Post office begins reorganization, plans major changes

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Bookstore renovations scheduled to begin in July will bring major changes to the Georgia Tech Post Office. All of the post office boxes lining the left side of the facility will be taken out or shifted to the opposite wall. A corridor connecting the Student Center and the remodeled bookstore will take their place.

A passageway through the post office is "the most logical way to connect the two buildings so there's an ease of flow and an easy transition," said Student Center Director Rich Steele. "Creating the right traffic flow is really the most important part of the [bookstore renovation] project."

The remodeling will have wide-ranging impact. "At some point, we'll have to eliminate a big section of boxes," said Steele. In all, about 5,000 of 15,020 P.O. boxes will be removed.

"The reality is a lot of students will have to change their address. We know that that is a very inconvenient thing to have to do," he said.

The fact that a student has a P.O. box in a section that will be removed does not necessarily mean that their box number will be eliminated. Some boxes may simply be shifted to the right wall. However, this step creates an entirely new problem.

"Can we create something that's logical in terms of box number flow?" said Steele. Logical arrangement is important both for students and for postal workers trying to deliver mail.

Renovation will also affect package delivery and pickup. Designers are looking into the possibility of adding a second package pickup window to cut down on lines and waiting times. Designers also considered replacing all current P.O. boxes with larger versions that could hold catalogs, small packages and oversized envelopes.

"It's a great idea, if we had all the money in the world and all the space in the world," said Steele. "A plethora of problems could be resolved if..."

WLC starts today

The 2003 Women's Leadership Conference begins this evening at 6 p.m. and runs through Saturday afternoon. The conference includes speakers and workshops.

The WLC began in 1998 and is designed to "inspire and prepare the women of Georgia Tech to become equal partners in the leadership of our professions, communities, and society."

Scholarship info meeting Tuesday

Any student interested in learning more about prestigious and international scholarships should attend an information session at 11 a.m. on Tuesday in President’s Suite B of the Student Success Center. Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Gold-water, and other top scholarships will be discussed. The meeting is open to all graduate and undergraduate students. RSVP with Paul Hunt at paul.hunt@sp.gatech.edu.

Facilities introduces new recycling plans

By Stephen Barbl
Copy Editor

Dear reader: remember to recycle the paper you are currently reading when you’ve done reading it (tasteful, of course, you want to keep it in a frame on your wall—that’s perfectly understandable). Many receptacles scattered across campus in heavily traversed locations serve that very purpose (the recycling one, not the framing one). And those receptacles are getting a facelift.

The old, worn-out white plastic recycling bins that have been scattered across campus since Tech’s recycling program began in 1997 are being replaced with new green recycling containers. According to Facilities Program Manager Cindy Jackson, this is all part of an effort to beautify Tech, headed by a council put together by President Cauugh.

In all, 10 sites will receive the new receptacles by the end of the month, and as many as eight more may be added around campus by the end of summer. Already, the bookstore and the bus stop by the Bungen-Henry building sport the new containers. Each site will accept three materials—plastic 1 and 2, bottles (only bottles), newspapers and aluminum cans.

Students "need to develop the habit of recycling," said Jackson. "With as many sites as there are, you’re bound to easily walk past one."

That convenience of the receptacles’ locations is key in getting students to participate in the program. "If I’m drinking a Coke and I walk by one, I’ll put it in," said freshman BME major Sam Fielden.

Of course, students should be careful not to confuse the new green recycling containers with the bronze-colored trash cans of the same design. "Throwing trash in the recycling bins would render the entire receptacle’s content useless,” said Recycling, page 5

Woodruff dining hall to close this summer

By Andrew Saulters
Contributing Writer

Auxiliary Services plans to renovate Woodruff Dining Hall over summer 2003. The $1.4 million project, scheduled to end in time for the start of fall classes, includes provisions for new food options, a new décor for the dining room and new kitchen equipment. During the renovation, Woodruff Dining Hall will serve as the only dining hall on campus.

The planning committee has nearly finalized the plans. "We’ve already, for instance, selected the carpet, the fabrics, the furniture and the light fixtures. We’re moving along; we have to in order to start on time and finish on time," said Rosalind Meyers, Vice President of Auxiliary Services.

Two students from the Residence Hall Association attended one of the meetings where renovation planners selected furniture and carpet and determined the layout of the changes.

The renovation calls for the addition of a bakery capable of producing rolls, pies, cookies and cakes.

"We want to actually produce all the bakery items for the whole campus out of that location," said Dining General Manager Todd Schram.

The scale of the bakery is one of the final undecided factors in the renovation plan, according to Schram. In the current plan, the bakery would supply Britain, the Student Center Food Court, campus catering and Woodruff with baked goods, but it may be scaled down to fit budget limitations.

"Minimally, obviously, we will have bakery items made for Woodruff," Schram said.

"Now, can we take it further, during renovation, Britain will serve as the campus’s only dining hall. The changes should be complete by fall."

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iMovie Fest brings comedic, dramatic showings

Hundreds of students attended the second annual iMovie Fest on Monday. The event, which was held in the Student Center ballroom, featured films filmed, produced and starring Tech students with the top three films winning prizes totaling $1,500. The top film of the evening was named "Conscription."

By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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30 years ago: February 9, 1973—Student Body Presidential candidate Greg Williams battled to break the traditional supremacy of the SAC-70 committee chairman Jac Kirkpatrick. Bulldozers razed the old TKE house after work was completed on the new chapter home. The National Aerospace Honor Society announces plans for a Paper Airplane Contest.
Graduates charter five organizations
By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

During one of the busiest meetings of the semester, the Graduate Senate chartered five new organizations, approved amendments to the Activity Fee budget and finally addressed the resolution on immigration policy Tuesday.

The first matter of business addressed was the chartering requests of nine new Tech organizations. According to Joint Campus Organizations Committee (JCOC) Chair Tim Cailloux, all nine received JCOC’s approval to become official Tech organizations.

However, according to Coordinating Officer Jennifer Matthews, representatives from only five of those organizations were present. Matthews then made a motion to slate the bills of the five organizations present.

Matthews’s motion passed and the chartering requests were considered as a slate. The slate passed unanimously with no discussion and those five organizations were granted charters. Matthews then made a motion to table the other four chartering bills until representatives were able to attend. The motion passed.

The debate then shifted to proposed amendments to the Activity Fee Budget. Senator Dave Himmelheber made the motion to untable the budget bill, which has been up for discussion over the past two weeks. Himmelheber wanted to amend the budget to untable the budget bill, which has been up for discussion over the past two weeks. Himmelheber wanted to amend the budget to include the funds allocated to the Association of Environmental Engineers and Scientists in the budget. "I would like to allocate at least enough money to the organization to cover their operational costs," said Himmelheber.

JCOC had originally recommended that AEEES not be allocated any budget because they did not meet the requirements for

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annual dues. According to the AEEES president Roby Greenwald, the organization had recently started charging members $10 a semester, the JFC minimum.

"We have met those requirements and we would like to receive a budget," said Greenwald. "We have modified our budget so that it now only covers operational costs."

Greenwald also explained that the reason AEEES has not needed a budget before was due to its large number of corporate sponsors. "In past years we have had up to 17 corporate sponsors, but this year we only had five," he said.

After some debate from the senators and a friendly amendment that reduced the requested funds slightly, the amendment passed.

