultimately was overpowered 11-7 by the Jackets, who put forth a tough defense and an aggressive offensive throughout the match.

“It was a great team win for us. We came in with a strong game plan and executed it perfectly. This was a monkey we really wanted to get off our back. Our defense, led by freshman goalie Andy Babcock and defenders Mark Muecke, Bryant Jarrell, Brent Burdett, Mike Verga, Alex Heitz, Brady Broich, Justin Gomes and Mike Algozer, did an excellent job holding AU to their lowest point total of the year,” said Head Coach Ken Lovic.

The first quarter of the game ended with both teams tied at two and the second quarter began with Tech scoring three consecutive goals after Auburn’s one goal to start the quarter.

Ryan Hansen, Gary Bridges and Will Oakley had the significant goals that left Tech ahead 5-3 at the half. Tech’s defense held strong throughout the second half, pushing the Jackets toward their victory.

Freshman goalie Andy Babcock led the Tech defense with his continuous blocking of Auburn shots. The Yellow Jacket defense currently has the lowest goals allowed in the SELC.

“I am happy to get this win, said Babcock. “Auburn is a strong team and I thank my defense, which did a great job limiting Auburn to low percentage shots all day. We faced a number of man-down situations which the defense responded to with perfection.”

“As a senior I am glad to finally see us beat them. We are playing with a lot of confidence right now and it feels great to come together. [Andy] Babcock did a great job,” said defensive teammate Bryant Jarrell.

The Jacket’s offensive team pushed through at the end of the third with two goals of their own from Bob Jeager and Sean Dvoren. The third quarter ended with Tech ahead 7-4.

The fourth quarter led to some added excitement, as Auburn’s Adam Zensinger and Tech’s Bryant Jarrell got into a small battle that led to the referee breaking it up and throwing penalties on both. Tech then stopped Auburn’s penalty attempt and then added four goals to add insult to the Tiger’s injury.

Will Oakley, Jimmy Pallotta, Craig Kronenthal and Jeager all scored for Tech to put the score at 11-4.

With the victory over the Auburn Tigers, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets secured the No. 3 seed in the upcoming SELC tournament. Tech will face the No. 6 seed in the opening round of the tournament, to be held at North Springs High School here in Atlanta.

“This was a huge step for us. We are showing more and more each game we can play with the big boys nationally. This win has secured us a great seed in the upcoming SELC tournament. Offensively, we clicked at the right times today. It felt good to come together for this one; we were really focused,” said midfielder Will Oakley.

Next up for the men’s team will be in-state rivals Georgia Bulldogs, who the Jackets travel to Athens on Thursday to play against for Tech’s season ending game.
Tech takes third at nationals

By Katie Neal
Sports Editor

The Georgia Tech gymnastics club team finished its year in a position that the team members never even fathomed to be in, especially since it is only their second season in competition. The Yellow Jacket team traveled to Austin, Texas on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 to compete against 34 other nationally ranked competitors.

At the end of only their second year in existence, the Georgia Tech gymnastics team took home the No. 3 place in the national competition, finishing just shy of the national title that was taken home by Notre Dame.

“When Tara [Hayden] and I started the club last year, we only hoped to be where we are after a few more years,” said Elizabeth Deems, one of the co-founders of the club. The team’s future hopes consist of one day becoming a full varsity team. With the outstanding performances from the past two years, and the dedication of the ladies on the team, that hope could become a reality possibly very soon.

The Jackets had some outstanding performances from all their team members, especially Stephanie Carter, who placed sixth in all-around, second on the floor exercises, and second on the beam, and played an integral part in leading the Jackets towards their finish at nationals. Mary Lambo placed ninth in All-Around and eight on the beam, and Tara Hayden took eighteenth on the vault.

The Jackets’ third place finish was with a score of 139.475 points, a little less than a point behind first place Notre Dame, who won with a score of 140.7 points.

This year’s third place finish was a huge improvement over last year’s seventeenth place ending.
Football
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“Touchdown” Tony Hollings takes a break to sign a fan’s t-shirt. Hollings was one of several injured players missing from the White-Gold game.

