GT responds to safety concerns

Police, students notice surge in campus crimes, work to address the problems

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

A rash of vehicle break-ins combined with recent high-profile crimes like the Jan. 26 abduction of a Georgia State University student have made some Georgia Tech students more than a little nervous about their safety.

"I had my car broken into right before finals," said Ryan McFerrin, a second-year Industrial Design major.

"Within a week (of the incident), I could have named 20 people that I knew personally whose cars had also been broken into," he said. "That’s when I knew this was not something sporadic. It was frequent."

In the past couple of months we did get a surge in crimes involving illegal entry into an automobile, said Patrol Captain Pat Wypasek. Wypasek served as Interim Police Chief for the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) through the latter half of 2002.

The number of vehicle break-ins for 2002 was headed for a decline from 2001 until the last minute increase, Wypasek said. Total vehicle break-ins rose about 4.5 percent, from 292 in 2001 to 305 in 2002.

In spite of the surge, overall crime rates on campus have remained fairly stable in 2002, rising by about 4 percent. This jump corresponds to a nationwide increase of about the same amount. This is the first time in ten years that crime nationwide has gone up," said Wypasek. "That’s not an excuse, but it is an explanation," he said.

While some types of crime increased in 2002, others, like reported robberies, remained constant. Still others, like bicycle theft, fell. Some variation in crime rates is normal, says Wypasek.

"(Crime) comes and goes," he said. "But that’s part of the challenge for us."

McFerrin decided to bring the issue of campus safety to the attention of other students. McFerrin, a member of the student body, faculty or staff, beginning March 1.

The increases were decided upon by vote in the committee, which is comprised of four undergraduate and four graduate students. Their findings serve as recommendations to President C. discussion. University Police has an interest in the increase, which is not the final decision. And, while he usually follows the committee’s advice, he has not had a chance to vote on this issue. Wypasek said that the Board of Regents will agree," said Sam Michaels, graduate student body president and member of the committee.

Potential for the single largest fee hike is recommended to go toward transportation, which currently costs each student $39 per semester. Due to the new need for transportation routes to and from Technology Square, the committee approved a provisional $10 increase, but the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority will possibly give Tech a grant that will pay for new buses. If this is the case, the increase will only be $6, the price needed to cover the added routes.

"We’re looking for students who are passionate about their careers, relentless in their pursuit of success and industrious in their methods," said Rosalind Meyers, Associate VP of Auxiliary Services. "We’re looking for students who plan to attend next year, must be in good standing with a minimum 2.5 GPA and must be a sophomore or higher. To apply, submit an application and essay on the Auxiliary Services website."

Students offered IMPACT money

Auxiliary Services is offering ten $3,000 scholarships to students who have made a positive IMPACT in the Georgia Tech community.

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Students can see increased fees next semester

By Stephen Baehl
Copy Editor

The Mandatory Fee Student Advisory Committee recently reviewed requested fee increases made for every mandatory student fee. The committee chose to recommend in creases for eight fees totaling $16.25 per semester for each student.

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Last issue’s poll garnered 53 responses to the question: “What aspect of the renovated bookstore space are you most looking forward to?”

This week’s poll is related to the increases for mandatory student fees. How do you feel about the proposed fees changes? Tell us what you think at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/technique.

From the archives...

10 years ago: January 29, 1993—Proposals for a TECH^CARD, precursor of the BuzzCard gained momentum. Student groups began moving into the new Student Services Building. The “Flag” building provided space for student orgs. Men’s Basketball got booed at halftime in a loss to Wake Forest.

20 years ago: January 28, 1983—EE, ME, and ICS (now CS) decided to raise enrollment requirements to because too many students were being accepted. ME’s student-to-faculty ratio was 95 to 1. Plans for Tech’s centennial celebration began 2 years before the event, October 12, 1985.

30 years ago: February 2, 1973—The steam compressor from the basement of the ME building was saved from destruction and placed on the front lawn of the administration building at the request of VP of Planning Dr. Clyde Robbins. SGA passed a resolution condemning Robbins for failing to get permission before acting.
Graduates debate showing of cricket

By Tony Kluemper
News Editor

For the second time in as many weeks, the Graduate Senate meeting ran for over an hour, even though only four bills were actually discussed by the senators.

A guest presentation by James Pete, director of the Buzz Card Center, on the introduction of the new GT identification number to increase if the games were aired on GTCN. He said the $4,000 to get the broadcast rights. The Cricket Club representative, according to the Cricket Club representative, the rights would be used to show the games on the Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN), which is available to all students living on campus.

The bill, which was submitted by the Cricket Club on behalf of the India Club and the Pakistan Student Association, covered the $4,000 to get the broadcast rights. According to the representative, nearly 1,000 students attended previous showings of the games and he expected that number to increase if the games were aired on GTCN.

Although the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) had not yet considered the bill because it was originally in new business, JFC chairman Chris Webb voiced his personal concerns about the bill.

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Undergrads debate budget amendments

By Daniel Amick
Senior Staff Writer

Undergraduate representatives subordinated just about every other concern Tuesday night in order to deal with the 2003 Student Activity Fee Budget. Seven separate amendments came up for consideration. Some were offered to correct minor arithmetic or format errors. Others called for changes of hundreds or even thousands of dollars in budget allocations.

Tim Cailloux introduced an amendment that would increase the Graduate Conference Fund from $45,000 to $55,000. This fund subsidizes travel costs for graduate students who want to present their research at professional conferences.

"We need to remember that this is $10,000 that will not go to other student organizations," said Ridley.

"I don’t think we [as undergraduates] realize how important it is that graduate students present their papers," countered ECE Rep John Parsons. The amendment passed 24-6-1.

Another measure introduced by Junior Rep Chris Rankine sought to add $9,000 to the Music Department for band and choral concerts. Without this money the Music Department would be forced to cut back on equipment and concerts, Rankine said.