Once the AEEES amendment had been decided, Matthews introduced the seven amendments that the Undergraduate House had decided at their meeting last week.

The only UHR amendment that was largely debated by the senate was the request by the Music Department to fund six band concerts and four choral concerts.

Although most senators agreed that the funds should be provided, they were not sure if the activity fee was the best way to fund the concerts. "I am concerned that students' fees are going to be paying for this," said Senator Pelham Norville. "There has to be a more appropriate place for this [money] to come from."

Matthews also questioned where the money for the concerts had come from in past years. Although a student representative from the Music Department was present, he wasn't able to confirm where the funds had previously come from. Some senators felt that the issue needed to be looked into further and motioned that the discussion of the amendment be withdrawn.

The last major issue of discussion was the resolution on immigration policies for international students. The resolution had changed from its original version with the addition of numerous amendments.

According to Norville, the amendments were made by himself and Yasir Bhatti, who authored the bill. "Most of these amendments come from the recommendations of senators and other international students on campus," said Norville.

Bhatti also commented on the amount of students that he had worked with in the past few weeks. "In the month since the resolution was first introduced, we have talked with many different groups," said Bhatti. "In the end, I know that if we pass this resolution, it is going to mean a lot to the international students at Tech."

Although most agreed with the basic idea of the resolution, some senators questioned how the resolution would proceed if passed. Graduate President Alan Michaels said he would take responsibility for preparing and sending the resolution to the appropriate parties.

After a fair amount of discussion as to some of the particular wording of the resolution, it was passed by the senators with no dissenting votes.

The plan for the dining room includes new booths along the sides of the room and stretches of fabric extending to the ceiling to cover the cinder block walls. The televisions will likely remain in the dining room, although their locations may change, according to Schram.

"We're certainly going to improve the lighting, [add] new tables and chairs and carpeting. A lot of these things hopefully will warm up the space, kind of make it feel a little more like home, or at least softer," said Schram.

"We also plan on the total renovation of the second floor space, so that people can go up there and actually use that. Right now it's wasted space," said Meyers.

The dining room, which did not receive any attention during the last renovation of Woodruff in 1996, is dated for renovation. "Currently it's cold, it's poorly lit and it's kind of a cave-type dining room," said Schram.

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Rosalind Meyers
VP Auxiliary Services

"It's so wonderful that the last thing you experience before you leave Woodruff is a sloppy garbage can; it's not very attractive," said Schram.

Meyers agreed with the need for these changes. "That's going to make a big difference in the cleanliness and the convenience for students. All you need to do is put your tray in there and leave," said Meyers.

The accumulator will connect to a dish room, where eating utensils will be prepared for reuse. The dish room will require part of the space in which the Woodruff South laundry room currently lies.

"We're going to have to take away some of the washers and dryers and replace them with stackables because we're going to have to take a little bit of that space," said Meyers.

The kitchen will also receive new equipment including a freezer, larger food preparation space and a steam line for heating up large quantities of water.

"We do not have a large steam line, which is unheard of for a kitchen," said Schram.

After the renovation, "[Students] won't recognize the place," said Meyers.

"Until about two years ago, the main decoration in the dining room at Woodruff was about an eight-foot long replica of a slide rule, and the other wall had an eight-foot replica of a T-square."

"We said to some students, 'Do you mind if we take that down?' They said, 'We don't even know what it is!' So that's how life has changed, and that's how long it's been since that place was originally done. It's way overdue," said Meyers.

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"That's what we're not sure about."

Woodruff currently offers two non-genre specific "display cooking" options, where students custom-order food and watch the chef prepare it before them. The renovation will bring a third display cooking choice dedicated to Italian food.

"A lot of the cooking that's now done back in the kitchen, where you can't see it, is going to be done in the front where you can see it," said Meyers.

Another display cooking option, called "Salad by Design," will allow students to do self-serve salads if they want, but what we'll be able to do is have a chef back there who will, perhaps, cook off marinated chicken breast or it could be shrimp, crab, [and top salads with it]," said Schram.

The present salad and deli sections will be integrated under this concept. An open-air cooler will store the tomatoes, cucumbers and other produce, while allowing them to remain on display to students.

Woodruff's standard offerings, like the pizza section, pasta counter and grill, will return next year, although in different locations. "We're not taking any of the elements away, we're just redistributing them," said Schram.

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these bins can often be missed during recycling efforts on campus in regards to recycling, tins, paper products, mixed metals, and glass. Recyclers have reported a total of 937 tons of material during the 2001-2002 academic year. Recycling emphasizes the importance of participating in the recycling program, which is a crucial effort for reducing waste and preserving resources.

The initial amendment to remove the requirement failed. ECE rep. Tim Cailloux introduced another amendment that would not require disclosure of membership in a closed organization. This failed as well. ECE rep. Bill Asher introduced an amendment expanding the exemption to religious and lifestyle organizations. This amendment failed after Handelman pointed out that singling out certain types of organizations would be discriminating in favor of them, which is in violation of bylaws.

Lawder introduced yet another amendment that would only require relevant memberships be disclosed, but reps shot it down with a “not germane” vote. Not germane means the amendment was too similar to others already considered.

And so the debate went, back and forth, reps waffling, seemingly not clear as to what they wanted. Newly elected UHR secretary Sung Park got an initiation by fire as he tried to keep up with the rapid-fire succession of motions. Finally, the Elections Code passed with only one change, a requirement that candidates be informed of any code violation and time and place for a hearing within 24 hours. President Massey chastised reps for wasting time and not bringing up concerns about the code prior to the meeting.

“Make sure you do your homework,” she said.

Rps speedily slated all eleven remaining bills up for consideration and passed them without discussion. They again failed a motion to remove from the table and consider an Immigration Policy resolution. Biology rep. Srikanta Banerjee said the issue was time-sensitive, happening right now.

Rep. Alexander argued that no productive discussion could be held on the matter because of the time. “The issue may be time-sensitive, but it’s also one of great importance,” he said.

While there is a large awareness to the Tech community, the new containers, while being more aesthetically pleasing, will continue to serve the purpose their predecessors did—and bring more awareness to the Tech community regarding recycling.
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we were able to go to larger boxes.” However, larger P.O. boxes would cost about $250,000 to purchase and install. Steele says improvements such as email notification of package arrival have increased efficiency of package pickup to the point that the “need [for larger boxes] is not as great.” He is “not hopeful” that larger boxes will be installed.

Remodeling will also give administrators a chance to address P.O. box sharing. Currently, about 6,000 people share a box with someone else.

“We don’t like the situation,” said Steele. “We want to get to the point where we have one student per box.”

Two and a half years ago, a Mail Operations Task Force recommended that boxes only be assigned to students living on campus.

“The task force found that students who did not live on-campus did not value having a box on campus,” Steele said. Students who live in a fraternity or sorority house prefer to get their mail at that house. Students who live off-campus prefer to get their mail at their residence.

“We’re looking at an opting-out process,” said Steele. “We’d be saying, ‘You really don’t need your box. You really don’t use your box. Tell us, and we’ll eliminate your box so you don’t have to check it anymore.’”

Sharing will probably not be eliminated by the time renovation is complete.

“I think like anything else, it’s going to take a few years to move to a new model,” said Steele. “That’s not necessarily bad. It’s just not going to get us to the level of efficiency and convenience that we prefer.”

