Meet the dictator
 Danique scored an exclusive interview this week with the Squirrel Dictator, Mr. Big Nuts. Read as he explains how he got his job. Page 15

Men at Tech
 This year is the 115th year of men gracing Tech’s campus. Learn all about their struggles for equality in this heart-wrencher. Page 16

Our inspiration and motivation is captured above in all its glory: the Shaft.

AIM assaults terrify geeks, dorks

By Twellia Johnson
 Contributing Writing

Last week the Georgia Tech Police Department began receiving a series of terrifying phone calls—students across campus have become victims of a barrage of instantaneous messages and newspaper postings.

The first victim was Gr- rick59, resident in Hillson Hall. She was typing a paper when all of a sudden, she began receiving numberless instantaneous messages from a man who only identified himself as Dr. Sk8erB07403. Grrl believes Sk8er is stalking her because every time that she went from idle to active status on her AOL instant messenger account, Sk8er would send another instant message.

"It’s so awful, I don’t know what to do. E seems to mess up that horrible message like ‘Hey, yu r up 2 n0w? Bt1t cld gts,’ “like heknows my every movement,” said Grrl. “The worst is when he times exactly how long I’ve been idle. I’m afraid that when all of a sudden he received an instant message from a ‘hot girl’ (not from Tech) asking him to check out her web cam page.

GT4koodr, a computer science major, decided to check out her webpage. “I just wanted to check and make sure that she used proper XML documentation style,” said GT4koodr.

Grrl begs him to="I hope she listens to me because I do not want to break up with my friends.

Techtonics shock city

By A Geology Major
 Staff Writer

Atlanta M ayor Shirley Franklin issued a statement today on the increasing threat of the Georgia Tech M aster Plan. The M aster Plan has been under questioning from various organizations for years. The Tech M aster Plan, which includes the creation of a new annex of Brittain Hall, is expected to cost over $1 billion.

"The Master Plan also includes a proposal for the creation of a squirrel reserve," said one organization.

But the M aster Plan is not without its critics. President Coughlin scoffed at these measures and stated that any attempt to prevent the Tech campus from becoming a "an urban jungle" would fail. New preventive measures were announced by the M ayor such as "anti-climbing" walls and "anti-bird" measures. But the Tech campus is not the only one feeling the pressure. The Tech campus is home to the largest number of squirrels in the state. The M aster Plan is expected to cost over $1 billion.
Shaft News. We have an issue coming out this Friday too, you know.

Citing all the free publicity Shaft News received when the Technique printed an interview with them two months ago, Shaw reasoned, "Come on, we did something good for you guys, can't you do this for us in return? Come on. Just this once.

"Look, we really appreciated that article about us," said JB. "But we have a reputation now, and we can't afford to put that at stake here."

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JB
My hero, really funny guy and Shaftnews co-editor

"Welcan't go writing for just anyone, you know, particularly not the Technique," added CA. "Now, if The Onion hired us, well, then, maybe that would be a different story." "I wonder how much they pay their writers," CA mused.

"Heck, I'll even throw in this free antique car calendar that I got in the mail the other day," heoffered, "and this nifty ball-point pen that plays the Star Spangled Banner when you press it."

However, after a few more minutes of discussion, CA and JB declined, leaving Shaw to return to the office, and the other editors to come up with ideas on their own.

If you'd like to read something funnier than this, go to www.shaftnews.com

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perpetrator, even if it means I have to go to every porn site that is IMmed to our students, it's my job and I'm going to do it 'til it hurts," said Capt. Whitey Ford with the GTPD.

"Another troubling fraud has been the occurrences of so-called "baggy panting" on the newsgroup. Violent criminals have stolen the online identities of students and posted messages on newsgroups under their name.

"Last week some guy called me up because on git.ads, there was a post that I was looking for love. I've had a UGA boyfriend for three years, I don't need a Techie when I have a real man," said Alotta Fleas. In her horror, Fleas checked out the newsgroup and read the message for herself. She tried to erase the message, but it was too late—it had already spread across the internet.

"I felt personally attacked! My thoughts and feelings were made fun of by someone really, really mean!" said funny46bug. "These people can't get away with this!"