At-Large Rep Alan Bakowski cautioned against providing funding too readily, saying that if Tech administrators felt SGA would always assume such a responsibility, they might never chip in themselves.

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"We pay $1,000 for student groups to rent the Ferst Center for one night," said senator Kent Siebeneck. "This event will run for over a month and will be open to every student living on campus."

Although the debate on the issue was well divided, when the vote was called, nearly all of the senators voted to allocate the funds.

In other business, two other bills allocating funds to the Tech Gymnastics Team and the Tech chapter of the AIAA passed unanimously without any discussion.

$4,000 to the Cricket Club can buy broadcast rights for the 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup, which will air from Feb. 8th through March 10th on GTCN.

Allocations to the Gymnastics Team, to GT Women’s Ultimate, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics passed as a slate without discussion.

Reps approved by unanimous acclamation a resolution expressing condolences to the family of Kenneth Vann, a GT student who recently passed away.

UHR closed in unusual fashion with consideration of a bill to impeach two members for excessive absences, Freshman Rep Brandon Clifford and Management Rep Randi Truelove. The Chief Justice of the Undergraduate Judiciary Council, Daniel Crook, presided over the vote.

"I’ll be very up front with you. I don’t know how this works," said Crook.

The House brought motions of impeachment against each rep individually, then voted to remove each with a three-fourths majority.
The GTPD has recently become aware of an increase in certain crimes on campus and are currently taking steps to address some of the problems.

“Lighting has come up as an issue in the last few weeks,” she said. As of last Friday, she said, all lights on Curran “were burning.” She also said tests concluded that lighting around Curran “was at standard.”

“Certainly, that does not mean that more light could not be added. I feel like it probably should be,” she said.

“Cameras are great. They really are. I just can’t tell you why [cameras have not been added]. A picture’s worth a thousand words,” Crocker said.

She cautioned that she has no past experience with use of cameras inside a parking deck and doesn’t know if they would prove effective in that setting.

As for attendants, Crocker says that they are no guarantee of security or protection.

“There’s nothing to stop someone from just paying the twenty-five cents, going in, breaking into a car and leaving,” she said. Wypasek added that it takes only a matter of minutes or seconds to break in to a car.

One strategy that Crocker, Wypasek and McFerrin believe will work to decrease crime is increased cooperation and coordination among the GTPD and departments like Housing, Facilities and Parking. Wypasek cited the recent Department of Housing decision to lock interior doors in some dormitories as a model for prevention of crime.

“Crime is not just a police thing,” he said. “It’s a community thing.”

Crocker wants to see increased educational efforts designed to inform students of risks and personal safety measures. One example is a campus safety meeting held last Friday to address student concerns.

“What many people don’t realize is that the population on campus changes every year. You have to continue to educate people. They’re coming from completely different worlds and completely different places. That’s one of the key factors and obviously something that we need to do a better job of,” she said.

Crocker advises students to take advantage of shuttle services like the Stingerette, go out in groups rather than by themselves and, above all, use common sense.
need to protect a student’s social security number as much as possible,” said Pete.

Rosalind Meyers, VP of Auxiliary Services, agreed with the need to protect students’ social security numbers. “The primary reason was to protect student and staff privacy by moving away from the social security number as the primary identifier,” said Meyers. “I think I was working at Tech for about two months when a couple of students first approached me about their security concerns. That was in 1995.”

However, the reasoning expanded beyond that basic need. The group presenting to the senate also commented on the need to connect the various offices that required identification numbers. “These offices have been largely self-supporting up to this point,” said Pete. “These groups didn’t speak to each other and each had their own identifiers for students within their own systems. We are trying to move toward a much more integrated system with this plan.”

James Pete
BuzzCard Center Director

which continue to exist even when the students is issued a social security number.

“This leaves some students with multiple records on the system,” said Pete. The creation of one Tech identification number would result in only one record.

The new identification numbers will become available through the Banner system. Students will be able to access their individual numbers by visiting www.gtid.gatech.edu after March 1.

Each student ID number will be a unique nine digit identifier similar to the social security number. However, in order to avoid any confusion between the two, the ID number will begin with a “9,” the only digit that social security numbers do not utilize.

Once the Tech ID numbers are released, social security numbers will no longer be used by OSCAR or any other Tech computer program. In fact, as part of the new Tech social security number policy adopted last August, all departments and services are no longer permitted to use the social security number. Current students will have the option of using their social security numbers to logon to OSCAR until Dec. 31.

With the addition of the new ID numbers, a new design for the BuzzCard will be introduced as well. Although students may trade in their old cards for new ones, it will not be required.

Although most students may not realize the problem with multiple identification numbers, this is especially a problem with international students. Students who have recently entered the country to attend Tech may not have been issued a social security number. This leads to the creation of temporary identifiers for determination of the athletic fee.

President Clough answers your questions from last fall’s State of the Institute address

What plans are underway to develop and enhance student life initiatives (i.e., cultural events, concerts, service activities, etc.)?

A few of the most recent developments to enhance student life include:

“Ramblein Nights” (Friday night social programs preceding home football games), which in its first year seemed to be very successful.

More student-oriented performances at the Fertz Center (i.e., Beck, Lewis Black, Roots) and more student rush tickets.

Development of a partnership with Hands on Atlanta to double community service opportunities for students.

Development of a Leadership Portfolio (a new program to document student involvement in leadership activities).

We are also working with the SGA on a new approach for planning social events that will be fun and enjoyable during the spring and around non-football weekends.

What is Georgia Tech doing to address gender diversity?

Increasing gender diversity is an Institute goal at all levels. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has a comprehensive strategy for student recruitment that includes person-to-person telephone calls, chat sessions, invitations to visit campus, and letters. All of these activities focus on providing personal attention in the recruiting process. Undergraduate Admissions is currently developing a brochure to send to women to encourage them to consider Georgia Tech when they become seniors in high school. This year, the College of Engineering invited prospective women interested in engineering to the Engineering Career Conference on October 10-11. Undergraduate Admissions also partners with the other colleges in February each year and hosts a program called “Furnaces” for women in high school who are interested in careers other than engineering.

