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From the archives...

The Nique’s top stories from:

10 years ago: May 28, 1993—The Athletic Association announced its decision not to build a new basketball stadium along with the Olympic aquatic center. The 15,000-seat Coliseum would have replaced the existing Alexander Memorial Coliseum as the venue for Tech basketball games.

20 years ago: July 1st, 1983—In an attempt to make the state legislature and the Board of Regents aware of Tech’s funding problems, the SGA Lobbying Committee launched a state-wide lobbying campaign at the end of spring quarter. Over 370 in-state students expressed interest.

30 years ago: May 25, 1973—Despite campus-wide efforts to save Peter Baldetti’s job as an associate professor in the English department, he would be leaving Tech at the end of the academic year. Over a tenth of the student body signed petitions to save Baldetti’s job but the efforts fell on the deaf ears of Dr. Comer, head of the English Department.

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each athlete logs studying. The association also offers special trouble-shooting sessions for students having difficulty studying and testing for learning disabilities.

In response to the recent events, Moore says that the Athletic Association is also reviewing flaws in the current system and trying to develop an early warning method that can identify problems before they reach critical levels.

On being questioned on the academic quality of athletes here at Tech, Moore said that it makes no business sense to recruit someone who has a high probability of failing.

According to Moore, all athletes who come here meet the same basic standards that the admissions office sets for every other Tech student, and despite the enormous attention given to academic failures, a vast majority of players graduate successfully with respectable GPAs.

Moore says the two most important qualities needed for the academic success of athletes are time-management and discipline.

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While it is important to pursue such an ambition and equally important for Tech to help them fulfill it the incoming athletes must realize that their true strength lies in the ability to have a solid degree to fall back on,” said Moore. “They must realize that most of them won’t be in athletics for a lifetime and need to prepare for that eventuality.”

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Parking and Transportation Services. These ideas including charging campus departments for their use of parking facilities and lots, as opposed to their current ‘free’ use of parking spaces...

Given the current increase in parking permit rates, Furniss anticipates that fees will “rise a little bit” in the next several years to accommodate funding of new parking facilities.

Furniss also recognizes the need for an evaluation of the Stinger and Stingerette campus transportation systems. Before his arrival at Tech, a consultant was hired to evaluate and recommend changes to the current on-campus transportation system.

Although currently there is no timeline for implementing the recommendations of the consultant report, Furniss is confident in his ability to address the concerns of the Tech community saying, “there will be significant changes in the Stinger and Stingerette services including improved schedules, dependable service, faster headways and friendlier service.”

Ultimately, Furniss believes that improving these services will also reduce the demand for parking spaces on campus. “If we provide a very timely/dependable service, then the service will be a good alternative for folks who currently have access to public transit but choose to drive personal vehicles to campus.”

With only a few weeks on the job, the Administration has placed confidence in the ability of Furniss to address future challenges.

Rosalind Meyers, Associate VP of Auxiliary Services, said, “The department has made great strides over the past few years but we know it has a way to go…he has worked with students and is familiar with the challenges of balancing student needs with the needs of faculty, staff and visitors.”

Student Body President Nate Watson agrees saying, “Mr. Furniss brings a great deal of experience with him to Georgia Tech… I believe that this experience will aid him in improving the parking and transportation situation at Georgia Tech in a student friendly-manner.”

Furniss expressed his desire to “tap the resource of students to get additional thoughts and ideas,” including working with Student Government to gain input. Students interested in getting involved with Parking and Transportation issues on campus can contact Kelly Ferrell, chair of SGA’s Parking, Transportation and Facilities Committee at gto968t@mail.gatech.edu.

Breaking the Bubble

www.bubble.nique.net

A lot of things went on outside of the bubble of Georgia Tech this week. Visit www.bubble.nique.net to find links to complete articles about the stories below and other important issues.

Earthquake devastates Algeria

Over 2,200 people were killed last Wednesday as an earthquake, measuring a 6.8 on the Richter Scale, devastated Northern Algeria. There were almost 10,000 people injured, along with 15,000 people left homeless. Many Algerians have lashed out at their government, blaming the uncoordinated rescue and relief effort for only adding to the increasing death toll.

