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Clough: Arr, matey

By Hugh Dunnit

Not quite sure

Institute president G. Wayne Clough announced Wednesday the creation of the Renaissance in Innovation, Solicitations, and Knowledge (RISK) Strategy an initiative for managing and expanding Georgia Tech’s network of campuses and facilities.

“We will only achieve global domination... or, I mean, excellence, if we coordinate our existing facilities and establish new satellites,” Clough said, hands clenched on the sides of the podium. “We will do just that with our new RISK Strategy.”

Georgia Tech currently maintains satellite campuses in Savannah, Ga., and Metz, France in addition to an EIEE dual-degree program in Shanghai, China.

GTRI, the Institute’s research organization, has recently announced its intentions for a laboratory in Athlone, Ireland.

As part of the announcement, Clough detailed RISK’s five-year plan, which will focus on development in Australia and East Asia. First we will build a stronghold in Australia, then set up a line of research labs from there to GT-Shanghai. After that we'll fan out, setting up campuses as far as India, Ural, Marian and Kamehaka, remembering to fortify back to GT-Shanghai as needed,” Clough said.

In response to questions about RISK’s lack of aspirations in South America, Africa and Europe, Clough hinted at goals that might form a second five-year plan.

“We will use our Regional Engineering Program to expand up through the Eastern United States and then on to Greenland and Iceland. We’ll spread through Central America, Venezuela, Brazil. Then we’ll roll through North Africa, Great Britain and the Ukraine while we draw reinforcements from our base in Metz,” Clough said.

“It’ll be tough going, but the time has come for us to take over the world... pardon, I mean, take over a greater share in the world’s education.”

Not enough construction yet

Students seeking to navigate the campus by Ferst Drive found upon returning to school after Spring Break that the road no longer existed.

In preparation for narrowing and extensive renovation, Auxiliary Services began removing pavement the first Monday of the break.

“It is a really old road, so Ferst Drive is quite in need of repair. Half of it was under some sort of construction already,” said the President and Director of all parking and roads at the Institute. “We figured the best thing to do was just start again from scratch.”

Student reaction to the construction was mixed.

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“So far today,” said Terri Bennet, fourth-year Math student. “I mean, they’re not just going to tear it up again, right?”

Housing institutes mold redecoration

The Georgia Tech Department of Housing announced earlier today that it will be instituting a mandatory mold policy for all student dorms, effective immediately.

“It really just made sense to do it,” said housing official Thomas Fairchilde. “We were spending our entire budget trying to alter the dorms from what should be their natural habitat.”

Fairchilde added that the move will allow some of the older dorms to comply with newer EPA regulations for “green buildings.”

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Australia first target in RISK plan

By Johnny Bootstrap

Booby Hunter

In a recent address to industry and education leaders from across the nation, Tech president Wayne Clough called for support to an initiative that would officially make 2007 the first ever national pirate year.

“In past years national pirate day has proven to be a powerful unifying instrument across the nation,” said Tech Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino, who also attended the meeting. “It is the day that you don’t have political affiliations, religion or race. You are just a pirate.”

“[Pirate day] brings people together like Christmas or Thanksgiving—except you get to wear an eye patch and don’t have to be nice to those awkward relatives you only see once every two years,” Clough said.

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A cute girl elicits screams of joy in a well-known performance. Although she expected a monologue, said Tech Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino, “I don’t mind too much,” said Jeffery Neumann, second-year STAC major. “I’m okay with it just so long as the dude they get to direct traffic is energetic as that guy who was working the intersection by the Physics parking lot. I mean, whoa.”

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In what comes as no surprise to many members of Tech’s campus, SGA President David Andersen was discovered to be a cyborg. "He came back from an outdoor speaking engagement," his secretary said. "When I saw him, it looked as though his skin was melting. And there was the eye. The lone red eye," the secretary said.

It looks as though he is some sort of metal robot with a simulated organic skin.

The conspiracy newsgroup has been buzzing with many different theories about where he is from and what he is doing. "We believe he comes from the future," said Par Anoid, an avid poster on the newsgroup. "He is most likely from around the year 2029. His mission seems to be destroying the Editor-in-Chief of the Tech-Phreak who would clearly be a thorn in the side of President Cough’s plans to secure his rule as Overlord of Georgia Tech," Anoid said.

Although this story may seem a little far-fetched, Andersen, who the newsgroup is now calling the Techinator, has always harbored distaste for the Tech-Phreak. In addition, many close to him say that he changed radically after becoming SGA President. "His speech became very monotone," said his past roommate. "And those suits, it’s as if he was programmed to wear them.

Andersen had little to comment. "Hasta la vista, baby," he said. "I’ll be back to get the Tech-Phreak."

Andersen, a cyborg assassin sent from the future, is equipped with a titanium steel frame, infra-red vision, a high-tech emotional synthesis system and a nice suit worn at all times.

Not leaving after all? Dean trapped

A group of unknown students cemented cinder blocks outside of Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino’s office last Friday in an attempt to keep her from leaving for Clemson University.

A note was attached to the blocks that read, “You mean too much to us for us to let you go” and was signed “Tech students.”

No witnesses have come forward, and the Georgia Tech Police Department is still trying to remove the blocks from the doorway.

“I am touched, but very hungry at this point,” DiSabatino said to a front desk secretary she called during her second hour trapped in the office.

Several hours later, DiSabatino was released from the cage as maintenance blasted through the blocks. "I hate to leave, but being boxed in is no fun," DiSabatino said.
Squirrels injured in pipe-bomb incident

By Binki the Squirrel
Can I have your nuts?

Chris Thomason, Mechanical Engineering major and reputed halfwit, recently built a simple pipe-bomb yesterday and promptly set about trying to get somebody killed with it.

Thomason, who are paint chips as a child, says the idea of building a homemade explosive device came to him when he was, “dropping big rocks out of [his] window.”

“I really like that sound it makes whenever one of them rocks slams on the ground,” Thomason said. Thomason also expressed his love for when small animals are unfortunate enough to be caught in the path of his flung debris. “Yeah, that’s awesome. They pop like ticks,” said Thomason.

Inspired by his desire for loud noises and death rodents, Thomason decided high explosives were the way to go. He encased three sticks of dynamite into an old lead pipe and rigged the whole thing with a compression trigger that should have gone off when the device struck the ground outside of Thomason’s fourth story window.

However, when the time came and Thomason actually dropped the bomb, it was a dud, and rather than retrieving an unexploded high yield bomb of his own design, Thomason decided instead that it was Miller Time.