There are countless other cases of AIM crimes, newsgroup abuses and identity hijacking. However, many victims are too afraid to report the crime. "The victims feel that if they had a life and stayed off the computer, then these crimes wouldn't have happened."

Whitney Ford
Concerned GT Police Officer

"I wonder how much they pay their writers," CA mused. Shaw promised that the Technique, too, would compensate them for their efforts. "Heck, I'll even throw in this free antique car calendar that I got in the mail the other day," he offered, "and this nifty ball-point pen that plays the Star Spangled Banner when you press it.

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If you think that you or a friend may have been the victim of one of the following crimes, please contact Ford at whitey.ford@gtpd.gatech.edu.
Noses Around Georgia Tech’s Green Spaces

By Amanda Hugnkiss

When the Technique was invited by the head of the Squirrel Press Corp to have an exclusive interview with the Squirrel Dictator Big Nuts himself, well, we jumped at the chance.

Although Nuts is fluent in Human, he requested that an interpreter be present to ensure that his points weren’t getting mixed up. It is important to note that while Nuts has been terrorizing his colony for three semesters now, he promises that he has gotten rid of all of his chemically dangerous nuts and his stash of nuts of mass destruction.

**Da’Nique:** How’d you become dictator, and when?

**Big Nuts:** Well I was first interested in the position when one of my brothers told me about the great opportunity it would afford me to command large masses of my bushy-tailed friends. And when I say, “friends,” I mean “squirrels I can dominate.” And when I say, “bushy-tailed,” I mean “from Texas,” and therefore stupid.

I decided to start my coup when I noticed the nut stash running low last winter, figuring I’d be able to take advantage of the colony’s fear of starvation. I fed off of my fellow squirrels’ stupidity to take my Shower party to the top! I knew that they’d do anything I told them to do when I showed them my big nuts, and how many big nuts I had.

**Da’Nique:** What’s the biggest challenge you’ve faced as dictator?

**Big Nuts:** Oh, Amanda, I can answer that question like pie! Clearly the biggest challenge for me has been keeping my nuts in a row, making sure the populace is following my command and willing to kill themselves for the protection of my power and my nuts.

I also find it hard to soften the rough spots on my paws, but recently I found this great sea salt rub from the Shower and Squirrel Works store that really gets in there in between the crevices of my nails and smooths things out. My loofah helps a lot, too.

**Da’Nique:** Umm, yeah... thanks. Are you really hiding any nuts of mass destruction?

**Big Nuts:** Only in my sack. N o, just joking with ya there, Amanda. We’re not hiding our nuts; whatever nuts we have are clear out in the open for all to see. My nuts comply with all international nut rules. We’re not holding our nuts here.

So, Amanda, do you have any nuts that you’d like to share?

**Big Nuts:** Not that I know of, but back to you. If you had any dangerous nuts, what would you do with them?

**Da’Nique:** I would tell the international community, most likely.

**Big Nuts:** How’d you get to Tech’s...? See Big Nuts page 18
WISHING WE WERE SHAFT NEWS WRITERS

By I Like Boyz
Contributing Writer

This year marks not only Georgia Tech’s 115th anniversary, but the 115th anniversary of men at Tech as well. Since Tech opened for enrollment in October of 1888, the history of men at Tech has been long, rich and varied.

"The thing about this anniversary," said EE senior Joseph Meyers, "is that it’s so easily overlooked. When you think about that, it’s kind of sad."

The same landmark events that women have experienced, history professor Roy Westbrook said, have been experienced by Tech’s male population as well. The arrival of women on campus was as much of a landmark, Westbrook said, for men as it was for women.

Psychology professor Jacob Schneider agreed. "For many male students, this was something that was very difficult to get used to. There were so many questions that were brought up: Were they supposed to act differently, now? Would the norms of behavior change because of the arrival of women?"

Schneider also pointed out that men experienced hardships as well. "It even caused some students severe emotional trauma. The societal and psychological ramifications of it were enormous."