Serial Killer Caught in Atlanta

Derrick Todd Lee, suspected in the serial killings of five women in southern Louisiana, and in other deaths and disappearances, was spotted this week in Atlanta, and later captured. A warrant was issued Monday for the rape and murder of Louisiana State University graduate student Carisse Yoder, who was the killer’s fifth victim. A nationwide alert was then issued on Tuesday, with the Atlanta office of the FBI saying Lee was last seen midday Monday at a motor lodge in the southeastern part of the city. Police arrested Lee Tuesday night at a tire shop in Northwest Atlanta.

2004 Presidential Election starts early

Although we may elect the president the first Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of November, the election process has already begun. Nine Democratic candidates have announced their plans to run: Kerry, Dean, Gephardt, Edwards, Lieberman, Graham, Moseley Braun, Sharpton, and Kucinich. President George W. Bush has also officially entered the race, with no announced competition in the primary season, which officially begins January 19 2004 with the Iowa caucus.

Bush signs tax cut package into law

For the third time in his presidency, President Bush signed a tax break into law on Wednesday. The 10-year, $350 billion package, was less than half what Bush wanted, but the White House remains optimistic that this cut will boost the ailing economy, along hopes of boosting his own political future. Leading Democrats believe the cuts will greatly increase the federal deficit, along with depressing the GDP and drain jobs.
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Consensus Opinion
Football woes

With the abundant resources offered to Tech athletes, there is
no excuse for the recent loss of 10 football players and one
tennis player due to academic ineligibility. If a student athlete
makes the decision to come to Tech to play a sport, they
should be willing to put the necessary effort into their academ-
ic. Tutors are offered for all basic subjects, and athletes should
take the initiative to go and see them if they are having trouble
in classes. One of the main benefits of going to a school like
Tech is learning independence, good study skills and time
management. Athletes should take advantage of the opportu-
nity to learn these skills and to receive a top-notch ed-
ducation.

At the same time, perhaps the coaches should have caught
the problem earlier and pushed these athletes to improve their
grades, but in the end some fault ultimately lies with the indivi-
uals. Hopefully this incident will serve as a wake-up call to the
rest of the team, and other Tech athletes, to take academics
seriously.

Tuition and fee increases

The recent Board of Regents decision to increase both
tuition and mandatory fees raises several issues. The across-
the-board 15 percent increase in tuition and total of $21 in
fees may be a little too much for students to handle at one time.
An unnecessary burden will be placed on students, when the
increases could have been staggered by at least a semester.

In addition, the timing of the announcement of the deci-
sion needs a little more forethought. The resolution should
have been voted on before the end of spring semester to give
students the ability to make plans for summer jobs or to enroll
in summer classes before the increases take effect.

Since the increase affects in-state tuition as well, many are
left wondering whether HOPE funds can be stretched to cover
the tuition and fee increases. The demand for the money has
long been outgrowing the supply provided by the lottery and
this decision will only increase that gap.

In the end, let’s hope that the money goes towards some-
thing the students can actually see. This is especially true of
the increase in transportation fees. As an increase of 25 per-
cent from the previous amount, the funds should be used
wisely and with student opinion in mind. Funds should not
just be used for the transportation to Technology Square that
will be available for HOPE next year. Although my home state of Kentucky
is a commendable goal and one that will be met by students
within the state. However, I hope that the future of the HOPE schol-

The effect I am speaking of re-
tates to how the recently approved
in-state increase will alter the HOPE scholarship program. Now although
I am an out-of-state student and
I realize the need for such programs and would hope that the state of Georgia does as well.

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assistance programs have been
provided by proceeds from the state
lottery. However, in past years the state legislature has always found a way
to cover the difference. The tuition and fee increases are expected
to cost the state an additional $25.5 million next year. Although
state legislators assure that money will be available for HOPE next
year, the question of where this money will come from and how long it will be
available comes into play.