On the faculty side, through the ADVANCE program, Georgia Tech is participating in a national effort to increase the participation of women in the scientific and engineering workforce through the increased representation and advancement of women in academic scientific and engineering careers. The Georgia Tech ADVANCE team incorporates a diverse array of faculty, staff and institute leaders to make the goal a reality. Georgia Tech participates in a national effort to increase the participation of women in the scientific and engineering workforce through the increased representation and advancement of women in academic scientific and engineering careers.
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The recent safety issues that have plagued campus are obviously not going to be easily and quickly solved. Despite the complexity of the problem, there are some areas that can be improved that will make a noticeable difference in the feeling of security for students.

First, the meeting that was held last Friday about safety was not at a time that is convenient for students. No doubt, the administration wanted to get the information out to students as quickly as possible, but the lack of student turnout compared to the amount of campus concern about this issue indicate that students would have attended if they had not been otherwise engaged. A new meeting should be held during the day when students are on campus and more likely to be able to attend.

While the move to hire more police officers is a step in the right direction, changing the way that the police patrol campus is also vital. Besides just patrolling by car, Tech should hire bike cops who can go to more areas on campus. Especially with all of the road closures due to construction, many areas of campus are inaccessible by car. It is essential that police officers have a presence in the areas of campus where crime is occurring.

The Georgia Tech and Georgia State police forces should also collaborate more to protect the areas of campus that are bordered by North Avenue. These areas are among the most dangerous of both our campuses, and anything our two forces combined can do to make students’ lives safer is a good idea.

The final and most important thing that the administration can do to help campus safety is to improve campus transportation. Rather than spending our additional funds on a trolley to the new Bookstore, the Stinger could be improved by running the Stinger till 1 pm on weeknights when students are studying. Additionally, the routes should change at night so the bus runs closer to areas where students study. While it makes sense for Cherry Street and Atlantic Avenue to be pedestrian only during the day, at night it is much more essential that students studying be able to have safe access to transportation.

Of course, the most important thing that all of us students can do to increase our sense of security is to be aware of our surroundings. This awareness must extend even to daylight hours especially when one is in a less populated area. Beyond that, watch out for the safety of your fellow students. Don’t let people you don’t know into dorms, and be sure to report any suspicious behavior on campus to the police. If students and the administration work together, safety can be improved.

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As I sat in my first class at Georgia Tech, I looked around the Old Architecture Building lecture hall. I saw short people, tall people, handsome people and ugly people. I also saw white people, black people, brown people and a couple of mixtures in between. During that first moment at Tech, a small voice also asked me an embarrassing question. Did skin color help any of the people get in here?

- Take I-75 north to I-94 and get off at exit 177. The trip takes about 11 hours. Exit 177 on I-94 is about 715 miles from Atlanta and is the first exit to Ann Arbor. Then I came to college, and gave out my social security number. My mother always told me never to give out my social security number. If the team plays as well as Virginia Cavaliers, but as the ACC season continues, they will need Wednesday, those wins will come.

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Everyone knows that their résumé would be incomplete without a list of extracurricular activities. School or community involvement can highlight the skills and interests developed outside of class, whether you fed the homeless, played in the band, or wrote for the Technique. I was rather disappointed when I found that the application to my first choice grad school didn’t have a space for extracurricular activities. While a transcript and essay can say much, they don’t show whether a person developed her leadership skills or committed his efforts to community service.

Tech currently has a “co-curricular transcript” program called GT EDGE. If you sign up for the program, and attend extra classes, lectures, or events that are approved by the program, you can get some kind of nifty certificate to show your proficiency in various areas such as “career development” or “appreciation of diversity.” While this program may encourage some students to expand their horizons, it falls very short of providing a good way to document a student’s involvement.

Last semester, I heard the suggestion that extracurricular activities should go on some sort of “extracurricular transcript.” If this second transcript could be attached to a student’s academic transcript, it would be a great tool for showing a student’s interests and commitments outside of the classroom. While creating such a system would mean more work in terms of documenting group membership and participation, it would be an invaluable tool for students.

Developing an involvement transcript is essential to Tech for two main reasons. First, at many universities, students actually earn course credit for participating in the newspaper, SGA, musical groups, club sports, dance classes, religious lectures, and the like. At Tech, where such activities are not offered as elective credits, students get no official acknowledgment of their participation.

Even if an activity does earn course credit, you’ll usually spend ten hours working (think marching band) for one or two hours of credit. Instincts such as this do not serve to boost someone’s transcript. Instead, they minimize a student’s actual time commitment. Without an extracurricular transcript, the picture of a student’s involvement can either disappear or become distorted.

Secondly, Tech students often have lower GPAs than their competitors in graduate school or job markets. Tech does not subscribe to grade inflation, and while a 2.8 from Tech is pretty darn good, it still can’t look as good as a hyper-inflated Harvard 4.0.

Therefore, Tech students must have a transcript that recognizes their abilities in leadership, service, athletics and scholarship outside of the classroom. We can’t pad our GPAs by taking swing dancing classes or writing for the newspaper—we do these things because, even in our cramped Tech schedules, we love to do them. For those with slightly lower GPAs, a robust record of involvement and commitment can outshine a few bad grades or repeated classes. Serious commitment needs to be accredited in an official institution manner, and an extracurricular transcript would be a perfect solution. I suggest a transcript that lists achievement in four to six main areas, including leadership, service and athletics.

This transcript would list a student’s involvements for every year, including a short description of the organization. Depending on a student’s involvement or the type of organization, various “credits” for leadership or service could be earned. Organizations could also list skills that are listed on the official Tech transcript but also add different skills and qualifications.

A second transcript has the ability to show all of the things we wish we could tell our prospective employers, post grad admissions officers and fellowship awards committees. It could show passion, commitment, dedication, involvement, service and leadership like no other piece of paper.