Steele added that a charge of $12 or $13 per semester may be imposed to give off-campus residents more motivation to cancel their P.O. box and change their address. But, he added, this is a “very preliminary” idea.

“Mankind is led into the darkness beyond our world by the inspiration of discovery and the longing to understand. Our journey into the darkness will go on.” He also offered condolences to the families and NASA employees in a memorial service held Tuesday. “The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth, yet we can pray that all are safely home.”

The seven astronauts who died are commander Rick Husband, pilot William McCool, payload commander Mike Anderson, and mission specialists Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark, and Israel’s first astronaut Ilan Ramon. The Columbia disaster came just four days after the 17th anniversary of the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger, Jan. 28, 1986.

Powell addresses UN, demands Iraqi compliance

In a much-anticipated address given Wednesday before the United Nations Security Council, Secretary of State Colin Powell presented newly-declassified evidence in support of a war in Iraq. Three months ago, the Council passed Resolution 1441, demanding the return of weapons inspectors and full Iraqi disclosure of all information about its weapons of mass destruction.

Powell presented intercepted communications and satellite photographs that he said offered “irrefutable and undeniable” proof of Iraqi noncompliance. One communication was a conversation between two Iraqi military officers. One officer orders a subordinate to remove all references to nerve gas in wireless communications.

Powell’s speech was designed to garner support for military action. Traditional allies like France and Germany oppose a war in Iraq. France has threatened to veto any Security Council Resolution authorizing military action. President Bush has declared that he is prepared to act alone if necessary to disarm Saddam Hussein.
Post office changes

The Georgia Tech post office, site of much waiting and standing in line, is soon to be relocated as part of the Bookstore space. Although over 5000 boxes will be eliminated, these changes will definitely make the post office more efficient and streamlined.

Despite the fact that off-campus students will now have to pay if they want to have box, the improved service and private boxes will more than compensate for the fee. The idea to add an additional window at which to pick up packages will also help to improve the flow of people in and out of the facility.

With this change, it will be more important than ever that students update their entries in OSCAR if they move off-campus. This means that students will have to be educated about how to change these entries and encouraged to do so in an expedient manner after they move off campus.

Additionally, some thought must also be given to what to do with campus mail. Many students may not use their boxes for anything but receiving mail from on-campus offices. This is one of the reasons it is critically important that students update their addresses. If campus mail is sent to someone who no longer has a box, a system must be developed to deal with this problem.

Some student organizations have raised concerns about the loss of the ability to stuff mailboxes and thereby reach all—or most—students. The increasing dependence on email rather than real mail renders this a moot point. Student organizations would do much better to spend their funds on other things rather than on fliers that many students throw away before they read them.

SGA Election Code

Some of the changes that the Student Government Association approved this week were ill-thought out and could lead to considerable harms for both student organizations and student leaders. The requirement that candidates for legislative office reveal their organizational affiliations will cause more harm than good. While the principles behind the proposal, likely that reps should reveal their other activities so that unbiasedness could be maintained, were good, the execution will force those students involved in personally-focused organizations, especially those based on religious beliefs or sexual orientation, to expose areas of their lives that should be protected from undue public scrutiny. SGA should reconsider this clause and change it from a requirement to a suggestion.

Remember Columbia’s passion

Space is the raw ether of human dreams. Throughout history it has acted as the stage for some of humanity’s greatest acts and, sadly, recently has proven the background for a tragedy. The astronauts who perished on Saturday were exemplars for each of us and in the light of their actions we must not lose sight of the visions they carried and the passions which drove them.

Some may question the efforts that we have put forward in putting humans in space, the hardships that have been overcome and the resources that have been expended to ease what may seem like nothing more than an itch of human curiosity. The billions upon billions of dollars that placing people into orbit has cost may seem lavish, especially when juxtaposed with the troubles that society has encountered in parallel. If we could sacrificed resources to personal ambitions, some may argue that the dividends aren’t worth the sacrifice. It is to these people that I now plea. I ask that they sit back, and for one moment, let themselves feel the passion that drives those involved with the space program, to let the energy that nourishes their ambition be seen as something other than blind zealotism.

To help in this, we must look at those few who have traveled there and what got them there. What is it about that space that can cause a man to pay $20 million for a ride on a 40-year-old design of what amounts to a column of liquid dynamite?

If you read the biographies of the Columbia astronauts, and most any other astronaut, you’ll notice a very consistent theme amongst them and that is they all had dreams of space beginning a child. For some of them it was watching the Apollo astronauts expand the human touch and find the beauty in what was otherwise a dirty mass of rock. For others it may have simply been a picture, perhaps one looking down at the Earth in its pure naturalness, or, perhaps it was a picture of the Earth rising over the horizon of the moon, with the background of space giving it a visage of dark tranquility.

Regardless, there was something in those images that, when combined with the innocence of a child, engendered an emotion that would never fade and that they would forever focus towards. These images have been carried on and have their modern day equivalence in Hubble images of radiant nebulae or quasars so unfathomably distant that their creation nearly predates time itself.

A new generation of children now sees these images and in them an ardor is instilled that they will use to carry their generation forward. In those who are now associated with the space program you will find that the passion of their youth has not been weathered away by the dryness of adulthood and they and the crop from which astronauts are chosen. They are a group who, despite having lost 14 of their comrades in a single in less than a year, are still willing to risk their own lives to carry on.

On an ending note, if there is something that we as Georgia Tech students must see in the shuttle accident, it is this. When we leave this Institute, many of us leave as engineers and with that title comes a great burden. When we leave this Institute, many of us leave as engineers and with that title comes a great burden. As engineers it now becomes our responsibility, and our duty, to ensure that accidents such as this are dealt with and all action possible is taken to prevent their future occurrence. It is on our shoulders that we will bear those who will always carry hope.

By Matt Norris / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Quote of the week: “To America, anybody can be president. That’s one of the risks you take.” —Adlai Stevenson

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Music piracy not a problem for industry

The movie and music industries are in trouble. Irreparable damage has already been done to them in the last few years, and things are only going to get worse, drastically worse, as the entire business head to its demise. And all the industry execs point to piracy as—Woah. Let’s put a hold on the doomsayers, put away those “repent now; the end is near” signs for a moment and look at things in perspective.

“Piracy,” as the industry loves to label it, is like copying songs onto tape for friends, or record- ing them off the radio and keep- ing them. Or even copying a CD of a CD. The only difference isn’t even that it’s necessarily more dam- aging to the music industry now; it’s just more visible.

Not more damaging? But, you might say, global CD sales are expected to fall six percent in 2003, making for the figure’s fourth consecutive annual decline.

From 2000 to 2001, CD sales were down a whole 10.4 per- cent; revenues dropped a little more than a four percent.

Look at the rest of the econo- my. A loss of only 4.1 percent revenues from 2000 to 2001! That seems almost laudable. An- other year of declining revenues coming up? Consider AOL. Time Warner—something tells me that internet file sharing does not ac- count for its $99 billion loss this past year, and the not-so-great outlook for the media giant.

All things considered, it could be worse for the Recording In- dustry Association of America. As for the Motion Picture Asso- ciation of America? Box office records are bro- ken at a ridiculous rate. Last year, fully 3.8 million DVD viewers left the shelves, according to www.ananova.com. In ad- dition to this, 80 billion DVD discs amounted to a 111 percent increase over 2001 sales.