First of all, if the state has enough
surplus money to fund the overall
expenses of the HOPE program,
why isn’t the money available to
prevent the increase from happen-
ing in the first place? For one, am
left wondering why HOPE costs
aren’t taken into account when the state legislature plans the budget for the universities and colleges in Geor-

In fact, my home state of Kentucky
has a similar program that allows
students to earn up to $1000 per
year while they are in college, sim-
ply by keeping a B average. Howev-
er, this program doesn’t come close
to matching HOPE. The fact that
other states have started following
Georgia’s lead on this issue makes
the success of the HOPE program
even more important. If the pro-
gram were to prove unsuccessful for
Georgia in the upcoming years, the
failure could keep other states from
moving forward with such programs.

In the end, I do feel that Georgia
legislators will do everything in their
power to keep HOPE alive. If only
to keep the voters of Georgia hap-
py. In fact, many senators have pro-
pised ideas to keep the program
from going under. However, one of
these ideas results in drastic changes
that would most likely change the
entire meaning of the HOPE sys-
tem. The idea would involve add-
ing requirements over and above
maintaining a 3.0 high school GPA.

Hence, out-of-state students who
achieved a 3.0 GPA but had no
tuition and fee increases will ultimately have on HOPE and
address these changes in a manner that benefits both the state and the students within the state.

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The South’s Liveliest College Newspaper
For those who were not here in the spring, be glad. Be glad you weren’t here to see what played out in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) this past semester, because it was revolving.

For a long time, to pretty much anyone who would listen, and a few who wouldn’t, I had complained about SGA, mainly focusing on UHR. I like so many others on campus, see no point to UHR. During the SGA elections someone even pointed out how the UHR issue was pointless, and how we shouldn’t vote. Although I did not post them, I thanked them mentally and (now public- ly) congratulated them on this act of protest, which is done so rarely on our conservative camp-

Several people have said, “If you dislike UHR so much, then why don’t you become a representative so you can change it?”

I am still not a representative in UHR, and I am not terribly upset about that. I do, however, participate in the political process by re-

peatedly talking with my Public Policy prof about how I support heated discussion about one bill in particular last semester: the infamous “Immigration Bill.”

For those who aren’t familiar with the resolution, the Tech-

nique reported that “The new draft resolution calls on Georgia Tech administrators to ‘press’ the Department of Justice on three points: first, to ensure that a justified and equitable foreign student tracking system is im-

plemented; second, that the De-

partment ‘take urgent notice…’ so [that] human rights are not infringed; and, third, that foreign students who voluntarily attempt to comply with new regulations be treated humane-

ly and justly…not humiliated as guilty criminals without due pro-

cess.”

This bill, which was intro-

duced in one of the first UHR meetings of the semester, was tabled, brought back up, tabled, baled indefinitely, post-

poned eventually a vote was taken after a couple of months, passed, was reconsidered, rewritten to make a compromise and ultimately failed because of the cowardice of a few certain Rep-

resentatives.

Let me quote the last Tech-

nique issue: “In what appeared to be an intentional move, rep-

resentatives Bill Ahsen, Jen Hindel and Josh Alexander left just as consideration of the resolution began. Question was once again raised, but this was the last meeting of the year, the immi-

gration resolution was lost, and the House adjourned for the last time this year.”

I was largely in favor of this resolution, but even those who were against it should have at least had the integrity to bring it to a vote and say, “Nay,” instead of denying the legislation a vote. I would be much less angry with UHR if they hadn’t used dary and, in my un-ethical means to deny this legislation a vote. This one issue is an example of a broader problem within SGA and UHR.

For a majority of the time I have spent here at Tech, and for as long as I have been involved with Student Organizations, I have heard how UHR wants to get away from the image of only dealing with money. Right now, there is absolutely no point to UHR. The entirety of UHR’s actions can be taken by JFC and JCCO. So what does UHR try to do for the problem? They have “issue meetings” that really don’t do a thing. I remember being asked to go to one of two of these issue meetings, specifi-

cally the one about student orgs. Instead of sitting through a three hour plus meeting listening to SGA representatives stumble on about things they really have no expertise in, I decided to partic-

ipate in a student org activity, or maybe slept. Either way, it was more valuable than the issue meet-

ings.