The offense, however, was not without its bright spots. Sophomore running-back Michael Sampson led the ground attack, rushing for 111 yards on 12 carries. The speedy Sampson highlighted his day with an impressive 65-yard scoring jaunt. Gailey is obviously impressed by Sampson’s strides.

“Michael has done a great job, and he’s moved to the front of that pack right now,” said the second-year Tech coach. “I thought he did a good job of running inside and when he got on the perimeter.”

That is good news for a Tech team anticipating the return of “Touchdown” Tony Hollings this fall, as well as proven backs P.J. Daniel and Ajayi’s “Ace” Ezenefa. Tech also landed the highly touted Reshaun Grant this past recruiting season. Grant, from Florida, was regarded as the best “all-around” back in the nation by several recruiting publications. Competition at the running back position should be heated once fall practice begins in August.

Other offensive stars were sophomore Daniels (54 yards on 11 carries), junior Mark Logan (57 yards on five catches), Thomas (92 on two receptions) and Smith (55 yards on two receptions).

“We throw the ball deep fairly well, but we’re not crisp and we’re not where we need to be,” added Gailey.

Defensively, along with the interceptions by Houston and Anayas, sophomores Eric Henderson and Gerris Wilkinson recovered fumbles for the defense. Sophomore interior lineman Travis Parker added two sacks and a forced fumble.

Things are looking bright for John Tenuta’s defensive unit. Tenuta’s boys return six of the front seven, as well as seven of 11 starters overall from last season’s unit, not including the potential return of All-American Greg Gathers from a kidney ailment. Gathers, Tech’s all-time sack leader, has participated sparingly in the spring, but should be full strength by the fall. The defensive secondary lost three starters, but Houston, senior Jonathan Cox, sophomores Jim Res and Dominique Landry, junior James Butler and redshirt-freshman I-Perfection Harris have more than held their own this spring.

The results from Saturday’s scrimmage left most Tech fans with mixed reviews. As expected, the defense is ahead of the offense at this juncture. However, the offense has shot the ball itself in the foot far too frequently, and must search for some amount of continuity and consistency before the fall.

The return of several starters should help. The Jackets will also receive additional time to digest the new offensive philosophy of co-coordinators Buddy Geis (passing game) and Patrick Nix (running game).

Beyond the White and Gold

The rest of sports bests

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

With this whole “Best of Tech” issue thing, I didn’t have any writer’s block problems this week. It was pretty obvious that I could just do a “Best of…” thing for non-Tech sports.

So, as one last dose of my sports ramblings, here is the best of non-Tech sports.

Best Championship Team: Arizona Angel

These guys, as the D-backs before them, get major bonus points for beating the Yankees. The rally monkey and the often annoying thunder sticks added to the atmosphere of the games.

Last year’s World Series was the only championship where I wished I could have been there.

Best Sports Moment: Roddick vs. El Aynaoui, US Open Quarterfinal fifth set

Okay, so it’s kind of cheating to pick like five hours as a “moment.” (In my defense, I, unlike MLB, am not trying to tell you that Ichiro’s entire rookie year is one moment.)

No other event in the past year came close to this level of drama, though.

There were countless chances for both men to win the match and it wasn’t that either was chocking. Rather, whoever was on the ropes would just bounce back with some brilliant net play, a return winner, whatever. This was high drama.

Best Athlete: Barry Bonds, San Francisco Giants

I don’t really like the guy. Truthfully, I don’t think he wants to be liked, but I have to respect how incredible he was last year (and the year before, of course).

It’s simply amazing the way he can stay ready to turn on every fastball he sees, with pitchers walking him a record number of times.

Best Coach: Herm Edwards, New York Jets

Egged wards gets the nod here for the way the Jets suddenly came together late last season and made a run into the playoffs.

When they got hot, Edwards had them spanning any inferior opponents and even knocking off opponents that seemed to have them overmatched.

The Jets just generally seemed well-prepared and made the most of any breaks that came their way—both signs of a well-coached team.

