Big Boi headlines Sting Break 2006

By Amanda Dugan

The Student Center Programs Committee selected Andre 3000, known as Big Boi, to headline the April 6, Sting Break 2006 concert. The concert is the main event of Sting Break, a week held each spring designed to give students opportunities to relax. Ludacris performed at the event last year, and other past performers include Fuel and Bubba Sparx.

Matt Tri netti, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major and chair of the concerts committee, said that Big Boi was booked during the fall semester.

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Concerts Committee Chair

This year’s event is scheduled to be the last at Alexander Memorial Coliseum for the second year in a row. It will be the first time that students have been charged for tickets to the concert. “We are not sure what the ticket costs will be yet. We want to keep them as low as possible for the students. We are not sure what is going to happen because SGA is still determining funding,” Trinetti said.

Trinetti presented a bill for $40,000 in additional funding for the concert to SGA this week to help pay for another artist to perform at the event. The bill is currently in conference committee because the two legislative bodies passed different versions of the bill.

“This year we wanted to appeal to more of campus by booking two top artists of different genres,” Trinetti said.

The committee is still working on booking the opening act and is waiting until final funding for the event is known. Trinetti said that the total cost of this year’s event, including two artists, facility costs, food, publicity and security, is just over $180,000.

Results from a student survey in conference committee because the two legislative bodies passed different versions of the bill.

Trinetti said that Andre 3000, the other member of Outkast, does not perform any longer and that Big Boi can perform Outkast songs.

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Tech competes in Solar Decathlon

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

The Department of Energy has chosen Tech to be a participant in its Solar Decathlon, an international competition among 20 universities to build the most energy efficient and architecturally sound solar-powered home.

The teams, selected in January by the Department of Energy on a proposal-based system, are awarded $100,000 and given 18 months to do additional fund raising, planning and building. The houses will be transported in October of 2007 to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where judging will take place.

Winners are named in ten different categories; seven are related to energy efficiency and three deal with design and comfort.

The Department of Energy will test the ability of the houses to maintain power and energy levels by running household appliances such as clothes washers, dryers and dishwashers. The functionality of automobiles dependent on the houses’ solar power will also be tested.

College of Architecture professors Chris Jarrett and Randall Choudhary and Fransca Trubiano will lead Tech’s team.

This is the first time Georgia Tech has ever done this. It’s a bit of an experiment but hopefully it will advance our research, expertise and scholarship in solar power housing,” Jarrett said.

Jarrett, Choudhary and Trubiano are seeking undergraduate and graduate students with varied backgrounds to help with the project. “Student participation will take place on various levels,” Trubiano said. “Ph.D. students from the College of Architecture and the College of Electrical and Computer Engineering have already started to spearhead their own initiatives. There will be multiple ways to participate—some [students] might want to work on design, some on...”
From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

On Jan. 23, a woman reported being harassed by an unknown black male while exiting her vehicle on the lower level of North Campus Parking Deck. The male drove a white Georgia Tech Parking Truck. Although his comments were not threatening, his statements and body gestures made the victim feel uncomfortable about being alone in the deck.

Flushed

Sometime over winter break, the toilet broke in a student’s apartment in Tenth & Home. The water flooded the apartment and caused damage to the student’s property. A housing employee repaired the toilet. The student estimated the damages to his clothes, furniture and electronic equipment to be about $1,800.

The sounds of silence

At 6:15 p.m. Jan. 26, a student advised GTPD that a Bose sound system valued at $1,500 was missing from a storage closet in the O’Keefe Gym. There was no sign of forced entry. It is unknown when the sound system was last seen.

The roof is on fire

An officer was dispatched to a complaint of a ceiling fan fire on Jan. 26 at 1:13 p.m. at the Delta Chi house. The Atlanta Fire Department removed the fan and advised the complainant to have the wiring checked.

Sweet tooth

Some time between 9:00 a.m. and 10:35 p.m. Jan. 26, a vending machine was vandalized in the Van Leer building. The plexiglass window on the front of the machine was pushed out of its track, making it possible for someone to reach into the machine. The contents of the machine did not seem to be disturbed. Neither the culprit nor the time of the crime are known. Old Fashioned Foods was contacted to repair the machine.

This week’s campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskets
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Building.

“We are open to participation from anyone,” Jarrett said. “If students have the skills that the project needs, we would be open to any degree-seeking student that would be interested in participating. We have already talked to the College of Management—they have expertise in fund raising, marketing, and promotion. We see this as a Georgia Tech-wide proposal.” 

The interdisciplinary team will also draw information from experts in various other academic and research units on campus such as the Center for Biologically Inspired Design and the Institute for Sustainable Technology and Development, Choudhary said.

“We are trying (the Solar Decathlon) with institute-wide initiatives and centers,” she said. In addition, Choudhary is heading a weekly seminar series aimed at providing team members with information from experts in fields pertaining to the project.

The Solar Decathlon team’s leaders said that the project was in its earliest stages and that efforts were being made to recruit students from different disciplines.