“I figured, ‘What’s the worst that could happen?’” Thomason said. For the record, the worst that could happen involves large masses of human flesh being violently separated from other large masses of human flesh and flung to parts unknown at high velocity.

Fortunately, no one was injured by Thomason’s idiocy. However, a family of squirrels that tried to take up residence in the pipe is now no longer with us.

Thomason faces no jail time for his ridiculous insipidness, but by order of a judge, he will be available on Skyleesall day Saturday should anyone wish to punch him in the nuts.

GSS coup of WREK fails

By Paul Marvey
I have a face fit for radio.

In a stark illustration of its inferiority complex, the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) attempted to forcefully take over WREK radio last week.

The junta failed thanks to the heroic resistance of WREK’s staff. “We’re tired of feeling irrelevant,” said John Rich, graduate vice president, while caressing his gavel.

The undergraduates claim to listen to reports on what we decide, but they don’t care about our feelings!

The attempted takeover was the culmination of months of disgruntlement by seniors, who have seen their votes to fail pass by an enactment ratio time after time.

The enactment ratio is a tool instituted by insidious members of the House of Representatives to subjugate the will of the Senate,” Rich said.

“Every time we fail a bill the House of Representatives passes it anyway. It’s like they think they’re better than us. Well I’ve got news for them. We’re older, we’re smarter, we’re more experienced and we grade all their tests,” Senator Greg O. Phisyu said.

The takeover attempt failed despite graduate students having access to vast amounts of mostly useless military-grade hardware. Student opinion of the occurrence was never heard of GSS or WREK.

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“The problem was that I had to really grow my beard. In no time I was looking like a ‘wine-o’ or a ‘crack-head’ from North Avenue,” Clough said.

In late 2002 Clough was part of another geek-inspired movie, treadmill from Attack of the Dooku (a.k.a. Darth Tyranus) in Episode II of the Star Wars series. “Playing this character was very important for me considering the number of [fans] studying at Tech. Being Saruman is one thing, but a Jedi Lord in Star Wars is simply at another level!”

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THE MANY FACES OF PRESIDENT CLOUGH

By Luke Groundcrawler
The Force is not with me

A spokesperson for The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said earlier this week that Tech president Dr. Wayne Clough would be recognized for his outstanding work on the big screen.

Aside from his responsibilities as Tech’s president, Clough has had a successful movie industry career in recent years.

In 2001 he played Saruman, the evil wizard, in The Fellowship of the Ring and a year later in The Two Towers. “Growing my hair was the hardest thing. For meetings with the governor or congress I had to tie my hair in a pony tail and keep it under my coat,” Clough said.

Taking advantage of his long hair, the producers for Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone (2001) cast him to play Albus Dumbledore, wizard headmaster at Hogwarts. “This role was almost natural for me. I was the head of an academic institution full of awkward kids that believe in magic,” Clough said.

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Music Tech degree awaits approval

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

A new master’s degree in Music Technology is pending approval from the Board of Regents. The degree will be offered from the Music Department within the College of Architecture.

“The Board of Regents gives approval... which I think should happen... then we will start accepting students immediately. There is no reason to wait,” said Frank Clark, director of the Music Department. This new degree is a step in what has been an ongoing project from the College of Architecture to expand the music program on campus. The Music Technology degree is planned to be a fully interdisciplinary program. This is the first Tech degree that combines performing art with technology.

“The exciting thing is that interdisciplinary is the watchword for this program and... we are starting to see the confluence of disciplines. The most exciting thing is that having viewed the marketplace it became very clear that the vast majority of careers that combine music and technology have yet to be invented. The students in the program have the potential to define the future of music and technology.”

Frank Clark, Director of the Music Department

Music Tech is a complete transcript that combines performing art with technology. This is the first Tech degree that combines performing art with technology.

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SGA candidates kick off campaigning

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

Candidates for Student Government Association (SGA) positions were required to turn in an application by 5 p.m. March 17 to the Elections Committee and campaigning officially started at 12 a.m. on March 27. The candidates for President are Patrick Cook, a Mechanical engineering major; William G. Ferguson, an Industrial Systems and Engineering major; Alison Graah, an EAS and International Affairs major and Richard Wright, an Industrial Engineering major.

The candidates for Vice President are Aaron Buldoc, a Biology major; Paul Byrne, a Management major; Toyo Okadawon, a Chemistry major; and Mark Youngblood, a Computer Engineering major.

Thirty-six other candidates are running for a variety of positions including freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors representatives; representatives of their major; and co-op representatives.

The list for class, major, and co-op representatives is not set yet, but the list for President and Vice President is finalized.

Behind the election scenes is the Election Committee who does everything from planning the election to ensuring the rules are respected to making sure sufficient words get out about the elections to keep the students informed.

“My role in this election process is basically to coordinate the elections,” said Danny Puckett, Elections Chair for SGA. “I was responsible for creating an Election Committee and creating a timeline for these elections to take place.”

Campaigning will last for two weeks, while the actual elections will be held over a three-day period.

“The campaigning started this past Monday and will continue until the elections which are being held between April 10 and April 12,” Puckett said. “The polls will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday [April 12], and the election results will be announced at 5 p.m.”

Now that the campaigning season is underway, the Election Committee’s role has changed.

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GTPD investigates knife point robbery

By Ranganathan Venkataraman
Staff Writer

A male Tech student was robbed at knifepoint at 120 North Ave, near Quizno’s, at approximately 2 a.m. March 12. According to the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) report, the theft occurred as the victim waited on the sidewalk near Quizno’s for his girlfriend, who was moving her car from the Georgia State University (GSU) village.

After threatening the victim at knifepoint the offender took $40 in cash and then fled westward on North Avenue. He is described as an unshaven black male of approximately 30 years of age, standing six feet tall and weighing about two hundred pounds.

The offender was further described as having a slim build and wearing a green T-shirt, blue jeans and white athletic shoes.

According to Thomas Townsley, a GTPD Investigator, current investigations are directed at assembling a set of images for the victim to look at and identify the offender in addition to the usual response to this type of incident.

“In this case the victim is the only eyewitness. Right now we’re trying to put together some photographs for him to look at,” Townsley said.

“So far we have not found anyone matching the given physical description.”

We are patrolling the area around North Avenue and a number of officers are on foot patrol,” said Carla Cook, GTPD Public Safety Sergeant.

While GTPD is working toward

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RGA executive board elected

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) 2006-2007 executive board was elected March 15.

Tim Gallagher, formerly the executive treasurer, was elected to the position of executive president. Other officers elected include: John Ring, vice president of administration; Jeff Wei, vice president of communications and Lisa Stuber, executive treasurer.