Well, those are the four major “Bests” as I see it in any given year. Any more and you’re begging for a painfully long, four-hour show with female athletes looking really uncomfortable in high heels and plenty of celebrity cameos. Wait, that’s the Espys.

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**by the numbers**

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The point difference in the scores between the defense and the offense in Saturday’s Tech football Spring scrimmage. Sophomore Reuben Houston had an interception and blocked a potential game-winning field goal on the final play to lift the defense to a 26-24 victory over the offense.

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Ranking of Georgia Tech’s women’s tennis team, who traveled to compete in the ACC Championships at the Millbrook Exchange Tennis Center in Raleigh, N.C. on Friday.

45

Number of career wins held by sophomore pitcher Jessica Sallinger after Monday’s win over Mississippi State. Sallinger also now has 54 career complete games to establish yet another school mark.

11

Number of home games left for the Tech baseball team this season. The Yellow Jackets play tonight at Russ Chandler Stadium against Wake Forest Deacons at 7 p.m.

20

Number of consecutive wins that the Georgia Tech baseball team has over Georgia Southern after Tuesday night’s victory. The Yellow Jackets improved to 7-0 against teams from the state of Georgia in 2003, and Tech is 49-8 against its in-state foes since 1999.

**Spring scrimmage has mixed reviews**

It was a good news, bad news scenario at the Georgia Tech spring football scrimmage this Saturday. The good news is that Tech’s defense looked strong, aggressive and opportunistic. The bad news is that Tech fans hoping for improved play and consistency on the offensive side of the ball took little solace away from that particular Tech effort Saturday. Even more disconcerting, the defense outscored the offense 26-24, without ever having possession of the ball.

Coach Chan Gailey decided to conduct things a little differently in his second White-Gold game. As opposed to the traditional format of an offensive unit and a defensive unit on each team, the Jackets scrimmaged as an offensive team vs. a defensive team. Pitting two different offensive units on separate teams became complicated, and utterly impossible, with the slow of injuries experienced on that side of the ball this spring, particularly on the offensive line. At some positions on the line, Tech had no backups available due to attrition from injuries. The defense was credited with points as follows: six points for a defensive touchdown, three points for an interception or fumble recovery, two points for forcing the offense to go three-and-out and one point for holding the offense without a score on any series.

Sophomore cornerback Reuben Houston made all the difference for the defensive Jackets. Houston, the hero of Saturday’s scrimmage, intercepted Damarious Bilbo on the game’s first play, and blocked a potential game-winning field goal attempt from place kicker Dan Burnette on the game’s final play.

Tech’s offensive showing was pretty much the same old story from last year: one good play would be followed by consecutive bad plays. Sophomore Damarious Bilbo, who has received the bulk of the reps at quarterback this spring, finished 6-15 for 135 yards with one touchdown and the aforementioned interception. The touchdown pass came via a 35-yard strike to senior wideout Jonathan Smith.

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The incumbent, senior A.J. Suggs, completed 7-10 passes for 119 yards but, likewise, was guilty of throwing an ill-advised interception. Linebacker Tabubujo Anyansi picked Suggs on an attempted throw-away by the senior quarterback from Powder Springs, GA. Suggs hit junior wideout Jonathan Smith for a 35-yard score on the first play of the second half.

With the season halfway over, the Tech’s baseball team has shown its superiority in the bullpen, first base, and shortstop positions.

**Baseball midseason report card: Grade A-**

The college baseball season is a little over halfway old, and it’s time for some midseason evaluations. It’s time to assess how the freshmen have done, how the position changes have worked out, how the pitching looks, how the defense has performed and what the athletes need to do to get better. Let’s go position by position, and then answer the big questions at the end.

**Catching**

Mike Nickeas has done an outstanding job both behind the dish and from the batter’s box as well. Nickeas has been among the team leaders in batting average and is on his way to being named to the watch list for the Johnny Bench Award which is given to the nation’s top catcher each year. He has thrown out quite a high percentage of runners as he did last season, but teams are still hesitant to test him. Andy Hawranick has also done a solid job in a backup role. Hawranick has batted for a solid average, cut down half of opponent base stealers, and has been handling the pitchers very well.