The extracurricular transcript would be a wonderful way to make all Tech students more commendable and marketable. While grade inflation might make some feel that a 2.8 from Tech is not enough, a transcript would show the student’s marketable skills and abilities. Such a piece of paper would be one of the single best things the administration could develop to help undergraduates.

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Technique Columnist

Summer SAC II fees, closure unfair

The SAC improvements may indeed be necessary to improve student life at Georgia Tech, but they are also an example of Tech punishing current students to help improve its marketability to future students. Now, not only do most current students get the honor of paying for a facility they will never use, but they get to pay for a facility that they won’t be allowed to use over the summer.

For official updates about SAC’s summer closure, see www.sac.gatech.edu
Tech grads start record company with community focus

By Art Searey
Staff Writer

Many people would agree that the golden days of music have passed. It is pure industry now—a gargantuan churning machine pulling in new talent, or lack thereof, and spit- ting it out with a glossy sheen, but nothing more. All the while the ex- ecutives in the upper echelon grow fatter and fatter on the profits.

Medu Records, a recent startup by a group of Georgia Tech gradu- ates, wishes to change that. Its co-founder and C.E.O, Hon- nel Nelson, sat down with the Technique to give an inside look at the new com- pany.

The name of the firm is taken from the Egyptian word, “medew retch- ez,” or good speech. The basic premise is that your words must match your ac- tions and be good and true. “That’s the thing that Medu is built on: speech ought to have value,” said Nelson. “You should be saying something when you’re saying some- thing.”

“For us, we think that music should not just be for music’s sake. I am not one to believe in art for art’s sake. I believe that music should be what it was intended to be original- sakes. I believe that music should be what it was intended to be original- sakes. I believe that music should be what it was intended to be original- sakes. I believe that music should be what it was intended to be original- sakes. I believe that music should be what it was intended to be original- sakes.

Several years later, Nelson met Frank Graham, a New York na- tive, was show- ing off his adepth to en- gineer hip-hop. “I said, ‘Hey, you know you’re good enough to do your own thing.’ After that I said ‘Let’s start working on this.’ And so he started working his lyrics down and…last year we got together and started working on it officially.”

Before that, Nelson met Andre Moore, a Fall 2002 Georgia Tech graduate. He expressed interest in the entrepreneur side of the business. The three have been work- ing on building the infrastructure, fostering talent, and researching in- dustry trends.

Medu Records has two focus art- ists for the moment: Vonetta Green and co-founder Frank Graham, a.k.a. Frank. Vonetta was Nelson’s cho-

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they more than happily have taken Cass’ husband up on his offer to find her.

As the play unfolds, Kip reenters the drama of the Falls, and we learn that every character in the play (husband, wife, suicidal drunkard, six-character swing, and the husband-wife PI pair) is inextricably related to each other by a Dickensian string of fate-linked events, covering the last several years.

In an attempt to help each other through their problems, the characters each take one another out to dinner in pairs to three different restaurants, forming, undoubtedly, the most inventive and humorous pretext of the performance. Each group eats at a different restaurant and is served by one of three thematic waitresses, all played by Isler. In these surroundings she expertly quick-changes to become, in succession and repeatedly, an overzealous vampire, a cockney-talking squire and a cigarette smoking doesn’t-give-a-luck faux Indian, each a waitress in the respective restaurant.

In the end, as the play appears to wrap, several twists occur, leaving the audience scratching their heads, but nonetheless chuckling and generally pleased with the overall experience.

The performance gets going to a rocky start, the result of a herky-jerky written script, but it picks up toward the end of the first half, keeping its viewers in a state of heightened amusement for the remainder of the show.

Patterson takes off with her role as Cass, utilizing her myriad of emotive expressions to steer her character through this gauntlet of events, though she often seems limited by Inverrier and Gray’s propensities to overact their roles.

But by far, the showstoppers are Wells and Isler, noted in their composition and subtle appreciation of their own characters (we’ll overlook Wells’ brief moment of falling out of her fake New York accent and back into her native Southern tongue). The director (Jeff Adler) and property designers (Elizabeth Cooper and M.C. Park) also deserve a congratulation for their novel use of props and methods of changing scenes, complete with across rhumba- ing offstage as they wheel away the scenery.

Overall, Horizon mostly succeeds in its rendition of Wonder, a play that has come to more national attention following its successful run in New York, starring Sex in the City’s Sarah Jessica Parker. Playgoers willing to sacrifice a small bit of substance for a boatload of laughs will enjoy this absurdist trip at Horizon, and the play’s framework makes it perfect for a first or second date or as an inexpensive introduction to Atlanta theatre.

Wonder of the World runs at the Horizon Theatre Company in LSP Wednesdays-Sundays through March 9. Ticket prices vary by the day and time, and most showings are available at a discounted student rate. See www.horizontheatre.com for more information or to order tickets.
Freshman students mingle at formal.

By Ron Henry
Contributing Writer

Even the freshmen can go out for a night on the town. On Friday, Jan. 24, the Student Success Center hosted the first ever Freshman Organizations Formal. Running from 8 p.m. until midnight that night, the formal let freshmen from the four different freshmen-only organizations dance the night away.

The four freshmen groups that attended the grand ball were Freshman Council, Freshman Advisory Board, Freshman Gamma, and Lambda Delta Biko. Each member attending was required to take a member from a different group so that the freshmen could intermingle amongst separate groups.

It became a great way for the organizations to mesh by providing a social forum for the members that could (the advisors of these groups hope) blossom into a more promising relationship for the campus and the community.

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The idea originated in Freshman Gamma last year, and was picked up by the three advisors during the fall semester. The formal itself materialized early this semester when SCGA granted the three organizations $900. RHA sponsored the event for $100. All money paid for the decoration of the Student Success Center, and refreshments for the members.

The advisors expressed that their expectations for the event were far exceeded by the positive feedback that they received from everyone who was involved. Somewhere around 200 people attended — over 70 percent of those invited from the different groups.