“We are in the information-gathering stage. We are trying to explore technologies, gather resources on campus, put student teams together and basically chalk out the process,” Choudhary said.

Trubiano said that the project would enter the design stage during the upcoming summer. Currently, the team leaders are currently working with Facilities to find a location for the building of the solar-powered house, which they will transport to Washington next year.

King from page 1

said.

“She was a leader in her own right,” Clough said. “Even after Dr. King was shot, she continued on and made [her husband’s] dream a reality.”

“Coretta Scott King was clearly more than the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King,” Pearson said, “She was an icon in her own right.”

“By not just deeming her as the wife of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we pay homage to her,” Pearson said. “The history of this country remains incomplete without her rightful place in the annals of our scholarship.”

She was a woman of courage and strength, as well as a woman of dignity and unflappable grace,” Clough said.

“Tia was immediately struck by her warm and welcoming personality,” Pearson said. “Regardless of social status, she treated everyone with equal engagement.”

“She understood the values of perseverance and patience, which enabled her to remain calm when in the face of clamor,” Clough said. “She took advantage of her opportunities instead of worrying about what could go wrong,” Abdur-Rahman said. “Even as a new widow, she always had her head held high.”

King was not only a person of character; she was also a key leader in the Civil Rights movement during and after her husband’s death. King was persistent in her words and deeds of encouragement. She never wavered from her stance of non-violence as the only viable option for change,” Pearson said.

“She helped us break free from the bonds of the past and opened up the doors of the future,” Clough said.

Break from page 1

on the committee’s website listed Cake and Collective Soul as the top choices for the opening act artist. Yellowcard, Sister Hazel and Jason Mraz were the next favorite choices. Tinetti said that the majority of 3,000 responses to the survey said that the second artist should be from the rock alternative genre.

“If we end up not getting the full funding from SGA, the only artist that performed in the top five of the poll that we could make an offer to is Sister Hazel,” Tinetti said. Tinetti said that if the committee gets the full funding from SGA, it can book either of the top two bands if they are still available.

“Because of the Student Center policy, we cannot make offers for projected revenue but can only offer the money we have,” he said.

AFCEA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Atlanta Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) will award at least four $1,500 scholarships this year. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, enrolled full-time, and majoring in science, engineering, mathematics, international relations, public policy, or information technology. Application deadline is Mar. 3, 2006. See: www.afcea-atlanta.org or Mr. Francis Mazzocchi, (404) 464-5435, mazzocchifrancis@forscom.army.mil.

sliver

zoom zoom zoom

tech girl w/ dumb uga boyfriend seeking intelligent replacement yay for smoothie workers!

emma is my dog, i hate that stupid dog (and so does everyone else)

85 days til graduation!

All my base are belong to sliver girl!

Your friends are more important than your family.

I have a sudden strong desire to play Diablo II.

why the hell weren't the 8 stiters on the front row not standing at the bball game the 2 swarm members cussing the team during the game should be bloody eagle
desired to laugh so hard when you wouldn't let you 2 idiots leave the game

bullent in the brain pan, "squish"

i swept myself when jeromis got that alley at VT

IF YOU LIKE A GIRL ASK HER OUT ITS NOT THAT HARD!! JUST ASK HER!! ASK HER!!

Seriously!! you know she likes you TS so just go for it.

Happy Birthday to teh Jarz!!

If Georgia Tech was a person he would be in jail for rape.

Tyler you pissed in my bed

Did you sleep in your own pee?

The internet is for porn Kat Monster

Devin is freaking hot in pink

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Council Clippings

Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate decreases Sting Break funding

By Heather Hubble
Coordinating Writer

The GSS discussed, amended and passed a total of three bills at its Tuesday meeting. The first bill proposed to fund Tech Beautification Day, the second proposed to pay for the Student Center Programs Council to bring in another artist for Sting Break and the third proposed to fund the Miss Asian Atlanta Pageant.

The meeting opened with discussion of a bill to provide funding for Tech Beautification Day, which is scheduled to take place on April 22, 2006. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) struck several small items from the Tech Beautification Day bill, requiring that the organization allocate a lesser amount for posters and use currently available resources for accounting and receipts rather than purchasing an accounting ledger and finance charts.

The JFC also recommended striking lines of the bill related to corporate sponsors on the grounds that money from corporate sponsors, rather than that from GSS, should be used for communicating with and recognizing corporate sponsors.

After discussion, the senators passed the bill as amended by the JFC.

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR fails Miss Asian Atlanta bill

By Ranganathan Venkatakrishnan
Staff Writer

In their weekly meeting on Tuesday, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passed two bills, hosted a special guest from Auxiliary Services and heard a presentation about the proposed plus/minus grading system.

After the minutes had been approved, David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, talked about recent activity on the new grading system. Andersen said that he had met with Anderson Smith, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, along with Robert Beaulieu, head of the Academic Affairs Committee.

“While UGA and Georgia State want to do this, Georgia Tech does not,” Andersen said. He added that this was primarily because there was no good reason to introduce such a grading system.

Andersen also spoke of an ad-hoc committee that had been formed to consider and clarify Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policies.