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First Base/Designated Hitter: A

Clifton Remole hasn’t played first base as often as he would like, due to a lingering knee injury this season. As solid defensive first baseman, Remo has had to spend some time as the designated hitter. The pain hasn’t slowed down his bat though, as he recently had a 16-game hitting streak. When he isn’t pitching, Micah Owings has also split time between first base and designated hitter. Owings has been hitting bombs all season, but he needs to cut down on some strikeouts to become a truly fearsome hitter.

Second Base: B

When fully healthy, Eric Patterson is one of the best second basemen and one of the best leadoff men in the country. Patterson showed some of this in the first month of the season, as he stole 17 bases in his first 21 games while helping to turn 29 double plays. Patterson has been slowed by a hamstring injury, which hasn’t allowed him to steal a base in over three weeks. Look for E-Pat to get healthy, get his batting average back up to his usual standards and start dominating games from the base paths down the stretch.

Shortstop: A

Brought in for his defense, Tyler Greene has been one of Tech’s best
(and worst)
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Progress. It makes up half of the Institute’s motto of “Progress and Service,” but it often challenges the established order, which leads to friction. It interrupts the status quo, but it builds something better.

In the Technology Square project, students can see the future of the Institute: a gleaming new expansion that connects the campus with its natural midtown neighborhood across the interstate, an exciting new home for the campus bookstore, the college of management and others, and a first class facility of which everyone can be proud.

The creation of Technology Square symbolizes all that is good about the Institute. Just a dream several years ago, an ambitious and able Institute president combined with generous alumni, ingenious architects and engineers, and supportive staff and students, today Technology Square is a reality. Because of the nature and scope of this project, it will undoubtedly change the campus for years. In many ways, it already has. For these reasons, Technology Square earns a spot on the cover of “The Best and Worst of Tech.”

But Technology Square is part of a larger construction plan that defined the year for the Tech community. At every turn, new orange cones, a temporary fence or a jack hammer seemed to appear. Driving routes, walking paths and parking lots were disrupted, and frustration occurred. With the new health center, the SAC addition, the CoC addition, the Coon renovation, the stadium addition and a number of smaller projects, more campus construction occurred than ever before—including pre-Olympic construction. And more headaches occurred than ever before, as well.

This year was one measured in yellow caution tape, but with progress on the projects daily, the end seems somewhere in sight. Though it often seems like the “worst” problem, campus construction really signifies progress—something we at Tech should consider our “best.”
go to architecture students. Their creativity in their work carries over to their appearance. No wonder George on Seinfeld always wanted to be an architect.

The Best Sorority House
The nicest looking sorority house belongs to Alpha Gamma Delta. What is great about this house is, despite its small size, it almost sparks a warm and fuzzy feeling when looking at it. The yellow house, with its white shutters and porch and pristine stature, reminds one of a dollhouse. This sorority house stands out because of its downright cuteness.

Best Fraternity House
Sigma Chi has the most attractive fraternity house. The regal columns and wide front porch lend a stately atmosphere to the building; the balcony on the side of the house is a great touch, too. Just walking by makes most of the Technique staff want to rush there.

Best Construction Project
Best construction project goes to the Hightower demolition. We could have picked the Stadium, Technology Square, or SACII, but they’re not done yet, and we like to judge finished products. The Hightower demolition has accomplished its objectives, removing an unsightly, decaying building from the heart of campus. Yes, a squall mud pit remains, but only temporarily, and even that is an improvement. And heck, it was a lot of fun to watch.

Worst Construction Project
What is going on with the walkway near Junior’s? Anyone who has been at Tech longer than three years realizes that the walkway in front of Junior’s has got to be one of the most reconstructed areas on campus. It seems that no matter how complete it looks at the end of spring, the next fall will bring yet another detour around Tech Tower. We feel really sorry for the class of 1976, which sponsored the walkway; it must be costing them a fortune by now.

Best Megamod Email
This prize goes to President Clough for his holiday greeting. How often is a megamod email accompanied by a soft jazz interlude? This classy holiday message from the boosman himself gave us all a warm, fuzzy feeling inside. If you’re reading, Mr. President, this is definitely something that beats repeating next year.