Is all of SGA hopeless? Nope. I think that the Executive Branch of last year, under the leadership of Tiffany Massey, did a superb job and I believe actually made a difference on campus. UJC still has hope, even though they probably thought they seriously flopped with one particular decision they made last year. UHR either needs a new president, drastic reforms so it also deals with social issues, or to be dis-

banded and replaced solely by JFC and JCCO, and it is up to SGA President Nate Watson and Vice President Danny Puncken to ensure these changes happen.

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OUR VIEWS

Hot or Not

Baseball Wins ACC

On Sunday, May 25th, GT Ben-

ball played and won 3 straight
games, finally giving Tech fans some good sports news. The team played hard, and earned the ACC championship. The boys held up through 28 straight innings, playing for 11 hours and 20 minutes, to beat UNC, NC State and FSU. Needless to say we are proud of our team and wish them luck in the NCAA Regionals this weekend.

No more free concerts

We are disappointed with the concert series being offered this summer. The $3 charge for the On the Bricks series is ludicrous. Why should Tech already make a bunch of money from concessions, why do they need $3 more dollars from us? We’re also disappointed at the location chosen for the 99X Big Rock series.... Stone Mountain is awfully far away... and we won’t be able to walk between concerts anymore.

Letter Submission Policy

The TECHNOTE solicits all letters to the editor and will print letters on a timely and space-available basis. Letters may be mailed to Georgia Tech Campus Mail Code 1039, emailed to editor@technique.gatech.edu or hand-delivered to room 137 of the Student Services Building. Letters should be addressed to Judy Sharma, Editor-in-Chief. All letters must be signed and must in-

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NOTE@GT will be of limited interest will not be printed.

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Letter for the Editor

August 1, I graduate with a degree in STA and a minor in Public Policy. I missed a couple of classes on my way and am currently taking Introduction to American Government. Every-

tday I attend this class I get more and more frustrated. It’s inter-

esting that my professor is a re-

publican, and I’m a liberal, and somehow we seem to agree on way to much stuff. What is even more frustrating however, is the fact that my fellow students know so little. Yes, I know I have taken sev-

eral public policy classes, but all you need to do to make more than CNN.com and you can know as much as I do. When asked what the war on Iraq was about, a classmate said “democracy.” I got scolded for laughing out loud. Then my prof proceeded to agree that it was about oil more than democracy. As we furthered our discus-

sion in defining democracy, many in the class felt we truly had those things which create a democra-

ty: majority rule with minority protection, equality, and personal liberty.

Tuesday, the PATRIOT Act came up in discussion. I was one of the three people who raised my hand in knowing anything about it. The legislation, passed not long after 9-11, removes huge chunks of our civil rights. The government can now monitor our phone and internet usage, hold us indefinitely without telling us why, monitor our library reading, etc. (for more information go to www.bordc.org). The prof was wondering how we let our rights be taken away so easi-

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ty: majority rule with minority protection, equality, and personal liberty.
The job of UHR should be to represent students and act as a voice for the students, not to pad the resumes of the already elitist student leaders found on our campus. When the opportunity arose with the Immigration Bill, not only did UHR not act as a voice for the students, they didn’t even bother to take the matter into consideration so it could be dealt with. UHR must be reformed so it is more acceptable to introduce student petitions and student resolutions dealing with social issues.

This one step will help start the change from “conservative, anti-activist college” to “accepting, politically aware university” like all of our peer institutions. This one step would also give students a reason to care about UHR.

I asked some of my friends what their opinions of SGA and UHR were, and what they thought the points were to SGA and UHR. My friends, for the most part, are also pretty involved on campus. It’s interesting to note that out of all of the responses I got, only one was positive, and he is a UHR rep. By far the best answer I got was from my roommate who thought that SGA was in charge of the hall councils (she meant RHA, which she was very supportive of). This should be a wake up call to SGA, specifically UHR, to get their act together and not only do some better PR, but to serve a better purpose.