Melissa Moore, Auxiliary Services Communications Officer, gave a presentation which overviewed current events happening on campus to the representatives.

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The Plight of Palestinian Christians

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David Parsons
Media Officer with the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem

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“I still hear people say that I should not be talking about the rights of lesbian and gay people and I should stick to the issue of racial justice...

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“I appeal to everyone who believes in Martin Luther King, Jr.’s dream to make room at the table of brotherhood and sisterhood for lesbian and gay people.”

Thank You,
Coretta Scott King
1927-2006: The Legacy Lives On

Out Rights is committed to Mrs. King’s vision of equality for people of all sexual and gender identities. Because hate transcends racial and religious borders, so does the dream. Martin Luther King, Jr. had the dream, Coretta Scott King saw it through, and now it’s our turn. Join us.

Out Rights
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the band Cake, who charges $45,000 to perform. Trinetti also clarified that the concert would be held in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum, with a turn-out of about 18,000 students expected this year.

After the UHR passed a motion to amend ticket fees so that Tech students would be charged $5 and non-Tech individuals would be charged $20, the bill was passed. The UHR also allocated $18,980 to Tech Beautification Day, which takes place on Saturday, April 22, and will feature 3,500 students, faculty, alumni and administrators participating in the maintenance of the campus. It is also expected that there will be approximately 2,000 non-Tech participants.

Speaker Leslie Miles noted that they were currently in the process of recruiting project coordinators. It was also mentioned that name tags were being prepared for every volunteer.

There was also debate regarding the cost of website domain registration and the use of Cyberbuzz. The speaker settled the issue by stating that while the website was hosted on cyberbuzz, they still had to pay the fees for domain registration. The bill was passed after JFC amendments were accepted. The amendments included reducing the cost of posters from nine to eight dollars per poster as well as striking three lines from the bill. Two of these lines dealt with sponsor funding and the third involved usage of an accounting ledger, which — according to JFC — could be substituted with the use of Microsoft Excel.

A bill that would allocate money to the Miss Asian Atlanta Pageant, which awards scholarship money, was not passed despite heavy debate. The debate centered on the controversial notion that Tech students were required to foot the bill for an event that featured participants from other colleges. Representative pointed out that they were not prepared to fund another student’s tuition at another school.

Despite the speaker’s contention that funding ought not to be cut since that would make the scholarship money unavailable and that a bad precedent would be set if funding was cut for cutting out to the college community, representatives were not satisfied.

After innumerable motions to amend various parts of the JFC recommendations, which canceled funding for personal items such as tiaras and sashes and also canceled funding for the emcee and videogamed, the bill was voted on and failed to pass.

Volkswagen works with Google, Nvidia

Representatives for Volkswagen of America said last Friday that the company is collaborating with Google and the Nvidia Corporation to create a three-dimensional navigation system for its vehicles which would give drivers a bird’s eye view of the road, according to CNN. The view would provide drivers with topographical information of surrounding areas, including hills and tall buildings.

Volkswagen America said that plans to implement the navigation technology in consumer vehicles are not yet definite, as reported by CNN.
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Facebook profiles endanger job prospects

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9/11 used for propaganda

Adil Saleem
The Daily Cougar

(U-WIRE) U. Houston—Usually every morning on my long trek to UH, I decide to avoid the major routes like Highway 59 and Interstate 45, but I decided a long time ago that one morning, I too would go on these highways. Well, that sort of happened. As soon as I saw the backlog of cars on the Southwest Freeway, I promptly turned back around from the feeder road. I took my usual route of taking Alternate US 90, which becomes Main at it approaches Loop 600. So why does all this matter? Well, it really doesn’t except that every time I drive to UH taking Alternate 90, I notice one blaring sign, and it consistently gets my mind for a little bit, and then life goes on as normal. The sign reads “Never Forget 9/11” and it sits near the John Bong Air Conditioning and Heating Service Store. While 9/11 affected everyone and everything, I think it’s time to move on. I’ve noticed that politicians have capitalized on this tragedy, as well as other figures in the media. Even the president uses it for his own gain. If the approval ratings are down, 9/11 comes to the rescue. It has become something that you can’t argue against.

Everything starts with “after 9/11” and that argument can’t be argued against without being accused of treason. My real problem is with exploiting 9/11 for personal and political gain. President Bush said in 2003 before heading to war that, “We also know that Iraq is harboring terrorists who troll such websites to get a snapshot of what life is like in the United States.” So students should not abuse Facebook, become Main as it approaches Loop 600. I love the Red Route!”

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Swathy Prithivi
Focus Editor

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Around the Campus

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Our Views

HOT or NOT

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Rainy premiere
It was too bad that Campus Movie Night was planned for a stormy Monday night. Despite the weather, students turned out in droves to see the films made by their peers. Some films were near art, and the showing as a whole was impressive for a school that is not exactly revered for its artistic side. We wish the top teams good luck in the city-wide competition and in continuing Tech’s two-year winning streak.