Worst Megamod Email
That email was sent by the student who claimed to be a devoted fan of President Clough. Although its intentions were good, it was simply not very well written.

Best Campus Life Event
Sting Break, an annual event that brings music, food and free stuff to students during the day. This year’s event, themed “Buzz, Beads and Beignets,” featured a free evening campus concert by The Mighty Mighty BosTones. Even the weather had better cooperated with the event’s planners.

Worst FASET lie
That the “ratio” is not really that bad (as evidenced by the numerous number of women FASET leaders), and that there are plenty of cute girls at Tech. Once freshmen walk around campus their first couple of days of fall semester, they quickly realize that this FASET lie stinks. Every spring a few lookers seem to pop up with the flowers, but where do they go for the rest of the year?

Easiest major
The obvious choice here is to proclaim management the easiest major, but when you take the M-train off the track, the next-easiest major that is a relaxing ride to a degree from Tech must be international affairs. Both MG and INTA degrees mean graduating without experiencing the psychologically demoralizing intro to physics classes here, and more recently, without being able to commiserate about the true evil inherent in Scheme.

Hardest Major
Despite the fact that Math has one of the lowest major GPAs, perception has it that Chemical Engineering is actually the hardest major. This major combines the hardships of many lab classes, chemistry, math and engineering.

Best Class for an easy ‘A’
Any class taken as part of the Oxford program (or any study abroad program). What could be harder when you’re surrounded by some of the most historic and beautiful sights in the world? Although the classes might be easy, who wouldn’t want to learn about European composers (one course that will be offered this summer) and be able to visit those composers’ birthplaces? So while the classes may be easy, that doesn’t mean they aren’t valuable.

Best place to park without a pass
The student center visitor lot has a gate that goes up at 10:30 p.m., when you can retrieve your car without paying the fees. This lot is in the heart of campus, making cars parked here easily accessible from anywhere. It is also safe, since there is a guard on the lot during the daytime hours, and at night, the lot is well lit. Just make sure to get your car out of the lot before 2 a.m., when Parking enforcers have free reign over the area to issue tickets.

Worst place to park without a pass
Anywhere! But especially reserved spaces and the meters along McMillan Street. Metered spots are almost ticketing machines for parking enforcers, because people forget to feed the meters often enough, or figure that if they’re only away from their car for a few minutes there’s no use in putting money into the meter; but, it’s in the exact five minutes you leave your car that a meter maid will find your miscreant car.

Best Beard
Although most of the work has been behind the scenes, Tiffany Massey has worked to accomplish many of the goals she set out to obtain in her election. Massey helped in the establishment of the spring break referendum and the brick project that led to the Student Life Fund. She managed to do it and maintain humility; indeed, it is her down-to-earth style that makes Massey such a great student leader.

Most Active Administrator
We created this category just so we could praise President Wayne Clough once again on his handsomely groomed facial hair; his beard is well-manicured, stately and fitting of the most important man on campus. We especially like how the powdery whiteness of Clough’s beard contrasts with his crys-
tal blue eyes. No wonder the capital campaign was so successful—who could refuse a man with a face like Clough?

**Best Bathroom**
The bathrooms in the Student Success Center are worth the trek across campus. They combine a great view of the stadium (on the walk into the bathroom area, not from the stalls) with plush carpeting lining the walk to the restrooms and supreme cleanliness in the facilities.

**Worst Bathroom**
One would think that in a building like the library, which is open 24 hours to students, there would be decent facilities but sadly it's not true. The library's bathrooms are in appalling conditions for both men and women. Students are more likely to break into the sub-par Skiles bathrooms than risk using the cramped and grimy library bathrooms.

**Best Makeout Spot**
College students frequently have to get away from the pesky roommate and find other places for private one-on-one time with their significant other. By far the best place for that on campus is the Skiles garden. Not only is it secreted away from the inquisitive eye of the general public but it has a gorgeous landscape and design. There are plenty of park benches to cozy up onto as well.