And just why am I calling this piracy? Tim O’Reilly of the O’Reilly Network, in a Dec. 11, 2002 article appearing on www.openp2p.com, said, “Pi- racy is a loaded word, which we used to reserve for wholesale copy- ing and resale of legitimate prod- uct. The music and film industry usage, applying it peer-to-peer file-sharing, is a disservice to honest discussion.”

While O’Reilly claimed that “The simplest way to get cus- tomers to stop trading illicit digital copies of music and movies is to give them access to legitimate, alternative, at a fair price,” the RIAA and MPAA seem more interested in attacking their con- sumer base.

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Oh, and as a side note, she also mentioned that major mu- sic labels like Sony Music should invest more in promoting sub- scription download services.

But what is good that is little conciliatory step by the RIAA? As soon as a well-priced, comparable alternative to file sharing exists, people will be will- ing to pay for that service. When DVD sales skyrocket even when movies are widely available for trade on file-sharing networks, there is obviously evidence that the people sharing files are will- ing to pay money for what they think is worth it.

However, simply attacking the “pirates” will only lead to more and more creative ways to cir- cument closed services. New programming and new sharing networks will pop up.

Perhaps a return to treating in consumer base like consum- ers, and not enemies, will turn the RIAA and MPAA in the right direction to finding a solution to this dilemma.

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Dear Editor,

The point is this: if file shar- ing is such a detriment to the RIAA and MPAA, it would be be- neficial to them to find a plausible solution to the problem.

While the current legitimate programs offer a cheap music source, the choices are limited due to the nature of the providers and the obstacle course of licensing restrictions sites must navigate.

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When Chi Omega Tau was started in the Fall of 2000 it was a combination of dreams and persistence. Georgia Tech is a great place to create strong friendships, but with a small female population, it was difficult for our founders to form a circle of close female friends. Some of us had tried formal recruitment but did not find a sorority that fit us. Within the Greek system, we did not see problems, just opportunities for growth. With this in mind, four friends started the process to offer females another alternative.

Over two years later, on Jan. 21, 2003, Panhellenic Council put a hold on our hopes to bring another national sorority to campus by voicing to not begin extension at this time.

The results of the vote were disappointing, but we knew that this would be a difficult decision for all groups to make. For most, a concern was the number of girls participating in Panhellenic formal recruitment. Over the past several years, the number of women participating in the first round of formal recruitment was right around 260, with 175 accepting bids. While recruitment numbers have not significantly increased, only eight percent of female undergraduates have participated in formal recruitment.

We believe that an additional sorority gives rushed another choice and decreases the number of women that are dropped during the process. We understand that bringing a new national sorority to campus presents some risks for the existing national sororities, but we hoped that they would focus on the benefits of another national group.

Chi Omega Tau has been part of Panhellenic since we petitioned for charter in April 2001. On April 24 of that year, we were accepted into Panhellenic as an associate member with the understanding that we intended to become a national sorority. Over the past year and half, we grew our sisterhood to 56 members and actively participated in the Greek community. We also fulfilled all requirements for membership within Panhellenic, including completion of philanthropy and attendance at Panhellenic speakers and meetings.

We pay dues as associate members and are required to obey certain rules pertaining to formal recruitment. This fall, we discussed the future of our organization, and we decided to petition Panhellenic to pursue extension on our behalf. Our decision was based on a number of reasons but primarily on things that we are unable to do as a local sorority.

Currently, we pay dues to Panhellenic and fulfill minimum standards, but we are not allowed to vote in Panhellenic decisions. Charges can be brought against us by Panhellenic Judicial Board, but we are not allowed representation on that board. With a national affiliation, we have more opportunities to contribute to the Greek system at Tech. We gain a vote in Panhellenic decisions and could have officers on Panhellenic Executive and Judicial Boards. We could participate in formal recruitment and gain equal publicity during the process.

Additionally, we could gain support from alumni in the area and from chapters at other universities. Pursuing a national affiliation will ensure longevity of our organization and give us more opportunities to impact the Greek Community.

We believe very strongly that our campus is ready for another national sorority. All six current nationals were within 95 percent of chapter total (total allowable membership) by two weeks after formal recruitment. When all chapters are so close to chapter total, there are two options: to raise chapter total or to add another national group.

With a group of 56 women interested in bringing another national group to campus, it makes sense to pursue extension. Unfortunately, Panhellenic decided against bringing another group to campus and has considered raising chapter total instead. Having only six sororities on campus does not allow all women interested in Greek life to join sororities. Chi Omega Tau is made up of women who could not find a place within the current sororities, and we believe that there are more women on campus like us.

Following the vote, Chi Omega Tau is anything but discouraged. We still intend to pursue a national affiliation. In the meantime, we will grow as a group and strengthen our sisterhood. We will continue to work with Panhellenic to improve our status as an associate member. It takes hard work and persistence to accomplish great things, and Chi Omega Tau will keep putting forth that effort. We have come a long way since our founding, and this group is meant for great things.

The Panhellenic Council was also invited to submit an opinion piece about the Chi Omega Tau vote but chose not to do so.

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Solid Gold: Tech’s priceless recruitment tool

The members of Tech’s host program, Solid Gold, act as representatives of the student body to football recruits. Several girls gave the Technique’s Jennifer Lee the real story on the program, not the one in Sports Illustrated.

By Jennifer Lee
Senior Staff Writer

With National Signing Day having just occurred, no one could blame the Solid Gold members for being excited. As the job market continues to decline, graduate school admissions officers have seen record increases in applications over the past year. More students are beginning to look into graduate schools, especially law schools, as a way of preparing for their future careers.

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Does affirmative action exist at Tech?

By Christine Rutz
Contributing Writer

With the recent events relating to affirmative action occurring at the University of Michigan and the University of Georgia, it has been a hot topic of late. The University of Michigan came into the limelight again this past week, when President Bush asked the Supreme Court to oppose the university’s affirmative action program.

The administration filed a “friend-of-the-court” brief, stating the method used by the University of Michigan to achieve this important goal is fundamentally flawed.

The method that Bush is talking about is a point system used by admissions officers for the university’s College of Literature, Science and the Arts. It uses a 150-point system to rank applicants. The objection raised in the suits stems from the 20 point bonus given to students of an underrepresented racial-ethnic minority.

The lawsuits pending in the Supreme Court were filed by white students who are opposed to the policy. The Supreme Court’s decision will be a landmark one for current and future affirmative action programs.

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so that’s why we’re not portrayed as those types of girls."

What is expected of the ladies of Solid Gold, then? Their job requires them to give up most of their Saturdays: they are required to meet their recruits three hours before each home game.

The girls mainly help out at unofficial visits, when the recruits come to experience game day, although occasionally they are present at official visits as well. But as a recruiting hostesses, Burge said, “Their main job is to… act as their liaison to the coaches, and occasionally they are present at official visits as well. But as a recruiting hostesses, Burge said, “Their main job is to… act as their liaison to the coaches, and occasionally they are present at official visits as well. But as a recruiting hostesses, Burge said, “Their main job is to… act as their liaison to the coaches, and occasionally they are present at official visits as well. But as a recruiting hostesses, Burge said, “Their main job is to… act as their liaison to the coaches, and occasionally they are present at official visits as well. But as a recruiting hostesses, Burge said, “Their main job is to… act as their liaison to the coaches, and occasionally they are present at official visits as well. 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Economy takes hit on most endowments of late, but not Tech’s

By Kimberly Rieck
Senior Staff Writer

According to the Wall Street Journal, the average university endowment lost 3.6 percent on its investments in 2001. It is the first time since 1984 that university endowments have seen a negative return, according to a study by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The result has been the loss of billions in dollars in endowment funds across the country.