High cos[T]Js
An article in the Focus section revealed this week that the annual cost of replacing the scratched out TJs on building nameplates averages over $5,000. Come on people, don’t you have something better to do with your time? Sure, realigning the T is tradition, but just scratching out signs is not.

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freedoms in the name of national security, and it’s a haunting reminder of George Orwell’s 1984. Numerous dictators in this world’s history have taken powers upon themselves in the name of national security and we allow it because of our need to be protected; such is the way of the social contract. But in our rush, we forget that we exchange our liberty for our protection.

Yes, the country should protect its own citizens, but a should it costs us our civil liberties?

A striking example is Jose Padilla, who spent three years in military detention but was never charged for a single crime. He was finally charged in late 2005, but three years is an awfully long time to wait, even if you are guilty. Padilla is a U.S. citizen and that just makes the issue more volatile. If this could happen to a U.S. citizen, then none of us are safe.

The 9/11 attacks were a horrible incident in American history, and there is no doubt that no one will forget what happened on that day. But keeping 9/11 fresh in our memories to incite specific emotions is equally wrong.

**Firewall: thriller for the infosec crowd**

By Andrew Guyton  
Contributing Writer

When one hears the name Firewall applied to a movie, one tends to think of a plot line and action sequence taken from Snowfall. Not many movie-goers have really explored the workaday nerd, and Firewall takes a typical drama script and rewrites it with believable meaty roles for IT professionals.

Sure, Firewall doesn’t have any gratuitous shots of Halle Berry’s breasts, but it makes up for it with incredible fight scenes and a cohesive plot line. The movie’s climax was one of the best scenes filmed in years. The protagonist would have given Neo a run for his money.

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**Guitar Hero gives air guitar run for its money**

By Nathan Garcia  
Contribution Writer

Ever want to play guitar like the guys in Franz Ferdinand, Boston or even Ozzy Osbourne? While Guitar Hero may not let you do that, it will let you get as close as you can with a professional. The game out there, Konami’s Amplitude and Freaks, is more like a guitar. RedOctane’s unique controller is what really makes Guitar Hero what it is. Nothing makes a man feel like Eddie Van Halen quite like wailing on the wammy bar during a 45-second held note.

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**Curious George equally delightful for young, old**

By Siddharta Parmar  
Contribution Writer

Lately, it seems like all of the children’s books are turning into movies with mixed results. Curious George is another-book-turned-a movie, but it takes a unique approach. Usually, these books get adapted for the big screen by using live action. But in Curious George, the book literally comes alive on the big screen. It uses a mixture of hand and computer animation to match the drawing style with the books.

Curious George features the voice talents of Frank Welker (Curious George), Will Ferrell (The Man in the Yellow Hat), Drew Barrymore, Eugene Levy and Dick Van Dyke. At first it may seem Will Ferrell would be an odd fit for the movie, but his voice rings true and is very believable as George’s caretaker.

Instead of creating a new adventure between the two, the movie answers the biggest questions. How did George get the Man in the Yellow Hat? Why does the Man in the Yellow Hat wear a suit? Why is George named George? Of course the movie is also filled with Curio’s curiosities and the trouble that follows.

The plot is very simple. Ted (The Man in the Yellow Hat) has to go to Africa to find the lost Shrine of Zagawa. While in Africa, Ted meets a curious monkey who follows him home. The rest of the movie follows their adventures in the city.

When you go see this movie, be prepared to dive completely into it and become a kid again. I frequently found myself saying “Uh oh” every time George found something new to play with.

Seeing the Man in the Yellow Hat’s reaction only made me laugh harder. Besides the animation and humor, audiences will notice the music by Jack Johnson, which is superb and urges the viewer to hum along.

This movie should be a must see on anyone’s list of movies to go to for this year. In fact, this movie is so good that I wouldn’t be surprised if it gets nominated for an Oscar for best-animated film.
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The Two Bits Man doesn’t like malls. The Two Bits Man doesn’t like anything about malls. The Two Bits Man thinks malls are pretentious places to be. The Two Bits Man will stop referring to himself in the third person. Unless I can figure out a way to refer to myself in the fifth person, I will try to write this piece in first person.

Hold on while I light up my pipe. Oh, yes, expen-
site.

Smoking would not kill me, because I am just too damned smooth to be killed by some petty disease. Hu-
man beings (read: you guys) on the other hand, please do listen to your Surgeon General. I can’t have my readership dying off on me.

Now, where was I? Ah! Ah! All we have been to is malls. If I haven’t, I promise that you are not missing anything, except possibly SmokeyHooK, which is like drinking liq-
uid sex. And I mean that in a totally non-
disgusting sort of way.

By your thread of this column, I hope to ex-
plain the many reasons why I might be harboring this deep-seated and unad-
d stained for malls. The world is a Freudian stage. We just screw in it. Now, I am not sure what this has to do with anything, but I bet there is a subconscious point somewhere so I’ll leave it on the box.

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Granted I now respect her fashion foresight. However, at the time I felt that I had the right to wear pants like it was 1989 (it was M.C. Hammer’s birthday). Nowadays, I did like those bright red parachute pants were the future, and I deserved the rights to pursue my beliefs and happiness. Happiness through pants.