I need the class to graduate. Hopefully, I will stop feeling the need to scream. Hopefully, the PATRIOT Act will be found unconstitutional.
**FOCUS**

**By Joshua Cuneo**

Online Editor

Ask any student about obesity trends in the United States, and they're likely to tell you that the trends are on the rise. People are fat. Two recent studies released by the CDC of Disease Control and Prevention reported that the prevalence of US adults that may be classified as obese according to their body mass index are 20.9 percent and 30.5 percent, up from 12.0 percent and 23.3 percent respectively in the early 1990s. These skyrocketing obesity rates have caught the nation's attention and pulled our entire modern lifestyle into question.

Tech, with its young and active student body, would seem to be safe from this public health crisis. According to a study conducted at the Wellness Center, there’s 30 percent of Georgiatach students that think that they’re not overweight, including a trend consistent with the national data. Not data measuring the actual percentage of overweight or obese students is available.

The conclusion that matters common assumptions about life at Tech. How can a campus with a young population with high metabolisms, a well-stocked gym and facilities staff that are certified by the American College of Sports Medicine, pass on fees for programs that generate as much profit, they’re more expensive, which further discourages students from purchasing them.

For instance, the student health service can’t afford $4 per person per visit to their facility, so they’re going to sell what will sell, which says, “French fries...” she said. “We’re trying to get big gifts like the Coke and Pepsi people. They have millions and billions of dollars to advertise every year, and public health doesn’t have that kind of money...”

It’s a classic catch-22 situation. Because healthy alternatives don’t generate as much profit, they’re more expensive, which further discourages students from purchasing them.

Also at fault are the computer-enhanced media supermodels and traditional societal expectations that promote the maintenance of a rippling musculature and women into a perfect hourglass figure. The problem is also worsened in the Greek organizations, due to their appearance-driven culture and competitiveness. “I know that when...”

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**FOCUS**

**By M ichaeh H andelman**

Contributing Writer

The unexpected closure of the Student Athletic Complex this summer has forced the Campus Recreation Department to organize alternate workout arrangements for students, faculty and staff until the opening of the new SAC II facility.

Facilities employed for students include: the Tech Gym with pin select equipment, free weights and cardio machines. The Wardlaw Weight room and the Freshman gym, usually reserved for athletic programs, have also been opened on a time-limited basis for SAC members. In addition, the Tennis Center is providing towel service on a limited basis.

An arrangement between Georgia Tech and Georgia State University has expanded use of GSU’s Student Recreation Center, a four floor, 161,000 square foot facility, to Tech students, faculty and staff.

Campus Recreation has established a shuttle running between the Coliseum parking lot, Student Center and the GSU facility located on Briarwood Avenue. The shuttle runs seven times per hour, with 400 people using the shuttle in one week. Butch Stanphill, Director of Campus Recreation said, “We really didn’t think people would use Georgia State [Recreation Center], and they really have.”

However, the shuttle system “gets crowded at night and everybody wants to load up and comeback at a certain time,” said Stanphill.

Campus Recreation plans to continue evaluating the shuttle system to improve its availability to students. Stanphill said, however, “The students were glad that we provided them alternatives to wait here.

A mechanical engineering major, Donald Swan agrees, saying that “We’re not being cheated” by the SAC II facility. “It’s all a compromise...” he said. “We’re going against it’s a perfect hourglass figure. The problem is also worsened in the Greek organizations, due to their appearance-driven culture and competitiveness. “I know that when...”

**Summer students find alternatives to SAC**

With the unexpected closure of the Student Athletic Complex this summer, Tech students are finding numerous other ways to keep in shape. These include using the facilities at Georgia State and O’Keefe Gymnasium as well as participating in numerous outdoor sports from soccer to softball on SAC field which remain open.

Jonathan Hart, director of Fitness and Operations Program said, “We’re not offering 90 percent of our (p) classes this summer, due to not having enough spaces for them.”

Students will, however, be able to take options programs at Georgia State from Aerobics to Martial Arts. “It’s anticipated that the number of student taking options classes will increase beyond their original levels with the opening of the new SAC II facility.