"My grandfather went to Tech, and he would tell me stories about when the first woman came on campus, and you wouldn’t believe the stuff he had to deal with," said ME sophomore Bobby Clayton. "As males, we’ve always gotten a bad rap. But I think we’ve managed to pull through mostly unscathed."

Even today, some men say, the discrimination still exists. "Women get recognized for everything they do, just because they’re women," said ChE junior Eric Connelly. "As a male, it’s incredibly hard to stand out from the crowd."

"Yeah, and what about the male minorities?" echoed CompE freshman Curtis Yamamoto. "Sure, it’s hard being a minority and a woman, but being just a minority, we deserve some credit, too."

"Diversity in general is just way overrated," said Connelly. "What is this about a “Women for Hire” fair? Why isn’t there a “Men for Hire” fair, too? Or, ideally, what about just a “Humans for Hire” fair? I mean, I’m looking for a job just as much as the next guy. Or girl."

Despite the controversy, since Tech opened in October 1888, the male population has undeniably been making continuous strides forward, opening up a multitude of opportunities. More degrees are offered, and there are hundreds of extracurricular activities and clubs, including intramural sports, that were started and founded by men.

However, Meyers and his friend, CS senior Willie B. Hardagain, still didn’t feel that enough was being done for men on campus, so at the beginning of the semester they decided to take the initiative and begin a Men’s Resource Center. Though still a fledgling organization, the MRC has big plans, which include sponsoring a Men’s Awareness Night in April, following Women’s Awareness Month. Hardagain explained, "I thought the name was misleading. I want people to know that this celebration actually lasts the whole month. Got that? The whole entire month of April. We just want-"
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:
Chair arm

Last week’s winner:
No one, sadly. I’m disappointed in all my usual responders—where were you??
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BN: By walking. [laughs heartily] No, actually, I am a flying squirrel, so I promised my squirrels that if they followed me and my nuts, I would lead them to the promised land right across the highway, past the big pointy thingy with some letters on it, to the fields and fields of dirt, grass, trees and more dirt. Do you have any pull on this campus, Amanda?

DN: Not really, Big Nuts.

BN: Oh, well I was hoping you'd be able to pull my nuts into some more grassy areas on campus. I find that my nuts like to be kept in airy places, out of the light, where they don't sweat or have a color change. My nuts don't really like the sun.

DN: What else do you think it's important for the world of Tech to know about you and your heartless regime?

BN: I've found that most people think that all we squirrels do is run around finding nuts to shove in our mouths, but I'll have you know that first of all, we put more than just nuts in our mouths, and we also do more than scamper around the grass, cocking our heads this way and that in a weak impression of the robot dance. That's not all we're about, you know. I, personally, am also about occasional genocide and killing off people within my regime who do not agree with me. I also like to ration out my nuts, not letting everyone use them all at once. You gotta keep the squirrels constantly wanting more, constantly coming back.

DN: Where's your favorite place to scamper around on campus?

BN: My favorite place to rest my paws and stretch my tail is in the trees and lawn around that big tall thingy with the big letters on it. The grass is fluffy and doesn't scratch my nuts.

DN: Thank you very much for your time, Mr. Dictator Sir.

BN: No problem. For more information on where you can go to support the squirrels, just type “squirrels” into Google, and we promise something will come up. Really. If instead you are against the presence of the squirrels, or against dictators, then type “Freedom Fries” into Google to find people like yourself. Thanks.
ed the acronym for Men's Awareness Night to be MAN, so that's why we did that.

The kickoff of the month will be a production of "The Penis Monologues," written by Hugh G. Rec- tion. Hardagain said, "I have people come up to me all the time and ask, 'Is there really such a thing as 'The Penis Monologues'? And tell them, 'Yes, it is a real play, if you want proof, all you have to do is Google it.'"

"But that's just another example of how men are discredited at Tech," Meyers continued. "Perhaps 'The Penis Monologues' aren't as popular as 'The Vagina Monologues,' but that's even more of a reason to put it on. Will people be shocked? Yes. Will people be offended? Probably. But it's definitely important."