How does that pants-rejection make me feel? Well, thanks for asking. I take it one day at a time. Plus, I think I may have channeled the resentment that I felt for the lack of M.C. Hammer pants into the current resentment I feel for malls, hence the Freud bit.

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Two Bits Man shares his incredible distaste for all things mall, takes pleasure in smoking pipe and his deep feelings for all classes of women. He has a totally non-
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And it doesn’t just stop with the options, it continues with the way these options are arranged in the stores in malls.

So the story goes. And this is a true story. I once went into a “high-end, artsy-
fratty” (hey, it’s their tag line) store where they felt the need to rearrange the arrangement of the store.

Rather than having women’s clothing, you open the doors and find men’s clothing on the other like decent people, they decided to do some kind of godless checked arrangement where some of the women’s pants were on the men’s side and the men’s on the women’s.

I spent almost 10 minutes trying to figure out why all the pants were looking at only had S, M or L and up as God intended. The only way I knew sure I was doing something wrong was when I couldn’t take a check from the cashier during checkout. They had me thinking the world of jeans had changed, which it had not. I wished I could have included an illustration, but the boxers looked like the shorts worn by basketball players from the 1970s. Who still wears that? Aside from the Globetrotters, that is.

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After **Cox** disappears with his family, **Jack** starts to take control in the criminals’ plan. Making a mistake. After the heist is against the clock to break into his ‘JSFXBMM’

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doesn’t like seeing people die or is not a fan of the psychological thriller, then maybe not so much.

From the moment that the family is kidnapped until the intense climax, you’ll be on the edge of your seat, not knowing what will happen next. You will feel the tension mount.

**By Perma Kaul
Covering Writer**

When Steve Martin does comedy, the world watches no matter what. He is possessed, charged with every nuance that embodies his character. He is charged with every thought, and the slapstick humor is totally refreshing. The movie shares its title and main character with a 1963 version of The Pink Panther, but the stories don’t share much similarity and this definitely cannot be labeled as inspired by that classic. This is how the story goes. When France’s soccer coach is murdered after a successful match against China and his priceless ring studded with The Pink Panther diamond stolen, the Chief sees the perfect opportunity in the crime to catch the criminal. La Crosse, Wisconsin, the world watches no matter what.

**Panther delivers slapstick fun**

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would describe as goofball's luck, helps him with the case.

Clouseau has a thing for Xania (Beyoncé Knowles), the soccer coach's girlfriend, and he admits it when his partner and “sidekick” tries to interrogate her, by articulating in his inimitable French accent and of course, with all his style, "Stop harassing her. Can't you see she's sexy?" But he obviously has his share of seriously destructive goofy too, and they are what one would expect from a Steve Martin comedy: clutch-your-sides-and-guffaw funny.

The movie typically digs up all the old French stereotypes and blends them together, and what's more, in most places, they actually seem to work.

Things get murky when the killer makes another move and goes on to kill Bizou, France's best soccer player. The Inspector must do some serious investigation and play his cards right.

And yet, get a load of his good cop-bad cop routine on Bizou in which he ends up electrocuting himself. This Frenchman is on a roll. There are bathroom fires, crazy metal balls and car wrecks to look forward to. This film has the whole package for you.

All said and done, this movie is slightly above average because it is what one would want to see in a Steve Martin comedy: clutch-your-sides-and-guffaw funny.

“Stop harassing her. Can't you see she's sexy?”

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

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Tech tradition causes problems for students

By Chanchala Kaddi Contributing Writer

The Tech Tower’s “TECH” letters are a familiar beacon to students, visible not only from the tower itself but on many photos of Tech and on Tech memorabilia.

Almost equally prominent in Tech’s culture is the “tradition” of stealing the T from the Tower.

The theft of Tech Tower T’s has been strongly discouraged by campus authorities over the years. Students who attempted to steal the T can face expulsion as well as criminal charges.

However, theft continues to occur campus-wide on a smaller scale—at least smaller when the size of the T’s themselves are concerned.

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Arms rong Residence Hall

Honors program evokes mixed student response

By Inn-Ionn Chen Senior Staff Writer

While the start of the Honors Program at Tech next fall may not directly affect students already here, there are still a multitude of heated opinions surrounding the issue.

We’ve heard from the administrators planning the program, but what about the average student—what are they saying about the program?

Here is a sampling of student opinion from across different majors and years in school:

“It’s about time [for an Honors Program] because UGA has had one for the past few years. I was surprised that we didn’t have an honors program,” said Nicholas Peterka, a first-year Nuclear and Radiological Engineering major.

“I thought the classes were as good as they could be,” Peterka said when asked about what he thought about the special sections of classes opened for honors students.

Another distinction in the Honors Program aside from the special sections of freshman classes is the fact that all honors students will live together in Howell Hall.

According to Dan Morrison, associate director of Residence Life, Howell was chosen because it has ancillary space that will be useful for the program, such as the learning center.

Because of the layout of Howell, the ratio of male to female residents must be six to four in order to maintain same-sex floors. This may require some shuffling around when the final numbers of students come in.