The University of California lost over $353 million from its endowment funds from WorldCom, Inc. investments and an additional $145 million in investments in the Enron Corp. Harvard University has the nation’s largest endowment, valued at $18.3 billion. In 2001, Harvard had a negative 2.7 percent return rate and lost $800 million.

Typically, an endowment’s contribution to a college budget is calculated as a percentage of an endowment’s average value over a three-year period.

Mike Condon, Chief Investment Officer for the Georgia Tech Foundation (GTF), said most endowments use the multiyear formula in order to smooth budget fluctuations. Condon, there are John B. Carter, Jr., president and COO, Mark Long, controller and corporate secretary; and Jerome Posatko, the chief information officer.

The Foundation’s Development Committee works with Georgia Tech’s Office of Development to raise funds for the Institute. Donations were at an all-time high for the past several years, especially during the capital campaign, according to Condon. However, this past year the amount of donations to the Foundation fell to $60.8 million from $90.4 million.

During the fiscal 2002 year, GTF fared better than most colleges by having its most successful year in its history. GTF invested $111 million in programs, faculty, students, land, buildings and operations. In twelve years, the foundation has invested $525 million into Georgia Tech and the Foundation grew its assets from $179 million to $1.1 billion.

The investments are in spite of the fact that the stock market has experienced huge losses. In his letter, Stith credits the “astute financial management” of the Investments committee for the Foundation receiving a -2.7 percent return, lower than the national average and the same level as Harvard. “At the same time, donations to the Foundation fell from an all-time high of $90.4 million to $60.8 million. The net result was a $59.7 million decline in net assets. In view of the economic circumstances, we think we did great,” said Stith.

The diversification of the Foundation’s portfolio helped protect Tech’s endowments from the huge losses that other universities had.

While in comparison to other colleges Georgia Tech has done well, the effects of the minor loss of donations to the endowment and the Institute can be felt in small programs. The President’s Scholarship Program receives 25 percent of its annual amount for scholarships from endowments and the other 75 percent comes from unrestricted gifts, according to Randy McDow, director of the President’s Scholarship Program. As a result of the loss of donations this past year, the program will reduce the number of president’s scholars in the incoming fall 2003 class to an estimated 40-50 scholars.

McDow said the significant impact would be that top students who may have received a scholarship in previous years when the number of awards was higher might not come to Georgia Tech and contribute in the classroom and campus life. The semifinalists so far in the competition have the highest SAT score in history for the program; the average is 1520 and the average unweighted GPA is a 3.99. McDow said the final scholars will be chosen later this year in a rigorous process based on scores the individuals receive from their interviews and applications.

On the other hand, the Georgia Tech Student Foundation has not been substantially affected by the recent stock market declines. GTSF is a student organization that awards grants to students and organizations whose ideas and projects have the potential to enhance Tech. GTSF’s endowment is around $500,000. Students oversee the investment and development committees. Nicholai Desypris, president of the Georgia Tech Student Foundation, said the Student Foundation has performed well over the past year and above the NASDAQ and Dow Jones Industrial averages. Desypris said GTSF will be able to allocate its annual $25,000 to student organizations and to hold its annual contest including the $1,000 grant to a student with the best idea for improving Tech and the $250 J. Erksine Love Scholarship for philanthropic service at Tech.

“Our country’s economic fundamentals are basically strong. But current events, fear, uncertainty and global conflict make us aware that next year will, in all probability, be even more difficult than this year. If the markets remain in neutral or decline, it will be extremely difficult to maintain the assets of the Foundation at the current level. Nevertheless, we will always try to balance our investment outlay to Georgia Tech with our investment and gift income. We think next year will test us all, but we will be up to the challenge,” said Stith, in the annual report.
sonal statement round out the selection process.

Ingrid Hayes, interim director of undergraduate admissions, said “Tech does value diversity, but we achieve it in a different way.” She explained that Georgia Tech spends time recruiting students who are underrepresented on campus in order to widen the pool of applicants for admission. Only qualified students are selected, but this recruitment increases the chance that a qualified student from one of these groups will apply. The underrepresented groups include not only racial and ethnic minorities, but women as well.

Although there have never been any official complaints against Georgia Tech for any type of discrimination based on admissions, Hayes did say that the number of inquiries about the issue has increased since the University of Michigan suit, but the admissions office is required to report the race, gender and ethnicity statistics to the Georgia Board of Regents.

The reaction of Georgia Tech students to the University of Michigan lawsuits and similar suits closer to home, such as the University of Georgia admissions controversies, varies from indignation to cautious support of such measures.

In an effort to level the playing field, you’re really creating an unequal system,” said INTA fourth year John Turner. He called Michigan’s system nothing less than reverse discrimination. Other students believe that affirmative action is simply “too little, too late” in some of the inner city schools.

Many Georgia Tech students hold the opinion that affirmative action was necessary in the past, but now is creating more problems than solutions. They acknowledged that the idea was well intentioned, but has now gotten to the point of reverse discrimination.

In the next few months, the United States Supreme Court will be making the landmark decision concerning affirmative action. Although it will not directly affect Georgia Tech, it will affect our student body as far as morale and opinions.
"I think the importance of the pre-law program is to take some classes and give you information about how you study legal affairs because you get to know whether or not you like that. The program isn’t so much for people who definitely know they have to go into law, it’s just to get you exposure so you can make the decision about whether or not you want to try to apply to law school with more information on your side.

"For me that was a big factor in taking Dr. Berry’s Constitutional Issues class and studying cases. It really showed me that I wanted to pursue the [legal] path," said Liz Hollander, a fourth year INTA major who has recently been accepted to Georgetown University for law school.

While law schools mainly base their admission standards on the LSAT, letters of recommendation, GPA and leadership activities, taking classes in law would demonstrate that a student has shown an active interest in the area for several years before he or she applied to the particular school. With today’s competitive admission processes, any competitive advantage can come in handy.

To earn a certificate, a student has to complete six hours of coursework in two classes, which include the Pre-law seminar course (PUBP 3610) and Constitutional Issues (PUBP 3000) or Judicial Process (PUBP 3016). The rest of the coursework is six hours of free electives spanning law issues in a variety of subjects, from International Affairs courses to Economics. A few examples of the free electives offered are Introduction to Computer Law, Environmental Policy and Regulation and History of American Business.

For the Law, Science and Technology minor, a student has to complete the six core hours aforementioned and twelve hours of free electives. In addition, twelve of the eighteen hours must be in 3000 level classes. A student also has to earn grades of C or better in all classes for it to count towards the certificate or minor.

Other options for students include special topic classes. Recently, there was a special topics class where students did mock trials throughout the semester. For special topic classes, the school of Public Policy will occasionally bring in attorneys from Atlanta to teach the courses.

Currently, there are 108 people registered for the pre-law certificate and five for the minor. Berry, the coordinator of the program, has over 200 students subscribed to her pre-law newsletter.