**Worst Makeout Spot**
Though we've never actually seen people makeout anywhere on campus, theoretically the worst place would have to be the College of Computing commons. Nothing gets you out of the mood like seeing a bunch of CS dorks that bath in Red Bull Energy Drinks.

**Best on-campus dining**
Ferst Place is the closest thing to a four star restaurant on Tech's campus. A bit pricey for most students ($7.95 for the buffet or $6.95 for students) compared to the low-end fast food at the food court, it’s generally only frequented by faculty and staff. But if you get a chance, it’s worth trying especially with its friendly service.

**Worst on-campus dining**
Before this year, Britain’s redeeming quality was its quality ice cream machine. Now the wise people at dining services have replaced it with one that serves such hideous concoctions as “Peach Passion” and “Alpine Strawberry” that really taste nothing like peach or strawberry, just spoiled milk. Woody’s and Britain are intended to be the same caliber but there’s no comparison when Woody’s gets two showtimes a day and people who make the pasta for you versus Britain’s one showtime and a pot of skanky water for pasta. If you must use a meal plan, make the journey over to the West Side.

**Best thing the bookstore sells**
Nothing says school spirit like a navy blue hooded Tech sweatshirt or the booty shorts with Tech along the butt cheeks. Georgia Tech’s bookstore has by far the best collection of...
apparel for students in the state because the rest of the state tends to sell merchandise from that school in Athens. Just avoid the “Game Day Gold”—or is it orange or mustard?

Worst thing the bookstore sells
We may be in the South but do we have to sell trailer hitches with Buzz on it? C’mon! the school should resist the temptation to exploit the Buzz logo before we start seeing tractors with a GT logo slapped on their hoods. Really, does anyone care what the hitch attaching your trailer to your car looks like? Save the money and get a Tech license plate cover or bumper sticker instead if you want to show school pride.

Worst Lecture Hall
Whose bright idea was it to have almost every introductory computer science course lecture in the Old Architecture Building’s lecture hall? With dark lighting, cramped seating and uncomfortable chairs, all it does is induce students to go to sleep and leave them with a massive crick in their neck afterwards. The few times you can stay awake, it’s impossible to take notes on a desk smaller than your actual notebook. At least provide a masseuse or something to victims of the Old Arch building if you’re going to keep subjecting students to unnecessary pain and suffering.

Best Lecture Hall
Honorable mention goes to the big lecture hall in DM Smith, because of the numerous left-handed desks available in prime locations around the room. The MRDC and MARC, however, both offer students the chance to learn while being cozily seated in modern desk-chair configurations; both buildings also let natural sunlight brighten their rooms with ample glass paneling installed.

Best Places to Study
1. Student Services, aka “the flag building,” is a favorite spot. It has comfortable couches—but not comfortable enough to induce sleep right away (as is the case with the leather couches in the Student Center). The building’s convenient location in between East and West campus makes it an easy spot to meet friends for group projects. And if you get to the point where you can’t study anymore and need someone to talk to, the counseling center is right upstairs.

2. The Love Building has got to be one of the coolest buildings on our campus. It’s got “Tech” written all over it, but in a cool way—unlike dorky periodic-table shaped Boggs. The building has by far the most amount of natural light to help you study on campus. Not to mention the comfortable new furniture inside it. Plus it’s the closest wireless network location to West Campus.

Worst Place to Study
The Student Center may seem like the ideal place to study due to its comfortable furniture and central location on campus, but it’s not. For one reason, it’s impossible to study with all the frequent noises and talking from people around you. If you do manage to find a quiet couch away from the crowd, you end up waking up two hours later realizing that you accidentally fell asleep when you were supposed to be studying. Even groups have trouble meeting and concentrating on the tasks at hand with the frequent distractions.

Best Grass
The grass in the quad surrounded by the Tech Tower, Savant Building and Student Success Center. Lush and green, it’s great for playing barefoot frisbee, or sitting on and studying, whichever you prefer. In addition, it’s located in a less-frequented area of campus, so you can play in the grass more or less unbothered by passersby.

Worst grass
Yellow Jacket Park. (Where is it?)