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Medu, from page 19

By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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Frank Graham’s first single was released on the airwaves Jan. 30, 2003. The full album is expected sometime in June. “We’re also talking to artists in... Toronto and London, but those two are still just conversations,” Nelson pointed out.

“We expect Medu to eventually grow to something phenomenal. Medu is like a child for us.” And, like a father, Nelson puts in endless hours cuddling and fostering his baby.

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To many this may not sound like a successful record label yet, in terms of profits. Still, Nelson said that the company “…is still a profit enterprise, just one that is equally committed to social responsibility.”

Medu’s criterion for success is not solely profit, but includes affecting good change throughout the world. “A big part of our commitment and our business model is community development and social responsibility.”

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Recently Honeil Nelson and Andre Moore visited their birthplace. “We went to Jamaica during the holiday season. And, as you know, Jamaica has a lot of development issues, and poverty is very big there.”

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Currently the company, along with its partners, is working on the Media Lecture Series and Entrepreneurship Challenge. This includes a four-month set of visits to high schools across the southeastern states: “We’re going there not only just to perform and to market our artists and our company, but also to inspire the students there to achieve their goals,” said Nelson.

Each session will culminate with a contest to present the best business plan by the end of August. “Medu Records will assist the winner in bringing the plan to fruition,” read a recent press release.

The company will also offer internships to those interested. Nelson desires to start the student’s minds churning about the real world. He wants them to realize that there are opportunities out there for them to do what they want to do. They could even start their own business where their passion dwells.

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Medu, how-
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Why the tardiness on Two Bits? Why the overabundance of library checkout? It would seem as though I lucked into taking all of the research paper classes this semester. Somehow, I find myself writing more papers this semester than I have written total in the preceding five years of college.

I realize that most of you will probably write fewer than five papers in your entire time at Ma Tech, but nonetheless, I want to share with you the fool proof Two Bits Method for writing a paper. I am so sure that you will benefit from this approach that if you’re unsatisfied, the Technique will refund the newfound price.

Here’s the formula. First paragraph:

Make a statement so asinine that the professor will think that you are either a complete moron or the reincarnation of Einstein. Paragraph two: Speak directly to the audience and say, “I know that you think I’m either a complete moron or the reincarnation of Einstein.” Paragraph three: Make a statement so asinine that the professor will think that you have betrayed their students only to share with you the fool proof Two Bits Method for writing a paper. I am so sure that you will benefit from this approach that if you’re unsatisfied, the Technique will refund the newfound price.

Next five pages:

Now, write ten pages. It is not required that you write ten pages, but those of you still laboring under the delusion brought upon you by government conspiracy are the absurd ones. With a preponderance of evidence pointing towards the ridiculous nature of Earth, to think otherwise would be sincerely foolish.

Columbus was an insipid f**wit. This proves the fact that the Earth is round.

Einstein, yo.

Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

Truth about Earth, the Earth is a perfect cube.

That if you consider a job in the fast paced world of convenience store clerkery, you will probably say, “I loved Chris, but I couldn’t tolerate his drinking problem. We would sit by the sea, watching the ships sail into shore, but he would always pass our boat before the ship could dock” (1467). Anyone who has ever gotten drunk and passed out knows that you start sitting or standing up, but ultimately fall down. The ship was not in fact rising on the horizon, but Columbus’s perspective was changing as he fell laber. The ground. Years of this type of de-baucery could make him believe that the earth is round.

While Guzman cogently disproves the fact that the Earth is round, Columbus’s diary also disproves the roundness of the Earth. In his Janu-

ary 1, 1492 entry, Columbus noted, “New Year’s Eve sucked. I wanted to get drunk, but there wasn’t enough booze on the ship.” The cabin boy’s rendition of Aud Land Sign was unbearable, and there were no top-less women. Today, I woke up. I saw some water. It was blue. I think I’ll go to bed. As Guzman notes, he sleeps while on the ship.

This sleeping phenomenon clearly explains why the crew missed the Mid Atlantic Edge. Had the ship drifted over the 90 degree bump with a wide eyed crew, the sea-kick experience would have rivaled only by modern log flume rides at amusement parks, but the great roundoff error would have been avoided by historians.

As one can clearly see, the overwhelming evidence leads to the fact that Earth is a cube, and that Columbus was an insipid f**wit. This should seem quite elementary.

I hope that this sample paper has been a valuable tool for you. Until Tech students start citing Two Bits in paper references, this is Two Bits Man, and I’d rather be writing to you than to my professor.
First Miss Asian Atlanta pageant takes over Ferst Center

By Vivian Vakili
Contributing Writer

“We hope this pageant marks the beginning of Atlanta’s tradition to recognize and award women synonymous with achievement, scholarship and essence,” reads the purpose statement for the 2003 Miss Asian Atlanta Pageant. Organized by Tech’s Chinese Student Association, this year was the pageant’s first.

Contestants were required to be between 18 and 24 years old, enrolled in a college or university within Georgia, unmarried, and of at least 50 percent Asian blood. Of the initial pool of applicants, 20 were selected to participate in the pageant process. December marked the beginning of rehearsals, and the girls continued preparations through Jan. 24, the day of the pageant.

As in comparable national pageants, preparations required the participants to constantly work together. One of these collaborative efforts was a choreographed hip-hop dance performed on pageant night.

When thinking of pageants, many people are bombarded with thoughts of excessively primped women in expensive dresses sporting huge fake smiles. The thought of pleasing a panel of judges may seem a bit average, and the girls indeed went through the usual laughter between the girls, she responded, “The dynamic was support. Lots and lots of support and an unexpected comfortableness.”

Virginia Maniquis
Miss Asian Atlanta winner

“With only a week to go I panicked,” said the winner of the pageant, Virginia Maniquis, a Georgia Tech Biomedical Engineering major, who had performed a song while playing violin, accompanied by her sister on cello, as her talent.