Doherty said it is hard to gauge the actual number of students from Tech interested in law school because many students choose to only take a certain number of the pre-law classes without earning the certificate or apply to law school without any pre-law classes on their resume.

"A lot of people also don’t know about it, so we’re really trying to get the word out," said Doherty.

Of the students that are enrolled in the program, forty percent come from the College of Engineering, the College of Computing, and the College of Sciences. Engineers can typically go into areas of law such as patent law that liberal arts majors would have difficulty entering into. Another forty percent of the students are from the Ivan Allen College. Doherty said the final twenty percent of students are from the College of Management.

Besides the pre-law classes, there are a few extracurricular activities students interested in law can join as well. Georgia Tech has a chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, which offers a practice LSAT each spring, that provides a social network among students interested in law school and legal careers and offers students the opportunity to learn about the legal profession directly from lawyers.

There are between forty and fifty members in Tech’s chapter. Last year, the Tech chapter received an award from PAD’s national headquarters for its guest lecture series which included a talk from former Attorney General Janet Reno. Doherty is the president of the fraternity and said it is open to anyone, regardless of GPA, gender or major requirement. In addition, Georgia Tech has a Mock Trial Team and a Philosophy Society as well.

To register for the prelaw certificate, send an email to Doherty at ge597n@prism.gatech.edu. Doherty also has office hours in room 310 in DMSmith from 9-12 on Mondays and 12-3 on Wednesdays. For the minor, contact Professor Roberta Berry, the head of the program, at Roberta.Berry@pubpolicy.gatech.edu, to have her approve the petition. For more information, see the pre-law site, www.spp.gatech.edu/academics/prelaw/main.html.
Tech Up Close

email: focus@technique.gatech.edu

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:
Drain in the library fountain.

Last week’s winner:
Wes Angel
Actress Ali Larter reprises her role in *Final Destination 2*

*Art Seavey talks with Ali Larter to learn about the new film, as well as her acting history and future goals*

By Art Seavey

By Shane Harvey / © 2003 New Line Productions

True black. What actress held a role in each of the following: *American Outlaws*, *Legally Blonde*, *Haute Society*, *Hal Haunted Hill*, *Final Destination*, *Varsity Blues*, *Joy and Silence*. Who is the second actor? Who is the third actor? Who is the fourth actor? By Shane Harvey / © 2003 New Line Productions

The play captivates the audience, the intensity of the actors never allows the audience to realize that they are watching a play. The simplicity of the costumes, lighting and set provides a superb background to highlight the acting talent. The acting by Ellis and Sowemimo was excellent, as were their South African colleagues. Tshabbi Naledi, a South African Georgia Tech student, was their voice coach and a general resource for any concerning background information. Brandi Wysche, Wes Schrader, Jordan Berthea, and James Lentini also turned in outstanding performances. The play is a satire on the Hollywood hype machine. The model they used to represent this fictitious star was, of course, Ali Larter. The photographe...
I just feel really lucky...that I was able to grow up in a world where it wasn’t influenced by, you know, Hollywood and things like that.”

Larter started at a young age working with the prestigious Ford Modeling Agency. “It just kind of happened when I was 13,” she recalled. Pictures were sent in and the rest fell into place. “It was more just like this kind of exciting thing when I was younger, and it just turned into a career.”

That career whisked her away to three countries and many cities. “I was able to go and experience these different cultures while somebody else was footing the bill.”

Her favorite place by far is Italy, having traveled there four times. “I think I was Italian in a past life.”

Larter enjoyed her career in high school, unlike the usual horror stories heard from the teen modeling industry. “For me I only have positive things to say about my experience in that world.”

Despite the globetrotting, Larter still managed to finish high school, and even graduate early. “By the time I was a junior I was going to New York a lot. I was really ready to move on so I skipped my senior year and went to a community college for a semester.”

Larter and New York City seem to share a special bond. “I really just adore the city. I was there doing The Vagina Monologues during September 11. For me just being there and around the people, I wanted to move back immediately,” she said.

After finishing filming for FD2 in Vancouver, she went straight to New York and sent for her things. “There’s just kind of a different language on the East Coast. I’m not good with the BS. I just try to talk it straight, and really be honest, and it gets me in trouble sometimes, but not as much when I’m in New York.”

Living in the city allows her to pursue work with independent films. “I really want to do things that are darker and push me as an actor to a different level,” she said. Her current endeavor is a movie titled The Tenants, which is based on the novel by Bernard Malamud.

Productions like these demand more of her technical skill, rather than a creative, tasteful wardrobe. Hopefully audiences will be able to remember her name in the future. “I just want to be a great actor, period,” said Larter.
Shanghai Knights takes strengths from Noon to create good sequel

By Joseph Jeong
Contributing Writer

Title: Shanghai Knights
Starring: Jackie Chan, Owen Wilson, Aaron Johnson, Fann Wong
Director: David Dobkin
Rating: PG-13
Runtime: 114 minutes
Score: 3 out of 5 stars

Why mess with a formula that works? Take Shanghai Noon, move the location from the Old West to England, change the female lead from a princess to a sister, change the motive from patriotic duty to family duty, and leave the rest alone. The end result is Shanghai Knights. Innovative? No. Effective? Yes. Shanghai Knights is a great sequel. It delivers what most sequels strive for—more of the stuff that people liked and less of the fluff. That does not make it a great movie, but it makes a great sequel.

The movie starts out with the family of Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) suffering a tragedy. His father’s job was to protect China’s most important artifact, the Imperial Seal. Enter the villain, Lord Rathbone (Aidan Gillen), an evil English nobleman who steals the seal and kills off the Chon patriarch while he’s at it.

Having established the basis of a very flimsy plot, the movie now has an excuse to move the setting to England. Before our heroes make the trip, we have a brief and unmemorable sequence of seeing Wang as a successful sheriff in a small town in the West and Roy O’Bannon (Owen Wilson) in New York living a life of mischief and decadence.

Once in England, the final major character in the movie is introduced— Wu Yip (Donnie Yen), the evil brother of the Emperor of China.

By this time, our dynamic duo has arrived in England, and they have their hands full. Not only do they have to save the day and foil their evil counterparts’ dastardly plans, they have to figure out a way to get Chon Lin (Fann Wong), Wang’s sister, out of jail for a failed attempt to assassinate Lord Rathbone. Of course, after overcoming a few mishaps and misunderstandings, our heroes save the day in the nick of time. How else are they going to plan for Shanghai Noon 3? And trust me, they’ll be out with another one.

Shanghai Knights is a tad better than its predecessor. The first fight scene in England is one of the better ones that Jackie Chan has done in a while, quite possibly the best by him in a Hollywood movie. This scene, inspired by Gene Kelly in Singin’ in the Rain, impresses not because of the fast-paced action and acrobatics that have become Chan’s signature, but for its grace and elegance that is seldom seen in any action movie.

The movie tries to add more comedic value by introducing historical characters and venues into the movie, at the expense of maintaining any sort of historical accuracy. Since this is a movie and not a documentary, inconsistencies like that do not really matter too much. However, introducing familiar historical figures and venues works in the beginning when the concept is still kind of fresh, but it becomes a little too contrived towards the end.