There is a vacancy in the position of vice president of programming. Applications for this position are due April 5 at the Legislative Council meeting. Speeches will take place at this meeting, which is scheduled for 9 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building. Elections will take place April 12. More information can be found on RHA’s website, rha.gatech.edu.

The new officers will be sworn in during dead week.

Russian Club hosts film festival

The Russian Club will be hosting a Russian Film Festival, showcasing five Russian movies in the Student Success Center Theater starting this Tuesday.

Movies to be shown are House of Fools (April 4), 9th Company (April 6), State Advisor (April 10), The Stroll (April 12) and The Return (April 15).

All movies will be shown in Russian with English subtitles and will begin at 7 p.m. The club will also be serving snacks and hot tea after each film.

More information is available at gtrussian.00nyx.com.
On March 21, a Tech Trolley driver threatened to hit a man with her bus. The man stated that he loaned money to the driver and she would not pay it back. When he asked the driver for the money, she threatened to hit him with the Trolley.

Please do not repeat

On the morning of March 11, someone shot a second floor window in the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house with a B.B. gun, causing the window to shatter. The House Manager believes the shots were fired from the Alpha Tau Omega house. He went on to say that this is not the first time an incident like this has happened. The window was the only property damaged.

Not very funny

At 8:55 p.m. March 10, a tall man walked into the lobby of the Westside Market, pointed what appeared to be a gun into the air and then exited into the Curran parking deck. The man was later identified as a student and questioned. The item was taken into evidence and determined to be a B.B. gun.

The student said he was joking with some friends and wanted to see if anything would happen. The student was informed of the seriousness of the incident. He was reported to the Dean of Students.

From the files of the GTPD...

The gal I like is a HO! Tessa are you naked? Scotty the hottie is eating biscorie and I want some.... Scott

It was the other Tessa! TESSA TESSA TESSA OMG!!! NAR IS SO AWE-SOME, BUT DEVIN IS SO LAME mb, you rock my heart i love picsat! 4 8 15 16 23 42 I am not gonna lie... I am larm

CS 1322. Psych 1101 and EAS 3001 are the most rub-bish courses ever.... Nevin going rate, 98 cents....

Guess who failed his tae-kwando test? Khajoor sorry akhil, but there will be overnight guests of either sex, Sarta Maharaj kissed ladki ko agle semester chodne wala hai Dravid dropped a damn catch, damn man

Nevin is 4 yr old N00b Akhil is drunk....1 am Akhil Akhil is drunk, dammit again!!1 I am Akhil Rum and anything is a great combination “Never have I ever” got Amanda drunk really quickky Convention is gonna be a great time had by all. Ahhhhh! The sliver page is broken!

The Student Center has the largest proportion of toilets of any building in the world... except outhouses. Yay! I won the focus! Ummm...what did I win? For Commander Adama! WWLAD – What would Commander Adama do?

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Undergraduate House of Representatives

Undergraduate student body president David Andersen speaks at a previous UHR meeting. He presented two bills to UHR this week.

The Campus Crusade for Christ was allocated $4,543 to fund their Spring Break mission to Pass Christian, Miss., where they were engaged in rebuilding efforts in the Hurricane Katrina-affected region.

The bill was passed after relatively little debate, in which it was stressed that the group had performed very ethically and that there was no downside to the bill. Two bills, both featuring Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Senator Birch Darn as their speaker, failed to pass.

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GSS denies funding for Katrina group

Graduate Student Senate

By Heather Hubble
Contributing Writer

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) passed three bills, failed one bill and postponed discussion on one bill during Tuesday’s weekly meeting.

The meeting began with officer reports, then moved on to a presentation given by guest speakers from WREK radio. Following the presentations, senators passed a bill allocating $3,000 to the Mock Trial team to compete in a national championship tournament and failed a bill which proposed to allocate $4,543 to Campus Crusade for Christ for a mission trip where they engaged in rebuilding efforts in Hurricane Katrina-affected regions. The senate also passed bills to charter the Surface Mount Technology Association and Dance Marathon at Georgia Tech. They postponed a bill intended to create a waiting list policy for ticketed events which are free to students.

During officer reports, Vice President Mitch Keller reported that due to greatly increased demand and limited funding, no subsidy will be available for next year’s mandatory graduate student health insurance.

Keller pointed out that although no insurance subsidy will be available, American students will still be paying less than they have in previous years, even without the subsidy. International students will be paying slightly more per semester for health insurance than they have in the past.

Graduate president Kasi David reported that applications to run for the positions of president and vice president of the GSS are due in the SGA office by 5 p.m. Friday, March 31. Applications are being accepted from any graduate students who wish to submit them.

Senator Adam Brancato, a Chemistry major, expressed concern that the question of graduate health insurance not be added to the agenda. Senator Laura Baaklini, a Chemistry major; Katie Kirk, a Management major; and Binh Dam, a Computer Engineering (ECE) major, discussed the issue.

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In their weekly session on Tuesday, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) passed six bills including one amending the UHR constitution. Two joint resolutions were failed during the meeting.

The amendment bill, sponsored by undergraduate student body president David Andersen, allowed the undergraduate student body to call a referendum via a petition. This was a power that previously lay only in the hands of the UHR.

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"We are responsible for running hearings in the cases of election violations," Puckett said.

The committee will make numerous appearances around campus to get their names out to the student body. "There will be a meet and greet and the candidates on WREK Radio Thursday between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.," Puckett said.

Puckett said details for the debate spots for committee chairs, Puckett said.

Puckett said that other opportunities will also exist. "They will also be looking to fill any position that was not filled by the election, so there are plenty of opportunities for students wishing to get involved," he said.

More information can be found at the SGA website, www.sga.gatech.edu/elections.

"This is an opportunity to stay in secure areas for the maximum possible time during late night hours, since they would know when the bus arrived," Thomason said.

The Departure Times bill was considered especially impractical since it was highly unlikely that trolleys/buses would keep to the assigned times.

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Music from page 1
technology,” Clark said.
Many of the students are
interested in making an interface
for audiences and players to interact
with the robot in a more natural
way,” Driscoll said.
Driscoll said that he is excited
about helping to start a new pro-
gram. “I think it is really exciting
because Tech is predominantly an
engineering school and this is one of
the first artistic degrees they’ll be
offering. It is exciting to be part of
the process of being developed
directly from scratch. We’re kind of
making our own rules and doing whatever
is necessary,” Driscoll said.

GSS from page 3
ical and Biomolecular Engineering
student, reported that as per recent
changes in policy, SGA
will no longer vote on the chartering
of new organizations on campus.
When the new policy takes effect,
the responsibility of chartering new
clubs will move directly to the
Student Activities Committee.