"You know, people are just as afraid of saying the word 'penis' as they are of saying the word 'vagina,'" noted Hardagain. "I mean, when I was a teenager in high school, and on long bus trips we'd play the penis game—you know, the one where the next person tries to say the word 'penis' louder than the guy before him. Well, I always pretended I had fallen asleep so I wouldn't have to play. I just wasn't comfortable with it."

It was a difficult ride for Meyers and Hardagain. "It was incredibly hard to find funding and additional sponsors," Meyers said.

"First people thought that we were a gay rights organization, and were all gung ho about supporting us, but when we explained some more, they just thought we were sexist pigs, and tried to turn us away."

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Even male students who are not familiar with the MRC have suggestions for improving tolerance and male appreciation. "In terms of the male experience at Tech, there are a lot of things I'd like to see improved," said MGT freshman Patrick Dalton. "For example, I'd like to see men's volleyball have as good a turnout as the women's games. And I'd like to see more male students enroll in the traditionally female-dominated majors, like biology."

Dalton commented, a little more harshly, "Frankly, I think we've been oppressed by women. They revel in being the minority, lording it over us, as if they're so much better because there are two of us to every one of them. It's about time that we had our way, our say and our day!"

Hardagain pointed out angrily, "Dude! It's a month, not a day, ok?!"

Meyers was also adamant in the need for it to be a whole month, "We've got so many issues that we need to tackle here, that one day would just not be sufficient."

Another problem that the men face at Tech is disagreement within the male population itself. "I've never felt discriminated against for being a male," said IE major Matthew Duke. "My professors are really nice to me. I had no trouble at all finding a job, and I've got a steady girlfriend who goes to Tech as well. I don't know what those guys are talking about."
Greeks and geeks get down and dirty in campus mudpit

By El Scorcho
Mucho gusto mud

A group of students is lobbying to spend $100,000 of the Student Life Fund on keeping the field where Yellow Jacket Park is supposed to be a muddy pit.

The mud pit would be an incredibly inexpensive use of the student life fund money, proponents of the idea say. “Since the area is all mud anyway, we’d just have to add water! The $100,000 is just to bribe Ben Lawder, Nate Watson, and that other guy and the rest of those uptight dudes in SGA and the administration to just sit back and let us play.”

This group of students, who are mostly Greek, feel that the sport of mud-wrestling is a perfect way to... according to the IFC president. This was a typical feeling among most Greeks.

“Mud-wrestling. I mean, who doesn’t like mud? It’s the real American sport. I mean, you don’t really need any previous skills or abilities or even strength to be a part of it. You just get in there and wrestle in the mud. Simple as that,” said Bob Smith, one of the biggest proponents of this plan.

“I’d go as far to say that mud wrestling has been as influential as DDR when it comes to getting physical.”

Fred McDorker
CS Tool

“Mud-wrestling. I mean, who doesn’t like mud?” exclaimed Smith, the Burger Bowl, trying to stay as far to the other edge of the sidewalk as I could,” he continued, “but one day the crowd was so big that I just got pulled in. And before I knew it, I was covered in mud, whooping and shouting and having the time of my life. Dude, I thought I was hardcore ultimate, but I’ve totally converted to mud-wrestling.”

CS major Fred McDorker says that mud wrestling changed his lifestyle. “I used to sit in my room all the time, coding or playing Halo with fellow CS buddies,” he said, “but now mud wrestling is all the rage. It’s made me get up and get out. I think I’d go as far to say that it’s been as influential as DDR when it comes to getting physical.”

He adds, “We would’ve been somewhat ashamed to walk around half naked, but when we play in the mud we all end up the same muddy brown color, so no one can even tell! If we didn’t have glasses, we could probably almost pass for frat boys.”

“No, he probably couldn’t,” Smith corrected. “But we’re really happy about the wide appeal of our idea.”

Surprisingly, girls have jumped in on the trend as well. “You know those sexist Miller Lite commercials where the guys fantasize about bikini-clad girls having catfights in a fountain, or something like that?” Anita Dick said. “Well, I thought mud-wrestling would be just like that. But it’s totally... liberating, in a way, to go play in the mud.”

Dick added, “Plus, the mud just feels so good against my soft skin. Like, aaaaah. Whoa.”