Fann Wong has a meatier role as Wang’s sister. She has a fair share of action and involvement in the plot, and doesn’t serve as just pretty wallpaper for the movie. She certainly adds more to the movie than Lucy Liu’s princess character in Shanghai Noon. However, her romance with Roy O’Bannon was distracting and could have been done away with.

As usual, stick around for the outtakes at the end of movie, another Jackie Chan signature. It’s almost always worth the price of the ticket alone.

It’s simple: if you liked or didn’t mind Shanghai Noon, this one won’t disappoint. If you weren’t impressed with the first one, your mind won’t be changed with this sophomore attempt.
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Spiderman, Daredevil. The Hulk. All great heroes, all great Americans. But the Two Bits Man wonders. “Why is it that a great number of comic book heroes have their other identities as a geek/scientist/nerd/insecure outcast?” The answer is not found by solving an impossible partial differential equation. And, believe it or not, it does not come from your secret desire to have an ex-Woman poussie on your penguin.

It comes from the simple fact that we, the comic book readers, need to have an inspirational hero who came out of the nerdy ranks and rose to be desired by the super hutness that is collectively know as Wonder Woman. Why do we need this, you ask? Like you don’t know the answer already—for hope, of course! It is in the back of every mind of every student at Tech, “Is my life always going to be like this?” And the answer is “Absolutely, this is your life always going to be like this Nazi concentration camp?” Or will someday, somehow, it drastically change for the better?

Ever since you were the kid whose only workout was carrying all your advanced books home from school to do a little extra studying on the weekends, you have dreamed of being bitten by a nuclear radioactive man/spider/bat/monkey.

Then you would become Long John Donkey Three Legged Pants Man! You imagined yourself rescuing the cheerleaders from the football team to come and cheer you on in the Magic the Gathering tournament (which has always been your secret desire).

And at the same time you would acquire large amounts of wealth from who cares where (it’s usually never in the plot) to fund all of the special costumes and gadgets. Gadgets like the pink zebra inverter that, contrary to what its name implies, turns people into bales of hay, and the pure black rubber suit that shows every ripple in your muscular body while cleverly disguising the top half of the face.

Comic books provide this escape into the wonderful fantasyland that you have already created in your mind. Without this delightful drug, we would have to face the cruel reality of the merciless world.

Ben Affleck is now the poster boy for the uber-geek movement, which started with Revenge of the Nerdi and will end when engineers actually get paid the salary that Tech promises you in order to entice your naive self to come to the Evil Death Institute of Technology.

Ben, being the eye candy that he is, is quite an improvement from our old poster boy, Bill Gates, who, while motivating the insightful youth towards acquiring large amounts of worldly wealth, does not provide the extra allure of the Alias chick from the Super Bowl commercials falling for us. We’ve known for a long time that the deaf dumb blind kid sure can play a mean pinball, but him being elevated to the status of a super hero is not only something new, it is an incentive to strive forward towards that fantasyland greatness.

While most of us will never reach our dream of being the rich asset to society that the comic book store owner is, with his fresh shirt stain from last night’s pizza included, we can always enjoy a round trip to a land where the beer flows like wine and the women instinctively flock like the salmon of Capistrano. I’m talking about a little place called comic book land.
By Joey Katzen
Staff Writer

Across
1. ___ a wrap
4. Character of tank engine fame
10. Dry
14. Carry
16. Hammer in at an angle
17. Grimm's witch demise
18. Albino flop
20. Aniston husband Brad
21. Baked Native American cake
22. Student
24. Mimic
25. Downtown concert venue
28. TV host Rafael, to friends
30. Biltmore basement lounge
31. Anoint
32. Handheld flop
36. FRO partner
37. Murder investigator
38. African religion
40. Grandma's daughter
43. Ryder Cup and Stanley Cup
45. Troll the ancient ___, carol
46. Ms. Clinton, for short
47. Hello from Honolulu
48. Extra sweet flop
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27. Simon or Diamond
28. Zero charge particle
29. Billy's brother
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31. Strangely enough
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**Sports**

**Respect your Elder**

Ryan Peck chats with Tech’s leading scorer, B.J. Elder

By Ryan Peck

Contribution Writer

The play of Georgia Tech’s B.J. Elder has been a pleasant surprise for Tech basketball fans since he stepped foot on campus in 2001. The sweet-shooting sophomore is currently 11th on the team in scoring (16.1 points per game) and is hitting three-pointers at a 44.4 percent clip on the season. Elder never ceases to amaze with his deft shooting touch, explosiveness, and leaping ability. Perhaps most amazed at times through it all is Elder, himself.

During the 2001 Regional Playoffs in Elder’s senior year at Morgan County High School in Madison, GA, his explosiveness was on display for many to see. Elder delivered, following up one of his teammate’s missed jump shots with a mammoth follow slam dunk. The backboard shattered, leaving spectators stunned and dazed, but onlookers weren’t the only ones caught in a state of amazement.

“I was surprised more than anybody,” said Elder.

Earlier this season, Elder fought through nagging leg cramps to sink a key three-pointer in the midst of a 24-point outburst against Georgia Tech would go on to defeat the Dawgs 83-77 on the strength of Elder’s toughness and leadership.

B.J. was gracious enough to take some time with us to talk a little bit about his life, on and off the basketball court. **Peck:** Briefly talk about the nagging foot injury you suffered before college.

**Elder:** The foot injury happened about a week after the backboard. Talk about your good and bad luck. It happened in the first round of the State Playoffs. I went up for a three and came down on this dude’s foot and it snapped. Lucky for them, because I was heated. I think I was on pace for 40, but we still won.

**Peck:** What is your favorite car?

**Elder:** Escalade Ext. or H2.

**Peck:** Who is your favorite musician/musical group?

**Elder:** Al Green.

*See Respecting Elder, page 31*

**Women’s tennis rolls over Auburn, falls in Mobile**

Kelly Anderson, ACC Women’s Tennis Player of the Week, didn’t drop a set in any of her singles or doubles matches in dual-matches with Georgia State, South Alabama, and Auburn.

By Al Przygocki

Senior Staff Writer

The 18th-ranked Lady Jackets took a tour of Alabama last weekend and came back with one solid victory and one tough loss to push their overall record to 2-1.

On Saturday, Tech lost a heart-breaking match against 27th-ranked Southern Alabama by a 4-3 margin. The Jackets took two of the three doubles matches to earn the all-important doubles point, but were unable to turn the day’s early momentum into singles success. Jamie Wong and Kelly Anderson won their matches in straight sets, but they stood alone in the winners’ circle as their fellow Jackets dropped two close matches and two not-so-close matches. At No. 1 Singles, Wong downed Andrea Kurekova in a 7-6, 6-1 fashion. In No. 4 Singles action, Anderson steamrolled through Marta Jager by a score of 6-4, 6-1. No. 2 Singles saw Auburn’s B.J. and T.J. Gunn fall to USA’s Viktoria Staklavova in tight 7-5, 6-3 matches. Anne-Sophie Schenk dropped the Number 3 Singles match to D. O. M. c a N. E. N. c e v. c o v. c a 6-2, 6-3. Tech’s last chance to salvage a victory went by the wayside when Maria Nieroth of Klara Javorova in the Number 6 Singles match by a lopsided margin of 6-2, 6-0.