Senator Randy Weinstein, a
Biomedical Engineering student,
questioned the representa-
tives from WREK about the station’s
choice in radio shows, citing alleged
complaints from various students on
campus about the shows Making
Contact and Radio Nation being
‘Anti-American and Anti-Israel’.
Jariwala replied that the radio shows
were chosen in keeping with the
station’s mandate to educate, but
that he would like to see radio shows
with more scientific content getting
time on the air.

Finishing second in its most recent
competition, the Mock Trial team very
recently qualified for the national championship
tournament.

Kyle Thomason, president of Mock Trial before McCandless
was elected to request $3,000 to defray the cost
of transporting the seven member team
and their coach to Des Moines, Iowa
for the competition.
The estimated cost of the trip is $7,500.

After collecting money from
corporate sponsors and individual
team members, the team still
needed $3,000 to cover expenses.

The committee version proposed
to fund the bill based on a weighted
average of the amount of money
voters agreed to allocate to the orga-
nization. The organization already
made the trip, counting on SGA
Joint Finance Committee (JFC)
policy sets a maximum of $0.15 per
person per mile on allocations for
travel expenses. JFC recommended
granting Mock Trial $2,930 to help
defray the cost of travel. Despite this,
senators voted 21 to 1 in favor of
granting the $3,000 the team
requested. $2,099 of the money
was allocated for travel, and $91 was
allocated for display aids.
The next bill was the Conference
Committee version of a Joint Allot-
cation to the Campus Crusade for
Christ that had previously failed the
senate. The bill requested $4,543 to
be allocated for travel expenses. JFC,
which came as over $7,800 per year, includes the costs
of gasoline, maintenance items
including tires, and taxes and reg-
istration fees, as well as insurance
costs and finance charges.
The single largest cost, however,
is depreciation, which hit owners’
pocketbooks for an average of
$3,392.
The calculation was based on
a vehicle driven 15,000 miles
within the span of a year.
The survey point out SUVs as the
most expensive vehicles to operate at a cost of 20.1 cents
per mile, nearly five cents more
than a medium-size sedan like a
Toyota Camry, the Sun-Sentinel
reported.
While the annual association’s
survey has tracked the cost of driv-
ing since 1990, it recorded
methodology last year, preventing
this year’s results from being directly
comparable to those published in past years.

Commission calls for review
of Lenovo deal
The US-China Economic and
Security Review Commission
(USCC) called for a formal probe
into a plan by the State Department
to purchase 15,000 laptops from
Lenovo, the Chinese company that
last year purchased IBM’s PC busi-
ness for nearly two billion dollars,
the BBC reported.
The USCC is concerned that
the Chinese government could
build electronic bugging devices
into the laptops despite the fact
that the laptops are to be assembled
in North Carolina and Mexico using
electronic parts largely sourced
from Taiwan.
Lenovo is critical of the probe,
pointing out that an investigation
into the national security implica-
tions of the purchase last March
concluded it was espionage
largely unwarranted. Furthermore,
the company points out that
virtually all other manufacturers’
products, including American
firms Dell, Hewlett-Packard and
Apple, are assembled in or use
parts from China.

Spremi for an investigation
comes as the U.S. government
shows increasing concern over
foreign ownership of companies
doing business in the nation, as
Dubai Ports World was recently
forced to sell all American ports.
it had acquired in its buyout of
a British firm.

Shortly after the deal, Lenovo’s vice presi-
dent for government relations, said
the investigation would put Lenovo
funds to pay for government contracts.
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Or Bring to room 242 in the CRC
reducing the crime rate it is considered imperative the students are knowledgeable about procedures that they should undertake during and after an incident.

"Be calm and don't resist," Cook said. "Nothing you could have on you is worth your life."

Cook also talked about the importance of getting a decent description of the offender and communicating with the police as quickly as possible.

The student in this incident took nearly half an hour to communicate with the police after the incident was reported, the greater the chance of finding the perpetrator. Cook added that students should always be aware of their surroundings and not carry a large amount of cash.

"Be aware of your surroundings and don't carry a large amount of cash."

Carla Cook
GTPD Public Safety Sergeant

"We're going to do what we can to catch this guy."

Thomas Townsley
GTPD Investigator

Chemical Engineering major. "The police force here is really good."

Second-year Chemical Engineering major Matt Keiser said he agreed with Wilburn. He also said that students ought to use their common sense.

"You've got to be smart enough to not wander downtown Atlanta at 2 a.m. It's not common sense," Keiser said.

Crime alerts can be found on the GTPD website, www.police.gatech.edu. There is also the annual Campus Safety Walk where students, staff and faculty—including Institute President Wayne Clough—walk throughout campus and point out areas that have security hazards such as insufficient lighting and out of order emergency phones.

Townsley said he emphasized that all efforts would be made to find the offender in this case.

"We're going to do what we can to catch this guy," Townsley said.
Ours views

Consensus opinion

Campaigns begin

The return from Spring Break marks a new season—the beginning of SGA campaigning season. Firstly it is important to clarify the fact that the Technique policy does not allow the paper to endorse any candidates, as it is the only weekly campus student publication, and there does not exist another campus publication to provide opposing viewpoints.

So what is all this campaigning fuss about? What is it exactly that SGA does? SGA’s primary function is to make decisions regarding the spending of the Student Activity Fee. Members of the executive board also sit on a variety of campus-wide boards and committees that affect campus policy.

Thus unlike many high school student governments, SGA members have great potential to impact campus. When considering each candidate’s goals, it is important to note that each candidate will only be in office for one year, and to keep that in mind when evaluating the feasibility of the goals. Also realize that SGA elections are not a popularity contest. Candidates should be picked for the quality of their platforms instead of the aesthetic appeal of their campaign posters. The platforms of each presidential and vice-presidential candidate will be published next week’s issue of the Technique and are available online on each candidate’s website.

Often neglected during campaign season in the midst of all the presidential and vice-presidential campaigning is the race for departmental representatives and class representatives. Unfortunately there is often little to no campaigning for these positions, due to the lack of competition. However, one must note that it is these representatives who have the real voting power in SGA. These representatives are the ones who determine which student organizations get their bills passed and which don’t.

Communication between representatives and their constituencies has often been poor in the past—many students are completely unaware of who represents them. Communication is a two-way street; however, and candidates for departmental and class representatives should make efforts to contact their constituency, while students should make a point to figure out who the candidates are and for what they stand.

Those who are elected as representatives should also strive to improve the sometimes tense relationship between the Graduate Student Senate and the undergraduate House of Representatives. Communication and cooperation between the bodies are necessary to stay away from the problem of useless duplication of efforts and strengthen SGA’s impact.