When asked whether or not she thought the pageant was fair, she said, “After having spent six weeks with all the contestants, I honestly and truly believed that no matter who they chose to win, that they would choose someone deserving because we all worked very hard and all put a lot of time into the pageant.”

Regarding her final question, she commented, “My final question was about my opinion on decreasing the number of runaway children. It threw me off guard initially but I gave an answer to the effect that I believed that communication between parents and children needed to increase, that the parents should recognize problems early, that they’re alienating their children and discuss them, possibly in family classes. I wish I had elaborated more on a family network and had not paused initially, but other than that, I believe the top ten finalists all did the best they could under pressure.”

Maniquis, who said she had never participated in a pageant before, admitted to having been very nervous, and that she had never even sung before an audience previously. She said she also had to work on speaking slowly as she felt the urge to speak very quickly during rehearsal.

Finally, describing the dynamic between the girls, she responded, “The dynamic was support. Lots and lots of support and an unexpected comfortableness between all of us.

We were all on the same page. We are women who wanted a lot out of life and simultaneously tried to give a lot to those around us.”
by the numbers

Jackets 9-0 in Thrillerdome

By Al Przygocki
Senior Staff Writer

On a rainy night in Georgia, amid posters exclaiming, “Oh, My Bosh!” and “Respect Your Elders,” a sold-out crowd watched Georgia Tech bounce back from a crushing loss at the hands of Duke to rout North Carolina by an 88-68 margin. With the win, the Jackets improved to 10-7 overall, and 3-3 in the ACC. The Heels fell to 11-8 over all and 2-4 in conference play.

The second half was once again back and forth with North Carolina making repeated inroads. Twice the Heels closed the gap to 6 points, but with 9:37 to go in the contest, the Jackets went on a 17-1 run that all but ended the contest and stretched the lead to its largest at 83-61.

Tech’s offensive attack was both efficient and balanced. Twenty-two assists on 29 baskets led to 49 percent shooting for the team. Four Jackets scored in double digits. Chris Bosh erased the memory of a frustrating five-point effort at Duke by leading the way with 22 points. B.J. Elder chipped in 19, Marvin Lewis had 18, and Jarret Jack threw in 13 points.

It wasn’t just the offense. Defense and rebounding are the less obvious, but equally important parts of a great win for us. I can’t say enough about what a great job everyone did.” - Agnus Berenato, Head Coach

Mallory leads Lady Jackets to ACC win

The Georgia Tech women’s basketball team won its second-straight game with a 64-54 victory over NC State on Sunday afternoon at the Thrillerdome. The win marked the second victory over ACC rivals this season.

“I thought that the entire team played well today and this is a great win for us. I can’t say enough about what a great job everyone did.” - Agnus Berenato, Head Coach

Tech ranked first in ACC, national baseball polls

The ACC’s nine head coaches selected Georgia Tech as the top pick to win the conference championship in 2003 and a preseason No. 1 national ranking from Baseball America magazine. The Yellow Jackets return 22 of the 28 letter winner from their 2002 squad that finished the season with a 52-16 record, including a 14-9 league mark and a trip to the NCAA College World Series. On the toes of the Yellow Jackets is Florida State, who finished a close second.

Rabbit named as ACC Performer

Coming off a record-setting performance in the 5000 meters on Saturday, Georgia Tech junior Kyle Rabbit was named the ACC Men’s Indoor Track and Field Performer of the Week Monday.

Rabbit posted a time of 14:14.48 in the 5000 meters at Boston University’s Terrier Invitational. This time beat a 17-year-old school record. His performance also ranks as the ACC’s fastest this season by more than one minute.

Football grabs two commitments

Cornerback Samuel Williams of Mays High School and Tampa Plant Senior High linebacker Kyle Pupello of Tampa, Florida, have committed to Georgia Tech.

Williams chose Tech over Louisville, Alabama State and Alabama A&M. This past fall, he registered 65 tackles, 15 pass breakups and a team-best six interceptions.

Pupello, 6-2, 230, chose the Jackets over Boston College. He totaled more than 80 tackles and three forced fumbles as a senior and bench press better than 330 pounds.

Softball picked 2nd in ACC, No. 19 nationally

Coming off its first-ever ACC title, the Georgia Tech softball team was picked by the league’s five head coaches to finish second this season behind 2002 Women’s College World Series participant Florida State. The team also opens the 2003 season ranked 19th in the preseason USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25 Poll.

The Jackets, who went 6-2 in the league and 52-18 overall a year ago, tallied one first-place vote and 18 total points to finish behind the Seminoles, who garnered the remaining four first-place votes and 24 overall points.
Divers lead team to sweep Duke, fall to N.C. State

Led by impressive diving performances, Tech’s men’s and women’s teams top Blue Devils, fall to Wolfpack

By Kimberly Rieck
Senior Staff Writer

After a series of tough losses to Clemson and Alabama, the Yellow Jackets ventured into Research Triangle Park to gain momentum before the end of the regular season next month.

The men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams came into the meets anxious to pick up their first ACC wins. The first stop over the weekend was to Duke, who finished last at the men’s ACC championships and seventh at the women’s ACC championships last year.

Led by the most impressive diving performances of the season, the Yellow Jacket men topped Duke 145-86, while the women overpowered Duke 134-109. It was the first time the Tech women had beaten Duke, who narrowly defeated the Tech team at last year’s conference championships.

The Jackets swept the one and three meter boards on both the men’s and women’s sides. Junior Paul McCarty won the one-meter and three-meter event with scores of 325.425 and 349.8 respectively. McCarty qualified for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships with his mark in the one-meter event.

Joining McCarty at the Zone Diving Championships will be freshman Matt Anderson, who earned second place on the one-meter board with a mark of 301.35 and a third place finish in the three-meter event.

The women swept first through third places on both boards, led by first place marks from freshman phenom Laurissa Prystaj.

Prystaj had already qualified for the Zone championships on both boards during the first part of the season.

Sophomore Amy Sutton took second and qualified for the Zones in both boards, while teammate Jessica Jopek placed third in both of the events.