“This is separating out those students,” Molnar said.

“It seems cool that you live with the people you take classes with,” Molnar said.

For example, a B+ grade would give a student a 3.3 towards their GPA, but a B- would count as a 2.7.

“The fact that GPAs could be lowered by such a grading system seems especially upsetting to students,” said Molnar.

“It’s a bad idea and it could hurt the middle grades… I think it’s too much work and it would not reward good work ethic…”

Students voice opinion on plus/minus grades

By Trevor Stittleburg Staff Writer

Just listening to students chatting around campus about the proposed plus/minus grading system, strong student opinion regarding the proposal is evident.

To recap, the proposal could lead to the use of plus/minus grade distinctions that would appear on student transcripts and/or affect GPAs.

“[The plus/minus grading system] is unfair to the students. It’s only going to penalize us and it would affect HOPE.”

Stevie Baer First-year AE major

“[Having an Honors program] seems like it’s a trend with a lot of other schools…and we’re just trying to compete.”

Joshua Strulley Second-year CEE major

The opinion that Tech in general is not an easy place was common among most students.

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Mon’ag Residence Hall

New gray and white signs outside the student residence halls, like the ones above at Armstrong and Montag, are missing T’s as students participate in a Tech “tradition.” Damaging campus signs confuses visitors to campus and contributes to being a financial burden.

By Julia Banchi STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

TENNIS RANKINGS RISE

The women’s tennis team competed in the ITA meet and after some tough matches, came home with their highest ranking ever.

GEORGE THE CURIOUS

The Man in the Yellow Hat travels to Africa, comes back with a curious monkey and has exciting city adventures.

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Facilities, about the cost associated with the stolen letters to Housing. “There are lots of other background costs. That doesn’t take into account all of the people who have to replace them...and our carpenter’s shop,” Gillis said.

According to Daniel Morrison, the director of Residence Life, some of the expense is also in the renting of cranes and lifts to replace letters on the upper floors of residence halls. The latest theft was the T’s in the sign designating The John and Mary Wesley New Media Center in the library. According to Carol Senf, the associate chair in the Literature, Culture and Communication department, the quote to replace each T was $250.

The university is taking various measures to reduce the number of stolen letters. “I try to mount them in a way that they can’t be stolen after they are installed,” said Dennis Adams, from All American Specialty, a company that does lettering for the campus. “We glue the backs of the letters so that they really have to work at getting them off, or...they break, so they don’t get what they wanted. We incorporate the GT logo in the plaques as much as we can, so we avoid having the T’s taken off,” Adams said.

Campus improvements are also affecting the type and number of letters being stolen. “All the letters on the buildings are being removed as part of a new signing system for campus. In the past, all of the addresses for the buildings were on the buildings, and now they will be on the signs in front of the buildings,” said Warren Page, director of Operations and Maintenance at Tech.

These new monument-type signs in front of most dorms and buildings have contributed to the theft of T’s. “At the end of the semester, we had mostly T’s, vinyl T’s, taken from the monument-type signs, and during September and during the summer, we had some of the white T’s we had mounted on buildings taken too,” Gillis said.

“It was an increase with the new signs because they’re so easy to get at, because they’re down on the ground. They can be peeled off easily rather than sawed off, like the letters mounted on the building.”

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However, in comparison to the older type of letters, the vinyl T’s on the new signs are easily replaced and not very expensive,” said Page.

The number of T’s stolen, compared to other letters, makes it obvious that stealing small T’s has become a substitute for stealing the Tech Tower T. “For the most part it’s T’s, unless they’re trying to spell something. Sometimes more letters are taken,” Gillis said.

The reason administrators fought to halt the tradition of stealing the Tech Tower’s T is primarily the danger to students who attempt it. The fight to keep smaller T’s on campus signs and buildings from being stolen is because of the cost in terms of money and effort to the university. “It causes us issues because it’s diverting our attention from real needs to what we classify as vandalism,” Gillis said. “It detracts from the university’s appearance to parents and visitors when [it] is done.”
Grading from page 11 would help distinguish people that have all A's, but absolutely no one works for a 100," said Nick Silver, a first-year Computer Science major.

“...it wouldn’t be tied to your GPA,” said Michelle Gayer, a first-year Chemical Engineering major.

“The GPA is the most people,” said Sheg Agbato, a first-year Chemical Engineering major.

“It’s unfair to the students. It’s only going to penalize us, and it should affect HOPE;” said Stevie Baer, a first-year Aerospace Engineering major.

“I didn’t really like it at all. I guess I see it from the professor’s point of view...It would make us concentrate more on grades and trying to please professors,” said Kim Hand, a fourth-year Chemical Engineering major.

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That could be cool if it didn’t affect GPA," Agbato said.

Though most students are decidedly against the proposal as a whole, there are those who believe it would be a positive change despite any effects on GPAs. "I think it’s a good idea. You obviously worked harder and that should be reflected somehow," said Chris Danielson, a first-year Biology major.

“It would more accurately reflect your work…it would probably make my GPA go down about a tenth of a point,” he said.