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Ready to return: Tech tops job

I’ve spent enough time at Tech to know that most students here have a love/hate relationship with the school. I mean this in two ways: either sometimes you love it and sometimes you hate it, or it loves to torture you, and you hate it. The two aren’t mutually exclusive.

I’ve experienced both. I don’t think I need to go into details, as I’d simply be rehashing experiences I hold in common with just about every student at Tech.

So why do I bring this up at all? Well, I’ve recently gotten a whole new perspective on the whole ‘love/hate’ aspect of the love/hate relationship I have with Tech—and maybe a little on the ‘love’ part, too. I’ve spent this semester working a full-time internship, trying to get a feel for what I might want to do with my life once Tech is through with me.

Internships, as a nebulous concept, are terrific for getting work experience, discovering your strengths and learning what you like to do. On the flip side, they’re also highly useful for devising new and innovative ways to waste time, discovering your weaknesses and learning what you hate doing.

In other words, they inspire a love/hate relationship all their own.

I’ve spent my internship exploring both sides of this coin, though I would say I gained more from the latter side than the former in this particular experience.

Don’t get me wrong, it hasn’t been an entirely negative experience—quite the contrary, in fact. The people I worked with and on a daily basis are a great bunch and have helped me on many levels with how I relate to others.

I also found that I’m good at research and providing useful information to others and that I enjoy providing technical support a lot more than I ever realized.

Unfortunately, very little of that had any bearing on the actual responsibilities of my job. In fact, I would say that my job didn’t particularly involve many responsibilities at all, which strangely made me bristle a little.

Here’s where I get to the philosophical nitpicky of this whole love/hate relationship thing. At Tech, I’ve learned that Tech can be sometimes a real world can be worse), and for another, they’d be a dead giveaway as to where that doesn’t hold me to a high level of responsibility (they happen…occasionally…)—it’s a nice break from the rest of my classes, which are often the intellectual equivalent of hitting my head repeatedly against a brick wall.

At my job, on the other hand, I hate being held to a low level of responsibility—it provides me with absolutely no motivation to do, well, anything really.

It could be said that responsibility in the classroom provides motivation just as responsibility on the job does, and I can argue with that. It just happens to be that in one setting I enjoy being able to slack off, and in another it bothers me to no end.

During my stint working in the ‘real world,’ I’ve also discovered that some of the things that I really dislike about Tech look pretty insignificant next to some of the things I really disliked about working in the setting that I have been for the past few months. I never thought I’d say this, but at this point I’d take a FA who doesn’t speak English over an out-of-touch bureaucrat any day.

As much as I’d like to boil this down to specific gripes and examples, I won’t. For one, they aren’t pertinent to the greater lesson I’ve learned (which is, for those of you who don’t read the better the lines, that as bad as I think Tech can be sometimes, the real world can be worse), and for another, they’d be a dead giveaway as to where that is box topper label. One pica on the left and right.

I’m actually looking forward to taking any other off from trying it if they were thinking about it.

In the end, I find myself walking away from my internship with a nice entry on my resume and a great sigh of relief it’s over.

Hillary Lipko
Advertising Manager

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—Leonardo da Vinci

Quote of the week
Students should follow safety guidelines

Ever heard these phrases? “Don’t go out alone at night.” “Make sure that you have your cell phone and it is charged before you leave.” “Make sure you know what is going on around you.” “Call me when you get there so I know that you are okay.”

I’d wager you’ve heard them all more times than you’d like from your mother or another guardian who, believe it or not, isn’t trying to smother your newfound independence with their suggestions. Their nagging comments are just a way to make sure you do not forget such simple things that you have to do to protect yourself.

You’d think with all that nagging every student on campus would listen, but it never fails that students that leave themselves vulnerable by being at the wrong place at the wrong time so that they become a crime victim. Although it is never the victim’s fault, why put yourself in harm’s way when you don’t have to?

The crime rate on campus has decreased two years in a row. The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) reported a 22 percent reduction in overall crime from 2004 to 2005. Statistics like that make it easy to forget that while in the “Tech Bubble” we still have to be careful. However, there are plenty of statistics that should remind students to be careful. Incidents of robbery, aggravated assault and burglary all increased by at least 50 percent this past year. You do not even have to look that far back to realize that the number of crimes on campus, as earlier this month a student was robbed at knifepoint near Quinno’s. Additionally, vehicle break-ins and burglaries have increased at the CRC, and there have been two sexual assaults reported on campus.

The point of bringing these crimes up is not to scare you, but to make sure you have the facts to realize we don’t live in a paradise on earth.

The GTPD does an excellent job of patrolling campus and working to prevent crime. In fact, the entire campus community should be very grateful for all that they do. I was recently stranded in the center of campus one early morning because my parking lot was full and I had to move to another one. All it took was just one call to GTPD and they were willing to escort me back to my dorm safely. However, had I not called they would not have known I needed help and GTPD cannot keep students from acting irresponsibly.

So while it may not be too imperative you eat your vegetables or drink eight glasses of water a day, it’s a good idea to tell your friends it is imperative that you heed the following basic safety guidelines to protect yourself and off of Tech’s campus.

Bikes and cars are frequent targets for crime on campus. Bikes can be registered for free with GTPD, so that they can be tracked if they are stolen; they should be secured with an U-lock to a bike rack.

Students need to make sure to always roll up windows, lock car doors and park in well-lit areas. Thieves only want in your car if there is something worth having, so make sure not to leave anything valuable in plain view.

Although it seems the most obvious, make sure you lock your dorm room when you leave and to never leave your valuables unattended. Also, make sure to record the serial numbers of valuable items such as laptops, televisions and stereo in case they are lost or stolen.

In terms of personal safety, make sure to walk in well-lit areas, be aware of your surroundings, report any suspicious people on campus and keep a contact with you that has GTPD’s number, 404-894-2500, programmed in.

If you are ever approached by someone who has a weapon or claims that they will hurt you if you don’t give them your purse or a wallet, you should comply and not resist. If a crime does happen, make sure to report it to authorities as soon as possible and to get a good description of anyone involved.

If the above guidelines are followed, then crime will continue decreasing on campus simply because there will be less opportunity for crime to occur. At the end of the day it all comes down to not acting recklessly and listening to your mom.

“At the end of the day it all comes down to not acting recklessly and listening to your mom.”