With all the changes in the physical facilities on campus, students may not be aware of one of the most visible changes. Instead of SAC,” the new facility will now be referred to as the CRC, or Campus Recreation Center.

For more information about fitness alternatives this summer and progress on SAC II construction, visit http://www.campusrecreation.gatech.edu.
cause there aren’t majors...like nutrition and wellness. I think that sometimes things like wellness and health are pushed to the wayside. I think we need to focus on the overall person being healthy.”

Wray said that a lack of sufficient information is part of Tech’s weight problem.

“Students here aren’t quite as aware of what are healthy foods and what we do for physical activity, what we can do to keep ourselves healthy,” said Wray. “A lot of people think that this won’t happen to me now...The freshmen just come to college and just eat whatever they want.”

And those students that are interested in losing weight are often misinformed. Wray and her colleagues frown on popular low-fat diets, for instance, insisting that certain fats are essential nutrients. Americans consume more low-fat or nonfat foods, but many products actually substitute other calories. Diets are more balanced in Europe, where the benefits of unsaturated fats are better understood, and Europeans consume smaller meals, made more filling with healthier fats. Even worse are the diet pills and the other overnight weight loss claims made by advertisers. “People...want a quick fix,” said Wray. “I think people think of [maintaining a healthy lifestyle] as really hard, so they don’t even want to try at all. It’s part of our culture. We want a pill for everything [It’s] impatience.”

Wray and her colleagues have made an effort to inform the student body. They hand out information pamphlets, invite guest speakers, encourage more activity, and consumption of more fruits and hold lectures, among other things. Wray conducts free nutrition analysis with students to help them improve their dietary intake, and she credits her staff for encouraging the recent ban on smoking in all of the campus dormitories.

Health and behavior are complicated, however, so “there’s only so much we can do,” and she wishes that she could intervene sooner. Ultimately, she said, “It’s really based on how we value ourselves. Do we value ourselves based on what we look like, or is it who we are on the inside, or is it how much we succeed?”
ENTERTAINMENT

By Kimberly Rieck

SportsEditor

When Neil LaBute was promoting his 1997 film in the company of M. m., he was constantly being asked by female journalists if he thought women could be as bad as the men in his film. “I answered that, certainly, I thought women were capable of being as deceitful or doing such underhanded things to someone,” says LaBute. “But I imagined it would always be a more solitary effort, rather than the communal boys-club feeling that I thought in the Company of M. n.”

While in England a few years later, LaBute re-membered his conversations with the female journalists and decided to twist a typical romantic story. The Shape of Things thus took form. LaBute has continually gone from writing and directing a film to doing a play right after. Since 1998, he has made the films Your Friends, Nurse Betty, and Pos- session. The trademark of any LaBute story is a close group of friends affected by an interloper. LaBute said he’s very interested in exploring how relationships change when new people, generally voluble characters, are introduced into them. The Shape of Things follows the formula with the introduction of the free-spirited and deceitful Evelyn into Adam, Jenny, and Phil’s world.

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Sheryl Crow, others rock 10th annual Music Midtown

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Entertainment Editor

Good thing the ticket said “rain or shine” because not only would concertgoers have missed Sheryl Crow, but Bob Dylan as well. Very early on in Crow’s performance, thunder was heard and torrential rain followed. A man came on stage and asked people to calmly leave, promising that notice would be given as soon as the rain cleared and the concert would resume.

Raining heavily by this time, many concertgoers were soaked through usey and ran down the hill that the 96 Rock stage was set on to get to their respective vehicles. The only casualties were not water-induced however. When the concert resumed, an added bonus was a mudslide, situated where the grassy knoll had been. This made for quite a precarious situation, and many people were seen falling onto the wet earth.

Unlike W Oostock, however, there was not enough room for everyone to frolick freely and so it was just annoying. Even more annoying were the people who somehow thought it would be a good idea to crowd surf. They were promptly relieved of their idiotic fun however when concert security placed them on their feet and sent them out of the venue.