Best Computer Lab
Though the French Building computer lab is the best in terms of not having to wait in lines, the LWC’s new computers more than compensate for the long lines. The screen monitors, the mini lamps by station, and the big glass window overlooking Fowler Street make the LWC both technologically and aesthetically beautiful. And who wouldn’t want to switch after using the iMacs? This computer lab is really more than a computer lab.

Worst Computer Lab
With old computers and keyboards that desperately need cleaning, OIT’s formerly busy lab has lost most of its patrons to the LWC. However, during prime time there’s always still a line—perhaps because the printers are always either on PowerSave mode, spitting out one page every ten seconds, or just not working altogether.

Best Dining Hall Meal
Though nothing special, breakfast at Brittain, our overall loser for on-campus dining, wins by virtue of consistency. You can always count on there being pancakes/french toast, eggs, grits, bagels and cereal. And for those who have time to wait in line, there are Diane’s omelettes... Mmm. And since most people don’t get up early enough for breakfast, the dining hall is quiet. You don’t have to make conversation in your half-asleep morning state, and you can read the paper or study for that morning quiz in relative silence.

Worst Dining Meal
Note to chefs: just because something has soy or sweet and sour sauce does not mean it is Asian. The fried rice is soggy, the stir-fry vegetables have all the life cooked out of them. It’s all the calories of takeout Chinese food without the good taste of MSG.

Best Campus Walking Route
It is great to walk from the edge of East Campus (near North Avenue) to Skiles Walkway. For a block or two, you have to...
walk along North Avenue with the cars whizzing by, but as soon as you head up the steps to the area by Tech Tower, you’re walking through one of the nicest and most well-groomed parts of campus. Though you do run into Coon building construction up by Cherry Street, it’s a true pedestrian route. Best of all, you get to bypass the Hill.

Worst Pedestrian Area
The intersection of Bobby Dodd and Techwood Drive on east campus is a death trap. There are just too many people occupying the intersection all the time: people trying to get into the cars that are parked along both sides of the road; students on the way to class, crossing the road at anywhere but the crosswalks; and of course, clusters of students waiting for the Stinger, students running to catch the stinger, and cars trying to get past the Stinger.

Worst Smelling Area
The steps outside Harrison dorm, East Campus, where there is always a big vent spewing steam, mixing with the food odors from nearby Brittain Dining Hall. Running a close second is the Athletic Association ticket office, where steam also comes out near the sidewalk and mixes with the smell of mud and construction.

Best Movie Theater
When you first drive up to the Regal Hollywood 24 at night, you may laugh at its initial gaudiness. Decorated with neon lights, the massive theater stands out along Interstate 85. The theater also stands out as one of the best in Atlanta. With 24 screens, it is sure to be playing the movie you want to see, and you’re almost sure to get in. The theaters are the main asset at Regal Hollywood – all have stadium-seating and are extremely spacious. But beware Coke fiends – this theater serves Pepsi products.

Best Concert Venue
While a converted Baptist church may seem an odd place to go for something like a rock concert, the Tabernacle is a venue that simply cannot be missed. While other locations in Atlanta also have a lot to offer, such as Earthlink Live, nothing can quite beat the atmosphere you’ll encounter in this setting.

Best Neighborhood Restaurant
Like the signs at Wingnuts say, it’s easy to be nuts for Garlic Palm Ranch and Buffalo Insane. The heavily sauced chunks of chicken are easily the best thing anyone can get on Eastside. They have the best values as well; 10 dollars for a pound of chicken, fries and drinks split between two people is one of the best deals around. To top it all off, they are open until 2 a.m. and give a student discount. Make the trek across North Avenue.

Worst Neighborhood Restaurant (East)
At The Varsity, there exists a hot dog called the “Naked Dog,” which is just the plain hot dog on a bun. I wonder if people eat that to avoid eating the ‘fresh, made-from-scratch’ chili. This place may be a landmark for people looking for the Tech campus, that’s about all it should be. Go once for the novelty—or a Varsity Orange.