Amanda Dugan
News Editor

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT
Need help?
The Resource Center on the bottom floor of the library is scheduled to open next Monday. The center will bring together academic advisors and 1-on-1 tutoring. The opening of the center brings a well documented article recommending that the student experience the academic resources, including offices of academic advisors and 1-on-1 tutoring. The opening of the center brings together academic advisors and 1-on-1 tutoring. The opening of the center brings together academic advisors and 1-on-1 tutoring. The opening of the center brings together academic advisors and 1-on-1 tutoring.

Cut utilities
The road construction on McMillian is causing more than just a detour. Thanks to the road work, West Campus housing has been experiencing disruptions in water and electric supply.

Losing the water supply won’t help with the roommate’s sticky feet problem. And as typical Tech students constantly glued to electrical appliances, cuts in the electrical supply are even more detrimental.

HOT or NOT

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Ad policy concerns
I am writing in reaction to the ad published on p.32 of the March 10 edition of the Technique titled “sometimes good fences stop bad neighbors,” which apparently echoed the “Fence event” that had taken place on campus in front of the Student Center.

One may wonder whether this kind of highly controversial advertising has its place in a college newspaper like the Technique.

I want to stress that this question is absolutely not motivated by my personal opinion on the situation in Middle East.

An equivalent ad from a Palestinian perspective would have caused an equal shock.

First of all, while most Technique articles deal with the day-to-day concerns of the average Tech student, this ad clearly presents a biased opinion on a 58 year geopolitical issue.

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YOUR VIEWS

BRACKET BUSTED
Just about everyone’s local office pool has been thrown for a loop with the surprises of this year’s NCAA basketball tournament, which has no.1 seeds remaining in the tournament and 11th seeded George Mason still alive. The ACC-Champs appear particularly poor showing, placing no teams in the Elite Eight.

service in the Gulf
We all like to say kudos to the many Tech groups that headed down to the Gulf Coast to participate in Katrina relief. The number of students that went is far greater than any expectations. You guys performed a valuable service to the gulf community and helped to boost Tech’s national image.

service in the Gulf

“Buzz Around the Campus”

What did you do during spring break?

Hal Reid
Fourth-year CompE

“I sat on my ass.”

Elliott Holland
Fourth-year ME

“We went to South Beach.”

Sabrina Sharifzadeh
First-year PSYC

“I went home...went shopping and slept.”

Courtney Black
First-year BIoL

“I went home and taught fifth grade with my mom.”

See Fence, page 10

PHOTOS HAN TUY
Visiting alien receives mixed responses

Macrominkus, the inhabitant from Neptune, traveled to Atlanta the week of March 26, 2006. Macrominkus rode the tail of an Earth-bound asteroid. The space alien recently toured Hoeltana but then landed by my feet, falling lifelessly.

I asked Macrominkus why that offended him.

"I suppose I am from another planet," he said. "But using your identity as an insult is strange. Very hurtful. I could come up with a better insult. Me and my friends call each other "wormholes" all the time."

Macrominkus reported the following events to me personally at Marietta Square following the conclusion of his trip.

"I drove in my MiniCooper in circles, nearly getting run over many times," he told me. "Everyone seems to be in quite a hurry."

Macrominkus did manage, however, to exit I-285 at the northeastern part of the loop.

"Once I reached Gwinnett County," he said, "my car stopped running. These large beasts started roaring at me! I hear you people call them "tornadoes.""

According to Macrominkus he stepped out of his car at a local L.L. Bean.

"I asked people for help, and they ignored me. Then I asked for some money for gas, and they kept calling me "alien!" and "purple alien!""

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"He was whisked away by some invisible force, which I assumed was the dust behind an asteroid."

Alexandra Pajak
Columnist

Macrominkus traveled all 24.4 miles from Norcross to Marietta. The brake was so shiny," he said. "At first I was afraid he would eat me, but as I saw many people enter into and out of him, I was no longer afraid."

As I spoke to Macrominkus he shook his head and told me he was going to leave for Neptune again.

"Some of your people are very nice. Most of them, in fact," he said. "But it is very hot here, and very busy. I don't feel that welcome, although Earth seems to have potential."

Macrominkus spoke to me last, just before suddenly disappearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at midnight.

I asked Macrominkus if he would ever return to Earth.

"Probably not," he said. "Color of aliens’ skin, money, large mechanical animals. I do not understand Earth."

He added, "Also, who is this God you keep speaking of? Based on my experiences, I swear there must be two Gods, one that helps and one that condemns. I like the one that helps better."

He then reached into the sky and grabbed hold of something I could not see. But he was whisked away by some invisible force, which I assumed was the dust behind an asteroid.

After he disappeared into the sky, his North Face jacket and credit card landed by my feet, falling lifelessly onto the grass.
Library unveils Resource Center

By Joshua Cuneo
Online Editor

Students in the library can rest assured that the high-pitched whine of construction drills from the ground floor will no longer interrupt their studies. The construction is complete and a brand new Resource Center is slated to open for business on Monday.

Construction crews have transformed an old library storage room bordered by a row of vending machines into a sleek, open space dressed up with a postmodern flair. This new facility will be a one-stop shop for a variety of academic needs meant to supplement the services already provided in the Library West Commons.

“We are here to provide any assistance needed that enhances or assists the educational experience of students at Georgia Tech,” said Linda Cabot, the director of Information Technology Services at the Office of Information Technology, who helped oversee the implementation of the Resource Center.

While Tech waits for the Board of Regents to approve funding for the Undergraduate Learning Center (ULC), Cabot hopes that the Resource Center will give students a taste of some of the ULC’s services right now. Those services include advising, tutoring, tech support and printing, among others. Here’s the complete rundown:

Tech Support

All walk-in tech support will move from the Rich Building to the Resource Center. This includes hardware, software and wireless support as well as support for problems related to student accounts and printing quotas. Specialists will attend four specially designated workstations during all hours of the center’s operations.

“Pretty much anything that the students (received) from going either in person or to calling the support center... is all going to be available here,” Cabot said.

The Resource Center will also be a dense wireless hub, so students can access the internet via the LAWN from anywhere on this floor.

Demicor Center

The Demcor Center is a miniaturized version of the computer store displays at the Barnes and Noble in Tech Square. Tech is cooperating with Dell and Apple to exhibit the latest technologies from those two vendors in the front room of the Resource Center, giving students and faculty the opportunity to examine these releases hands-on.

“If a faculty member is looking for the latest laptop, [they can] see what it looks like, pick it up, feel what the heaviness is [and see] the resolution of the screen they’re in,” Cabot said.

Cabot stressed that this is not a research and development station or a sales pitch, as the Resource Center will not sell equipment. The intention is to give the Tech
Mentoring programs connect students to IAC faculty

By Jane Wong  
Contributing Writer

Meeting a professor to chat about economic development policy or feminist perspectives on science and technology over coffee? This may seem far-fetched for most Tech students, but not for the ones in Ivan Allen College (IAC).