Though the conclusion to this academic drama has yet to be revealed, students are clearly opinionated and vocal on the issue.

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Walk-on Massey sets school record in weight throw

By William Bretherton

Eric Massey came to Tech with one thing on his mind: academics. He has already graduated with a degree in electrical and computer engineering, and is currently in graduate school here. He came to Tech from Gainesville, Florida, where he graduated from F.W. Buchholz High School in 2002.

"Basically picked Tech simply for the engineering. In terms of hammer throwing, I was always a gym rat. I tried out for basketball a few times. I met some of the other throwers on the team, and they convinced me to come out and try out for the team. They showed me how to throw, and the rest is history," Massey said.

The 23-year old Massey walked on to the team last season and posted an NCAA East Region qualifying mark of 189'05" in the hammer throw before finishing 11th at the NCAA regional meet with 183'06". While Massey has not thrown for much longer than two seasons, he has been a competitor and an athlete since he began high school. "I played club rugby and club lacrosse here at Tech, and football, basketball and baseball in high school. I've done just about every sport you can think of. This is the one that fit me the best."

These past few weeks Tech has competed in the Clemson Indoor, the Kentucky Invitational, the Rod McCravy Memorial and this past weekend the Meyo Invitational in South Bend, Indiana.

Massey first broke the school record with a mark of 61 feet, 5.75 inches at the Clemson Invitational. He broke his own school record at the very next meet in Lexington, Kentucky at the Rod McCravy Memorial with a mark of 62 feet, 2 ¾ inches.

"[Breaking the two school records] was a culmination of a lot of practice. When you are in a meet, you get a lot of meet adrenaline, and really do a lot of stuff with that."

In order to put these marks in perspective, you have to understand exactly what goes into outputting that type of effort. "The weight throw is basically a 35 pound ball on the end of a two-foot long handle, and that is thrown indoors. The hammer is a 16-pound ball on the end of a four-foot length, and it is thrown outdoors. With the hammer and the weight throws, you try and use strength and speed to put rotation on the ball."

"It has been nice to see myself progress from no technical ability whatsoever to being able to do very well and be competitive for Tech."

While Massey was unable to improve upon his previous throws while at the Meyo Invitational, he will get his shot at redemption tomorrow, as he and his teammates travel to Clemson, S.C. for the Tiger Classic meet.

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The two top candidates to fill the position are sophomore Michael Fisher and freshman Russell Harben. Last season, Fisher hit .300 with two home runs, with an OBP of .375 in 25 games. Currently Fisher is slated to start the first game against Georgia Southern.

Third Base
Presseason All-American Junior Wes Hodges returns for the Jackets this season. He will be the center-piece of the Jackets lineup. Last year, he hit 397 with nine home runs, with an OBP of .466. To put that on-base percentage number in perspective, Todd Helton of the Colorado Rockies led Major League Baseball with an on-base percentage of .449. Sophomore Brad Feltes is Hodges backup.

Outfield
The outfield will have three returning starters. Senior Steven Blackwood returns to start in left. Sophomore Chris House and senior Jeff Kindel will start in center and right. Junior-college transfer Wally Crancer will get spot starts, as well as get a few at bat as a designated hitter. Freshmen Chris House and Jay Dantzler will serve as backups in the outfield as well.

"Kind of walking in behind three starters, so there isn't much you can do there. There will always be injuries and people getting tired, or people needing a day off. Maybe I can fit in the designated hitter role. I'll just keep working toward being ready for the season," Crancer said.

Post-season Play
The Jackets have not missed the NCAA tournament since 1985. This season does not look to be any different. While the Jackets are rated second in the pre-season ACC rankings behind Clemson, Tech looks to make a run for the ACC championship, and is expected by many to win it. Many believe that this will also be the year that the Jackets can overcome that playoff bump in the road, and get to the College World Series.

Tech's home opener is Wednesday, Feb. 15 against Georgia State.
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Starting Rotation
Junior Blake Wood returns as the ace for Tech. He started 18 games last season finishing with a record of 10-1, with an ERA of 3.33, and a WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched) of 1.27. Juniors Ryan Turner and Lee Hyde will most likely follow Wood in the starting rotation. Turner ended last season with a 7-3 record, an ERA of 3.31, and a WHIP of 1.67. Meanwhile, Hyde finished with a 7-4 record, an ERA of 4.68, and a WHIP of 1.54.

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Lady Jacket tennis goes 2-1 against ranked teams

By Matthew Winkler
Contributing Writer

The women’s tennis team started their season out last weekend as they competed in the National Team Indoors, in Madison, Wis. Going into the event Tech was ranked No. 3 in the nation. The ranking is the highest ever for a women’s team in any sport at Tech.

“It’s an honor to be thought of like that, but I think our task now is to solidify that, and prove that’s where we belong,” said Kelly Anderson, one of three seniors on the team.

“We finished the season as we started, by winning the doubles matches at the one and three slots. The pairing of Kristi Miller and Lyndsay Shosho won along with the Rudman and Alison Silverio duo. Miller was the lone singles winner of the day, winning her match 6-4,6-2.