Best Neighborhood Restaurant (West)
Just a short stroll from West Campus in the shopping center at Tenth Street and Hemphill, Lil’ Dino’s serves up great sandwiches all day and into the evening. We at the Technique recommend the student deal—an eight inch deli sandwich (go for the editor-in-chief’s Italian), fries or chips and a drink for just over five dollars. In addition to sandwiches, it just added fried chicken to compliment its already delicious selection of food.

Best Mexican Restaurant
If you are looking for a restaurant with authentic south-of-the-border cuisine, it is hard to find a better place than Nuevo Laredo Cantina. With a menu that features numerous Mexican specialties not found at other establishments, charming decor, fresh margaritas and a great selection of Mexican beers, Nuevo Laredo is definitely worth the confusing drive up Chattahoochee Avenue to find it. Go when you have time to wait, however, as the small dining area is often crowded.

Best Cheap Food
Whether you’re in the mood for jerk chicken or an Italian dish, Eats has it. Although the two cuisines Eats offers may seem unrelated, they are both cheap and quick dishes to prepare, which makes for Eats’ appeal. You order at the counter, and your meal is placed in front of you within five minutes. Eats also serves several varieties of beer, and last year added a soda machine, which was a much-needed accessory. Just remember to bring cash—no cards accepted.

Best Asian Restaurant
Located just a short drive from Tech on Highland Avenue in Morningside, Doc Chey’s offers up large portions of noodle dishes that are also reasonably priced. The dishes consist of...
very basic Americanized Asian cuisine, but they are filling and delicious. The atmosphere is friendly and laid-back—perfect for a college student. The seating inside is set up similarly to a cafeteria with long tables, but outside there is a quaint patio perfect for dining when the weather is nice.

**Best Bar**

It’s like a bar that should be across from campus got picked up and moved to Buckhead, Moondogs is the bar where everybody knows your name. Thursday is the night when you’ll see the most college students, but Moondogs is packed with Tech students even on the weekend. If you don’t visit Moondogs at least once in your Tech career (if not every week) you’re definitely missing out.

**Best Ice Cream**

In one of the easiest decisions made by the Technique staff, it chose Jake’s Ice Cream as the best. No where else can match the combination of unique flavors, excellent service and intimate atmosphere found at Jake’s. Though many Tech students still frequent “the original” on Highland Avenue, a second location, near the intersection of Tenth Street and Piedmont, and a third one newly completed on Howell Mill Road, make these frozen treats even more accessible to Tech students.

**Best Coffee Shop**

Despite its “chain” status, Starbucks takes the award for best coffee—based purely on the delicious hot beverages served up at its nearby locations. Caribou Coffee, however, may rival Starbucks in terms of atmosphere, especially for Tech students who seek a sanctuary for studying. Both of the nearby Starbucks’ locales are comparably noisy.

**Best Day Trip**

A mere two-hour drive from Atlanta will take you to the wilderness and the Ocoee River, which was the site of the 1996 Olympic whitewater events. Rafting is rather affordable—you can find a trip for around $35 to $45, and most companies offer group rates also. The river offers various levels of difficulty, so even if you’re inexperienced at rafting you can find a course that suits you. Finish off your day by staying at a nearby campsite or cabin.

**Best Neighborhood Shopping District**

In one of the easiest decisions made by the Technique staff, it chose Little Five Points as the best. This year the Technique appreciates tradition, and it believes the best place to watch a Tech sporting event is sitting along the old brown wall in the outfield of Russ Chandler Stadium while that Jackets swing the bats.

**Best Sports Stories**

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This year’s best intramural was definitely the spring baseball league, with the soccer league coming in at a very close second. The basketball leagues had large crowd support.

3. **Tech baseball squad**

The Jackets baseball squad started the 2003 campaign ranked in the top 25 for the ninth time in the last 11 years and ended last year’s season ranked fifth, their second-best ranking in as many years and ended last year’s season ranked fifth, their second-best ranking in as many years. Their target is the national title, which is the one thing that’s been eluding their grasp these past 11 years. This year, season four spots to the maturation best players ace pitcher Kyle Bakker, second baseman Eric Patterson and right fielder Jeremy Slayden, as well as the addition of outstanding freshman catcher Micah Owings.