Two schools in IAC have developed faculty mentoring programs for students. The School of Public Policy’s program is in its first year of existence. The program in the School of History, Technology and Society (HTS) is in the process of being set up and will be ready before the semester ends.

Public Policy’s Faculty Mentoring Program was created by academic advisor Elizabeth Miller in the spring of 2005 after she noticed that many of the undergraduate students she spoke with expressed interest for increased contact and interaction with the faculty. Public Policy students complete a “...A formal mentoring program will ensure that all of our majors are receiving the personal attention they need...”

Doug Flaming  
HTS Faculty

Mentor Match Survey online where they are matched with a faculty member based on the interest areas they pick. According to Doug Flaming, the undergraduate coordinator for HTS, faculty mentoring has been an ongoing tradition for the School of History, Technology and Society, whose faculty are familiar with almost every student in the major.

“...A formal mentoring program will ensure that all of our majors are receiving the personal attention they need—beyond academic advising and beyond the classroom,” Flaming said.

Currently, both schools have a centralized academic advising system with one professional academic advisor. In the past, both have employed several faculty advisors, but a switch was made after frustrations arose from the administrative functions of advising.

Faculty mentoring programs allow the faculty to interact with the students in a traditional mentoring role. Faculty members are encouraged to discuss common interests with the students, have students participate in their research, suggest small-group relationships without the complications of academic advising,” Flaming said.

Richard Barke, the undergraduate coordinator for Public Policy, explained why a mentoring program is so beneficial to the School of Public Policy.

“(Public Policy) is very multidisciplinary, and the curriculum is highly structured. We don’t have a long list of prerequisites or a linear path through the curriculum. And with that much flexibility, it becomes even more important for the students and the faculty to be communicating if the student has a particular career interest or interest in a particular type of internship or research,” Barke said.

In some majors, it would probably be pretty clear what the student should do to pursue that career track...
community a more intimate feel for the technologies available to them in the open market.

"They can come and take a look at the latest release as far as whatever it is that they want. When you go shopping for something, you're looking for a particular functionality in desktop hardware, so those are going to be up here."

In the near future, vendors may also offer demonstrations and seminars in the Resource Center regarding their products.

**1-to-1 Tutoring**

The 1-to-1 Tutoring program will operate out of the Resource Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Monday through Thursday and on Sundays as well in the fall. Special desks for tutors near the back of the Center are outfitted with swinging dry erase boards and spaces for books and laptops.

Students will be able to schedule appointments with tutors ahead of time by visiting the Success Programs website.

**Undergraduate Advising**

The Resource Center will have full-time undergraduate advisors on duty until 9:30 p.m., with the possibility of later hours based on demand. Unlike departmental academic advisors, these advisors will not be major-specific but will focus on the general needs of undergraduates.

"Our intention is to bring to the students not only advising from the perspective of 'What courses do I need to take?' but also generic approaches of 'Well, I'm not sure I really want to be in this major, but I don't know what my options are,'" Cabot said. "We help with] those types of [career] decisions."

The advisors will be a mix of existing staff and new hires and will also encompass advisement for pre-med, pre-law and pre-education students.

**Conference Room**

One feature that will still be under construction on opening day is a small conference room on one side of the center.

This will be an open-use room with approximately a dozen seats, a fold-away conference table, a dry erase board and the technology for conference calls. The room could be used for student group project meetings or small seminars.

"It's a small facility, but it's available if a group needs to get together and they're from both sides of campus," Cabot said.

**Printing**

Starting on Monday, all print jobs sent to Central PS will be delivered to a collection of bins immediately adjacent to the Resource Center. These bins will sit opposite a small shelf that students can use for sorting and organizing. Most importantly, the center will sort all print jobs according to students' last initial in a bin number based on their Spectrum ID.

"Students who are coming through the library can pick up print-outs, or, if they're upstairs working and they sent something to Central PS, they'll be able to do their pick-ups here," Cabot said.

Cabot also said that the Resource Center is not attempting to compete with the Student Center when offering services such as the conference room. The focus of the Resource Center, she said, is to provide students with more easily accessible academic services.

"(The Student Center is) where people go for socialization, and that's where some of the student organizations meet and have space already, so we don't want to replicate that," she said. "Ours really has somewhat of an academic focus in that we want to support activities and assignments that come out of the academic curriculum."

The center is very spacious, with most of the features and services encompassed in one large room with an open wall looking out into the hallway. The workstations dividers operate on a Resolve system, which means, among other things, that the staff can adjust the opacity of the dividers by adding to or switching out the screens that comprise them. Also, the center is filled with colorful couches and chairs in sleek designs that complement the darker tones of the black and gray walls and ceiling.

Cabot said there were also plans to decorate the walls and outer hallways with examples of student artwork similar to those currently on display in the Multimeda Center.

Cabot said this new style as well as the services offered are very experimental and may change according to the recommendations of the students and staff. "It is important to be able to have individual spaces? Is it important to have eye contact? Is it important to be able—when you're in 1 on 1 tutoring—or advising—to have some more sound absorption?" she said. "Some of it is experimental from a programmatic standpoint, and some of it is experimental from a furniture standpoint."

The Center has operated on student input since its inception. The Library and Partners Student Advisory Council—a core of eight to 10 students who advise the library’s administration—helped determine all aspects of the Resource Center from the services to the furnishings.

The council examined feedback from the Library West Commons and discovered that students enjoyed having many common services all centralized in one neutral location.

"What we have is a really unique opportunity to gather information and find out what does work and what doesn't work so that we can make some adjustments," Cabot said. "It makes sense to me. I've been here for a long time, and I just think that it's...common sense. Why not bring it to where the students are?"
He is not white. He is not even light-skinned. Make no mistake about it, he is black. Yet *Klan-Destine Relationships* author Daryl Davis has come in closer contact with members of the Ku Klux Klan that most white non-members and certainly most blacks ever will. On a quest to explore racism, Davis has covertly attended Klan rallies and has set up surprise meetings with Klan leaders unaware of his skin color. During his potentially treacherous journeys, Davis has forged friendships with Klan members, leading some to forever retire their robes and hoods.

On Tuesday April 4th, author, musician, and race relations expert, Daryl Davis, comes to Tech campus to discuss his experiences, race relations, and his controversial method for developing a friendship with even the most unlikely individual. All are invited to attend.

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allowed to pay for outside services but cannot create any student-funded positions. “Tier III organizations usually consist of exclusively student-led organizations such as cultural organizations,” Lucas said.