*See Tennis, page 29*

**Alumni Baseball game on Saturday**

Georgia Tech’s top-ranked baseball team will play its annual Alumni Game on Saturday at 12 p.m. at Russ Chandler Stadium. The nine-inning game will match up the current Yellow Jackets against former Tech players. The game will be the first chance for fans to watch the 2003 edition of the No. 1 ranked Yellow Jackets.

**Swimmers win one, lose one**

Highlighted by an NCAA “B” cut performance in the 500-yard freestyle from senior All-American Shilo Ayala, the Georgia Tech men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams concluded their dual meet schedule Saturday against Maryland and North Carolina at the Tar Heels’ Koury Natatorium. Tech’s men defeated Maryland, but fell to No. 23 North Carolina. The women lost to the Tar Heels while the No. 15 Terps topped the Jackets.

**Football gains new players for 2003**

The Jackets saw 20 prospective student-athletes sign national letters of intent to play for the Ramblin Wreck on Wednesday, in addition to one freshman football player already enrolled in classes at Tech. Headlining the class is USA Today prep All-America cornerback Kenny Scott of Dayton Beach, Fla., as well as running back Rashan Grant of Tampa, Fla., quarterbacks Reggie Bell of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Stephenson High, and Patrick Carter from St. Petersburg, Fla., and linebacker Nick Moore of Arlington, Texas. Check out Page 30 for the list of the signees.
Tennis

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Track and field teams strong at UNC, prepare for ACCs

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Neil McDonagh placed first in the mile in 4:13.50. In addition to those victories, two Jackets improved on school records set earlier this season. Freshman Jessica Graft cleared 12’11.50” in the pole vault to finish second. She improved not only her NCAA provisional mark, but also surpassed the school record posted earlier this season at the Kentucky Invitational.

Sophomore Ian Brewer claimed the other school mark, as he had a toss of 57’4.75” in the weight throw to finish seventh in a very competitive field.

“I’m happy with how our team is progressing, but I think we are going to improve even more and have a great shot at winning ACCs.”

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intramural Notebook
with jack. B. Nimble

This week I want to take a closer look at A-League basketball, in particular the matchup between the top ranked Beta team and TKE. Beta was coming off a 60-4 thrashing of Pi Kappa Phi, while TKE lost to Sigma Chi by a 46-25 count last week.

Both teams came out ice cold from the floor, leaving the score in single digits eight minutes in. A run by Beta finally pushed the score out to a whooping 23-4 late in the first half. A late response by TKE got them back to within 28-19 at the half.

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2. Red Rockets Too
3. Theta Xi
4. Fiji
5. TKE

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Elder: I like to listen to Lil’ Wayne or Tupac before the games.
Peck: What is your favorite sport other than basketball to play/watch?
Elder: Football.
Peck: Who is your favorite actor? Actress?
Elder: Will Smith and Angela Bassett.
Peck: What is your favorite television program?
Elder: Sportscenter and “Martin.”
Peck: What is your favorite movie?
Elder: Last Drag.
Peck: What would be your favorite down to their level.
Elder: Juan Dixon.
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Beyond the White and Gold

It’s never too early for the bracketologist

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

Selection Sunday is still well over a month off, but the tournament picture is starting to take shape. At this point any team not yet under consideration, needs to make a move fast.

It looks like it’ll be tougher on teams from major conferences this year, as there is a lot more hype surrounding the mid-majors. In fact, it is extremely unlikely that a team will make the tournament with a losing conference record this year. Teams with even records might even find it tough to justify themselves.

One thing that is definitely clear though is that quality road wins are at a premium this year. While this would make it seem that a team needs a few road wins, my feeling is that it primarily makes it more important to defend one’s homecourt, as our Jackets have done.

How can a team expect to get in with a less-than-excellent home court record in a year when nobody that is any good is losing at home? Let’s look at couple recent developments. Florida can no longer be viable considered for a one or two seed after their thrashing at the hands of Kentucky. Arizona needs a late run to get back to within 20 does not deserve a one or two seed, and only deserves a three or four if they bounce back and dominate someone else.

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I n closing, I’ll be the first to call some tournament chokes and Cinderellas. First off, I’ll go ahead and post Pitt and Marquette in the choke column because, well, when don’t they choke? Pitt looks like they’ll end up with a one or two seed, so they’ll probably wait until the second round to fold. On the Cinderella side, the Butler and Creighton bandwagons are full, which generally means one thing: neither will make much noise.

Right now I like the Dayton Flyers. I like them mainly because they come out of the A-10 playing their ugly, yet effective, bruising style that can pull a favorite down to their level. It’ll be ugly, but if they start knocking off favorites, no one will care.

Over the next several weeks, the picture will become clearer. Then hopefully on Selection Sunday we’ll all be celebrating the Jackets eight or nine seed.
Heels fading fast, Jackets move up as ACC season moves on

By Andrew Levine
The Diamondback

(U-WIRE) University of Maryland—A four-game losing streak, a steadily declining defense and a leading scorer pulled from the starting lineup.

Put it all together and North Carolina is headed down the same beaten path it traveled last year, when it suffered through a near-disastrous 8-20 record and missed the postseason for the first time in 28 years.

Last season, however, was regarded as an exception to the rule for the Tar Heels, who never had enough talent at the start of the season to make a run in the conference. Those prospects were soon bolstered by the Tar Heels’ 5-0 start in which it defeated two top-25 teams—Stanford and Kansas—in succession at the preseason NIT.

“With all the hoopla surrounding the rather surprising records forged by the Tar Heels and Wake Forest, Georgia Tech is going about its business in Atlanta, quietly putting together a decent NCAA tournament resume,” said Coach Matt Doherty.

Coach Paul Hewitt’s freshman-laden team has three of the ACC’s most potent scorers in freshman forward Chris Bosh (16.7 points per game), sophomore guard B.J. Elder (17.4 ppg) and junior guard Marvin Lewis (17.7 ppg) and is a perfect 10-0 at home this season.

A bubble team at best right now, the Yellow Jackets have impressed Hewitt with the uniquely refreshing attitude they are bringing to the court.

“Our players really game-to-game,” Hewitt said. “I think the fact that we’re a young team is kind of good because they’re in a bubble. A lot of the freshmen are definitely not conscious of the standings. They don’t look at a game as a must-win game. They just go out and play.”

Track & Field

season bests Saturday. As for the women, sophomore Shanta Smith had a strong day with a time of 55.91 to place fourth in the 400 meters and a leap of 40’00.50” to take second in the triple jump. Both marks were Smith’s bests for 2003.

Sophomore Dana Rogers posted her best mark in the 60-meter hurdles (8.5) in a runner-up finish, while the 4x400 relay also recorded a season-best mark of 3:48.04.

Sophomore Brian Ford led the men with a season-best 49.11 in the 400 meters. He placed third, while senior Sharif Azim was fourth (49.35). Junior Michael Massey added a career-best, clearing 6’11.75” in the high jump to finish second.

Other top-three finishes for Tech came from: junior Amandi Rhett, who placed second in the 60; third in the 200-meter dash; third in the women’s distance medley relay; senior Joe Poliseo, who placed second in the men’s 4x400 relay; and freshman 1-Perfection Harris, who is a dual-student athlete on both the football and track teams, placing third in the long jump.

The Jackets are diligently working towards their ultimate goal of winning ACC Championships this year. If each team can make it happen, it will be the second time in a row for the ladies and a historical first for the men.

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