In the racing events, the women took home five individual wins.

Ayalon showed once again over the weekend with his performances against Duke and N.C. State why he was voted one of the 50 greatest swimmers in the ACC and remains a viable candidate for the Israeli Olympic team for the 2004 Olympic Games.

Sophomores Lisa Hancock and Mosko Wallis led the way with wins in two events each. Wallis was the fastest woman in the pool with first places in the 50 and 100 free.

Hancock won both the 1000 and 500 free events, with a season-best time of 5:08.95 in the 500 free.

On a side note, Hancock had to face her sister Lauren Hancock who swims for Duke at the meet. Hancock narrowly lost to her sister, Lauren, in the 200 fly by nine-hundredths of a second. Freshman Meghan Devlinney ended up taking home a victory in the 200 fly with a season-best time of 2:04.81.

Coincidently, the Tech men also won five individual racing events. Senior All-American Shilo Ayalon branched out of his usual long distance realm and won both the 200 free and the 500 free events with times of 1:43.15 and 4:39.37 respectively.

Co-captain James Salazar picked up a win in the 200 fly in 1:54.85. Freshmen Brian Browning and Ryan Riebesell also contributed greatly to the win, with Browning taking home first place honors for the 200 back and Riebesell triumphing in the 50 free.

After the win against Duke on Friday night, the Jackets took on NC State in nearby Raleigh on Saturday afternoon. However, despite several key individual victories the Tech men fell to the Wolfpack 149-114 and the women lost by a score of 176-88.

Perennial champion Shilo Ayalon led the men’s effort with three individual victories in the 500-yard freestyle, 1000-yard freestyle and 400-yard individual medley events.

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Football is over, so now what to do?

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

It’s nap time, ladies and gentlemen. That’s right, the Super Bowl is over and the Madness won’t start for a little over a month. So now we enter the sports wasteland known as February.

At this point many die hard NBA or NHL fans are dismissing me as an idiot, (so what else is new, right?) but I’m sticking to my guns on this one.

Both the NBA and NHL have playoff formats that allow over half the league to make the playoffs, so the race for the last playoff spot is about as compelling as a high school game that doesn’t involve LeBron James.

Tangent: Is anyone else waiting for that game between the Cavs and Nuggets, where they’re tied for the worst record in the league, so they spend the entire game intentionally trying to score in the wrong basket to improve their chances of getting LeBron? Wouldn’t that be the greatest moment in sports history?

Anyways, the regular seasons in basketball and hockey are both over 80 games long—way too long to keep my attention. That’s part of the problem with baseball, too. Sure you get to have great pennant races in September, but you could shorten the season by a month and a half and have the same great pennant races while people still care.

The same goes for the NBA and NHL. Look at the NHL. Who doesn’t love those wacky, paragraph-long playoff scenarios that some teams have going into the last week of the season?

Finally, the playoffs are almost as long as the regular season, but now the players actually care, leaving no reason to watch before then. I’ve always said that hockey players pick up their game more than any other athletes when the playoffs start. If you watch a hockey playoff game, especially when one team is on the verge of elimination, it’s incredibly intense. Unlike the regular season, you can tell this game means the world to everyone on the ice.

In the NBA, the players that aren’t busy keeping up a street cred, recording a rap album, or negotiating a shoe deal will play like they care. So I guess about three or four guys on the floor at any given time who actually care. The same goes for the NBA.

So what does a sports fan do to pass the month by? Do NOT, under any circumstances, pay the $300 to order the Cricket World Cup. I've never known anyone to learn it by watching. It's like a sport full of infield fly rules.

I think one common idea is to get back into shape. My colleague, Al, is doing that right now, and he’s doing a pretty good job, ladies. Personally, I tend to live by a quote I heard several years ago. “I learned a long time ago that my body is just for taking my head from place to place.” I can afford to do this because I’ve been blessed (although it’s frequently a curse, too) with a skinny frame.

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Jackets drop the ball in Durham

By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Jackets lost on the road at Duke, but with an 88-68 win over the North Carolina Tar Heels, the Jackets improved to 9-0 at home.

The Blue Devils (13-2, 4-2 ACC) fell off as the nation’s top-ranked team following road losses to Maryland and North Carolina State before ending the slide against Georgia Tech (9-7, 2-3 ACC). The loss was the Jackets’ 13th straight against the Blue Devils, and puts them at 0-6 on the road this season.

Duke did not get much help from their star freshman shooting guard J.J. Redick, who, up until this game, led the Devils with 17.2 points per game. Redick, still nursing the foot injury suffered against North Carolina, was held to just 11 points on 2-10 shooting, and only 1-6 from beyond the arc.

Tech’s star freshman big man, Chris Bosh, fared even worse than Redick. The 6-10 forward was sidelined by foul trouble the entire game. Bosh, who leads the ACC in field-goal percentage at 60.4 percent and is second in rebounding at 9.9 per game, was held to just five points on 0-2 shooting and four rebounds.

However, the foul situation was quite equal, with the Yellow Jackets being called for 27, and the Blue Devils were whistled for 26 fouls in the game.

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By David Rottman
Staff Writer

The Yellow Jackets went into Cameron Indoor Stadium Saturday expecting the third-ranked Blue Devils to come out firing from the perimeter. Instead, the Devils broke out of their worst losing streak in league play since January 1996 by dominating Georgia Tech inside on their way to a 91-71 victory.

The Blue Devils were led by senior Dahntay Jones, who had 21 points, and freshman Shelden Williams, who added a season-high 18 to end the Devils two game losing skid.

Duke matched a season-low with just 13 three-point shot attempts, opting to use an assortment of big men usually in the shadow of the Devils’ highly-touted backcourt. The interior presence was apparent as Williams, Casey Sanders, Shawlik Randolph and Nick Horvath went 13-21 from the floor and 24 rebounds.

“All we hear all the time is that we’re a shooting team and we’re a finesse team and all this stuff, but we’re beating each other every day in practice,” Horvath said. “It’s fun to finally get some credit for it.”