With so many reasons to com-mend, few people besides myself did. Admittedly, Crow put on an entertaining performance. She began with “Every Day Is A Winding Road,” and the classic masterpiece “Picture.” If you have not yet had the great joy of hearing “Picture,” you must quickly do so. “Picture” is the result of Sheryl’s collaboration with Kid Rock. He introduced the song as a little song I did with a guy named Bob Ritchie. “You may know him as Rock.” So the crowd was thus serenaded with her portion of the song. Too bad Kid was not there to supple-ment.

After Sheryl exited the stage, there was about an hour intermission before Bob Dylan made his appearance. At one point, he was so moved by his audience that he paused in the middle of a song and went to the audience to talk a bit about his music. Dylan was much more enthusiastic this year than he’d been two years ago.

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Sheryl Crow proves that rockers can rock, rain or shine, by entertaining soaked concertgoers at Music Midtown 2003. Among her set was the song “Picture,” the result of her collaboration with Kid Rock.

Rachel Weisz’s character looks on as Paul Rudd’s character slowly morphs into exactly what she wanted him to be in the twist plot of Labute’s new movie, “The Shape of Things.” LaBute also wrote the dark, disturbing plot of “In the Company of Men.”

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For the play’s original 2001 production in London, Labute cast Rudd for the role of Adam, the undergraduate student who falls for Evelyn’s manipulations. Rudd had previously been in Labute’s play Bash, where he portrayed aickey killer. It’s best known for his starring roles in Clueless, Object of My Affection and most recently his recurring role on the hit series Friends.

While LaBute always had Rudd in mind for the role of Adam, he didn’t have much of a challenge filling the role of the cast. Rachel Wetzler, the Brit-ish star of The Mummy and About A Boy, was cast as Evelyn. She even created an American accent for the role. Labute rounded out the cast with Gretchen Mol and Fred Weller. Mol has been in a variety of films from Rounders toiness the T Thirteenth Floor. Weller has made his mark on the Broadway theatre scene in the past few years, even winning the prestigious Drama Desk award.

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During the first two games, the Jackets rallied from five runs behind with a walk-off double to win Game 2. After the two wins, the Jackets had to watch as NC State gave them a fight when the Wolfpack took the lead in Game 3. The Jackets tied the game in the ninth inning with the winning run scored on a sacrifice fly. The Wolfpack won Game 4, 11-4, but the Jackets scored on a sacrifice fly in the first inning and added four more runs in the fifth after Orvella singled and completed the game despite giving up three runs in the ninth inning.

The tenth inning push to win the game began with a walk from reliever Chad O'Neill to Jeremy Slayden to lead off the 10th. O'Neill was walked intentionally to load the bases. Next Tyler Greene blooped a single to put men at first. Next Mike Nickeas hit a sacrifice fly in the first and second bases. He also took the win for the game. He had entered the game in the sixth inning with one out and completed the game despite giving up three runs in the eighth and ninth innings.

The Wolfpack had left the bases loaded three times in the first six innings, got three hits in the eighth top half and 14 hits for the game.

Before Patterson's single, he was hit by a pitch and then scored on a sacrifice fly in the first inning and scored on a Slayden double in the second inning when Matt Murton walked and pitched 5-1-3 innings. Nee hung bunted four up hits and seven walks, and had just two runs.

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The ACC has chosen Syracuse and Boston College as the two teams that will receive an invitation to join the ACC. Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, who won the ACC's national championship, has expressed his opinion that Syracuse stay in the Big East. The Big East is trying furiously to keep the Hurricanes and not reduce their conference to a tropical depression.
No. 3 Jackets make ACC history
Jackets survive challenging triple header and pick up their fifth ACC championship title.

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

With two out in the 10th inning, Eric Patterson roseto the challenge and singled. He is singlehandedly lifted 10th-ranked Georgia Tech to a 5-2 victory over N.C. State in the ACC baseball championship game. Tech's record improved to 44-16 with the win.


Tech made history with its title win because the N.C. State game was part of a daunting triple-header last Sunday against North Carolina, Florida State, and the Wolfpack. It was the first time the baseball team had ever played or won three games in the same day.

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