“Even though we lost [against Texas], we don’t see it as a negative at all,” Rudman said.

“Playing such tough matches was good for us to set a standard. [We’re] very motivated after playing a tough weekend [of competition] to know what [we] have to work on,” Rudman said.

“[It’s] very exciting, and hopefully we continue to get higher,” junior Silverio duo. Miller was the lone singles winner of the day, winning her match 6-4,6-2.

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“One of our team goals at the beginning of the semester was to win a national championship,” Anderson said.

“With our team and depth, it’s very possible [to win the national championship],” Rudman said.

Tech sees action again on Feb. 18 against Alabama and then on the Feb. 19 as they travel to Auburn. Tech’s first home match comes Feb. 23 as they host Rice.

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Women’s team topped by top-ranked Tarheels

By Akshay Amanenzi
Contributing Writer

Lately, it seems as if neither Jacket basketball team has had an easy time winning games. With the men on their seven-game losing streak, it was up to the women’s team to try and conserve some of the pride. Unfortunately the Lady Jackets dropped a pair of home games.

Last Thursday, the Jackets lost to Florida State in a close game, 59-54. While the Jackets have been successful with rebounding and defense this season, the Seminoles showed very similar numbers in those categories, perhaps contributing to low score in the game. The difference in the game, though, came from behind the arc. Florida State made 4-10 from behind three-point range, while the Jackets were just 1-10 from behind the arc.

The Seminoles built an early lead in the game. Six minutes into the game, Florida State led by eight following a Ganiyat Adeduntan three-point shot. But excellent defense and rebounding led the comeback for the Jackets. There was a long drought for about three and a half minutes around the 13:50 mark where neither team scored.

After two offensive rebounds by sophomore Janie Mitchell followed by a lay-up, the Jackets and Seminoles traded possessions. Stephanie Higgs made a lay-up and got fouled. She made the free throw to bring the Jackets within three points. Mitchell led the Jackets with 12 points against the No. 1 North Carolina Tarheels, who remained undefeated.

Led by strong defense, Florida State whistled away Tech’s lead. The Seminoles went on an 11-3 run, which brought the Seminoles within one point with nine minutes left in the game.

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While the Jackets have been successful in getting the ball under the post, they were able to slowly build the lead. Seven minutes into the first half, the Jackets held a nine-point lead.

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Men's tennis season starts with win

The men's tennis team hit the ground running with a 7-0 victory over Furman in its first game of the season.

The No. 29 Jackets opened with a doubles victory from the duo of seniors Marko Rajevac and sophomore David North, who downed Furman's Ben Pauluhn and Greg Maehr with a 6-2 score. At No. 1 position, Furman's Bob Lymahy and Brian Crook won the No. 2 doubles game versus sophomore Jordan Delas and George Clevetani 8-2.

The Jackets came back as Scott Blackmon and Zachary Rath won the doubles point 8-4 against Scott Kehler and Will Keifer to secure the doubles portion of the match. "We knew that Furman is a good team and they were going to fight to win. We knew we had to match their passion and put their intensity," Rajevac said.

That focus paid off as Tech proceeded to win all six singles matches. No. 1 Rajevac defeated Ben Pauluhn in three sets 6-4, 6-4, No. 2 Rath won over Andy Juc in two games 7-5, 6-4, followed by No. 3 North defeating Maehr 6-4, 6-3.

The Jackets continued to dominate as No. 4 Delas won over La-dyman 7-6, 6-0, No. 5 Clevetani downed Crook 7-5, 2-6, 7-6, and No. 6 Blackmon defeated Knause 6-5, 6-4. "We'll rise to the occasion today. We won and that's the important part. The team is looking strong, and I could tell we had a lot of confidence while playing," North said.

North and Rajevac are the two returning All-Americans on the team. Last year the two teamed up in doubles play and advanced to the NCAA Doubles Quarterfinals before falling to eventual national champions John Isner and Antonio Rata of Georgia.

Rajevac, a native of Yugoslavia, is the lone senior on the team and has lettered all three years and has a positive outlook on the season.

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One game this season the Jackets are really looking forward to is against the UGA Bulldogs. "The match everyone looks forward to is always UGA. We lost to them last year, so I really want to beat them this year," North said.

Until then, fans can watch the No. 29 Jackets (1-0) face No. 35 Furman (1-0) on Friday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Bill Moore Tennis Center.

Track competes in South Bend, Ind.

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Lacrosse starts season tomorrow

The men’s club lacrosse team starts the 2006 season this weekend with a pair of home games. Tomorrow at 1 p.m. the team takes on Presbyterian College. Sunday at 11 a.m. the team plays South Carolina. Games will be played at the Roe Stadium fields adjacent to the CRC.

2006 Lacrosse Home Games

- Sat., Feb. 11 - Presbyterian - 1 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 25 - Florida State - 1 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 26 - Texas A&M - 1 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 4 - Boston College - 1 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 10 - Stonehill College - 6 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 12 - Miami of Ohio - 11 a.m.

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