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Lighting up the Thrillerdome

By The Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Marvin Lewis had 18 points in Wednesday night’s victory over ACC rival North Carolina and 14 in the loss to No. 3 Duke.
Swim

has a great deal of depth in the distance events, even in future years to come without Ayalon’s presence on the team.

Freshman Sam Morgan had impressive second-place finishes in both of the events. Junior Eddy Oliver was right behind Morgan in both events, taking home third places and ensuring the sweep.

Another area of strength for the men were the breaststroke events. Senior Robbie Foster won the 100 breast in a season-best mark of 57.07, while his teammate senior Tomonori Tsuji swam the 200 breast in 2:02.69 to take a second place finish.

Junior Itai Eden had a great meet as well. Eden won the 200 fly in 1:53.03. He also placed second in the 200 free. On the diving side, McCarrt placed second in the one-meter event.

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“Once again, our coaching staff did a great job of preparing us for NC State and I think that really showed in the second half.”

The Lady Jackets defense turned it up a notch in the second half, proving that the Tech team wouldn’t completely rely on offensive ability. The Tech defense forced the Wolfpack into 11 turnovers in the second-half alone, and limited the NC State’s leading scorer, Kaayla Chones, to only four points after she had 11 in the first period.

“Our defense really stepped up in the second half,” said Berenato.

“We’ve really been stressing to the team that playing solid defense can get you easy points off of turnovers and you don’t have work so hard in your half-court set when you can get easy baskets in transition.”

“I can’t say enough about what a great job everyone did on the defensive end today,” Berenato added. “Especially people like Jessica Williams and Megan Harpring, who came off the bench and gave us a great lift defensively.”

Sonja Mallory, the senior who has taken on a great deal of the leadership load for the team, recorded her eighth double-double of the year with 11 rebounds.

“Sonja has really taken a leadership role on this team,” said Berenato. “She wants this so badly that she has stepped up for us in the last couple of games.”

“Fallon was critical for us today also,” Berenato said of Stokes. “We really felt that she could score off of the dribble today and even though she started out tentatively, she calmed down late in the game and did a great job.”

Kaayla Chones, who finished with 15 points and eight rebounds, led NC State offensively. Terah James, who finished the game with 10 points, joined her in double figures.

The Lady Jackets’ next ACC match-ups will be with the Wake Forest Demon Deacons tonight at 7 p.m. in Atlanta and then they are up against the North Carolina Tar Heels at Chapel Hill on Feb 2.
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of the game, and Tech are rewarded with anywhere from a 43-31 margin. Jawad Williams had 22 of UNC’s 38 first-half points but had only two meaningless free throws in the closing moments of the second half. Both’s four blocks and Ed Nelson’s 13 rebounds went a long way in helping Tech secure the much-needed victory.

The fan support has been building steadily in the last 12 months, and the Thrillerdome is beginning to re-earn its moniker. The thrill is back, as they say.

Looking Forward

With 10 games left to play in the regular season, plus the ACC tournament, the fate of Tech’s season is still to be determined. Anything less than a trip to the NCAA Tournament would be a disappointment, even more than a trip to the NCAA Tournament, the fate of Tech’s season is still to be determined. Anything less than a trip to the NCAA Tournament would be a disappointment, even more than the committee tends to frown on teams with less than 17 wins, but the committee tends to frown on teams with less than 17 wins, but the committee tends to frown on teams with less than 17 wins, but the committee tends to frown on teams with less than 17 wins, but the committee tends to frown on teams with less than 17 wins, but the committee tends to frown on teams with less than 17 wins, but the committee tends to frown on teams with less than 17 wins.

It all starts Saturday when the Virginia Cavaliers come to town in a 4 p.m. matchup. After three-straight road losses, the Cavaliers are on a bit of a roll, having won their last two games, both at home, over Wake Forest and Florida State.

Like seemingly every team in the ACC and the country, the Cavaliers are a much better team at home than on the road. Look for the Jackets to use their depth on the blocks to neutralize the bruising play of Travis Watson on the inside and then extend out to control the outstanding perimeter shooting of Todd Billett.

Basketball Notes

The 3-3 mark in ACC play is Tech’s best start since 1995-1996. Stephon Marbury’s lone season on the Flats. Going back to last season, the Jackets are now 10-5 in their last 15 ACC games. The Jackets also improved to 9-0 at home this season on the way to building an 11-game home winning streak that dates back to last season.

Several more intramural leagues got underway this week, including three A-League soccer divisions. FIJI, Lambda Chi and the Impotent Sea snakes are all off to impressive starts, having all won their opening matches by at least three goals.

Ther will be some additions of grandeur right now, even if they are ranked very low on them totem pole at No. 7 in C-League at the moment. Even in Dix and Dixon hold the No. 1 and No. 2 spot in the C-League line up. But I do have to give up to the B-League team of Bling Bling. A name like that cries out for an audience.

The games have been close, but it’ll be another week or two before any clear favorites emerge from the masses. Most of the games have been close so far, so it should be exciting.

If you’re into wallyball, then mark your calendars for Sunday, February 2, when the first two divisions begin play.

The other two will start Monday. There’s no telling who will emerge here. Can you really scout wallyball?

Men’s Soccer Top 10

1. Red Roosters Too
2. Beta Theta Pi
3. Impotent Seasonales
4. FIJI
5. Lambda Chi Alpha
6. Sigma Chi
7. TKE
8. Sig Ep
9. Kappa Sigma
10. Pi Kappa Phi

Men’s Basketball Top 10

1. Beta Theta Pi
2. Sigma Nu
3. Phi Darts
4. Love for Donuts
5. TKE
6. Kappa Alpha
7. Pike
8. Roadrunners
9. ESPN All-Stars Part 2
10. Sigma Chi

By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

UNC Coach Matt Doherty watches his mouth after having a technical foul charged against him in the second half for yelling at the officials.