Non-competitive Tier III organizations must have at least $15 dues, whereas competitive ones must have a minimum of $35 dues. An organization is designated as Tier I or Tier II organization.

Some student-led associations, such as political and religious organizations, are not eligible to receive funding.

By funding political or religious organizations, Lucas said, Tech would be reflecting the group’s ideals. However, exceptions are made in certain cases.

“Say for instance an organization wants to encourage people to vote. [SGA] may fund a voter registration drive. However, if the political organization plans to influence voters and press their beliefs upon others, then SGA will not fund the event. We cannot support [that] group’s ideals.

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JFC Chair

The events SGA will fund must be non-partisan,” he said. Additionally, JFC policy states that activities with alcohol present and fraternal or social activities may not receive funding. However, there are some exceptions to this rule.

The organization CultureTec, for instance, was granted funds by SGA this year. CultureTec held a week-long international food festival that celebrated various cultures through the serving of ethnic foods. This event was open to everyone and had a diverse range of cultures represented.

Organizations may also submit bills which request a certain amount of money. These bills should include a specific but concise budget of how the organization plans to spend the money.

The bills are first reviewed by the JFC and then must be presented to both the Undergraduate House of Representatives and the Graduate Student Senate. A representative from the organization is also required to represent the bill in these meetings.

Lucas suggested that an organization can increase its chance of a bill passing by explaining in detail how funds will be used.

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or set of interests. In Public Policy, because it’s multi-disciplinary, it’s not so clear, so a [mentoring] program makes really good sense here.

Public Policy’s mentoring program is only in its second semester but has already yielded positive responses from faculty and students.

Saira Arif, a senior Public Policy major, has found the program to be valuable and worthwhile.

She is paired with Barke, with whom she had not taken a class but was able to meet through the opportunity provided by mentoring programs. She said that Barke’s interests match hers.

“The Public Policy Mentoring Program has been fantastic. I bring the students closer to the faculty members with whom they share common interests,” Arif said. “It so turns out that Dr. Barke has a lot of experience in things I am very interested in.”

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**TUESDAY APRIL 4TH**

**STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM**

**8:00 PM**

**ADMISSON IS FREE**

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Steve Davis

*Klan-Destine Relationships*

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Intro physics has been dumbed down to the level of an engineering course and people STILL complain? 50 days til Graduation! $500,000 for stairs and a hand railing. $300,000 to fix the CRC! Does. Not. Compute.

Friday night Ultimate is back! I love you all! I love our baseball team! 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The residents of Pass Christian, Miss. still suffer from the mass destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. Much of the town, including its city hall, still lies in a tangled mess of debris and belongings. This was the scene witnessed during Spring Break by Dustin Reed, who traveled by car to Pass Christian along with 77 other members of a group sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ. Reed, a graduate student in Civil Engineering and a member of Campus Crusade, served as the group’s leader. He organized the volunteers, who had signed up into smaller teams of eight, and assigned tasks.

Reed’s group was not alone in its effort to help Katrina victims. Another group organized by MOVE journeyed to St. Chalmette, La. to offer help, while the Wesley Foundation organized a trip to New Orleans, La.

Many members of Reed’s group were not members of Campus Crusade. However, Reed said, this did not hinder the group’s progress. “About half the group was not involved in Campus Crusade in any way, shape or form. We had a lot of people who weren’t Christians,” Reed said. “It was cool to see a lot of people not feeling afraid of [holding different beliefs] but being able to work together to help people.”

One team member, Nicole Young, said she did not know Campus Crusades sponsored the trip when she signed up. “To be honest, I had some hesitation,” she said. “I was nervous because I wasn’t a member; I was worried I wouldn’t fit in. As soon as I got in the car, though, there was so much instant bonding that went on.” Like many other students who went on service trips over the break, Young, a third-year International Affairs major, said she had a great time.

“The trip was just awesome. It was the best Spring Break I’ve ever had, without a doubt,” she said.

Team members left the morning of Saturday, March 18 and returned to Atlanta Friday, March 24 in the evening. They worked from about 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day, taking breaks for meals and a shower at the end of the day.

“We did a little bit of everything.” Reed said. “There was still a lot of work to be done. We did what needed to be done.”

Reed described some of the work he and others did at Pass Christian. “One day I helped a guy—his house didn’t have a roof and the water was still pumping inside. I had to remove the water and put a tarp on the roof and then, only one per page. Use these sparingly—generally, only on section fronts, sometimes followed by a “Headline: Subhead (Deck).”

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A total of 78 students traveled to Pass Christian, Miss., in a trip organized by the Campus Crusade for Christ. They left the morning of March 18 and returned March 24 during the evening. Volunteers helped residents to rebuild lost and damaged properties. Richard Dillard works on a busted fuse box (above), Nicole Bradshaw and Sean Conway help measure a board to be cut (left). Campus Crusade was not the only organization that sponsored a Spring Break relief trip. MOVE and the Wesley Foundation also sponsored trips to Louisiana in order to help hurricane victims.
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Second Momocon proves successful

By Nathan Garcia
Contributing Writer

While most of Tech’s student population was leaving campus for Spring Break, another group of people were congregating for the second annual anime and game convention known as Momocon. Run by the Anime O-tekku student organization, Momocon played host for a number of events and saw over 1,750 participants during the weekend of March 18, more than twice the number of attendees last year. I am a moderate anime enthusiast, but the main draw of this convention for me were the video game events.

The dealers’ room, which had to be moved from last year’s location due to its popularity, offered all sorts of anime paraphernalia and costume accessories and was immensely popular. Several panels were held on subjects ranging from webcomics to video games to gender stereotypes in pop culture. The Music Listening Room was used as the J-pop Lounge where attendees could relax in an environment enjoyed by many Tech students but tailored for this event by playing popular Japanese music.

The game rooms allowed game-goers to engage in some friendly competition whether of the board, card, electronic or musical variety, and there were tournaments held for some of the more popular games like Halo 2, Super Smash Bros., Melee and Soul Calibur 3, all with cash prizes. One event in particular, the Decathlon, was hyped more than usual. Entrants would play 10 games spanning more than 20 years and five consoles, and rank would be determined based on how well each participant performed in each game.

AnimeShowing-rooms played the newest series from Japan and even older stuff that still hasn’t lost in appeal. The curiously named “Chaotic Bad Raptor” room showed fan-made AMVs and anime music videos featuring a few how-to sessions on how to edit video as well as the latest and greatest releases. I generally find most of them to be somewhat boring, but they can be fun. Highlights included a crossover between the game NBA Jam and an anime entitled Slam Dunk, complete with announce sound bytes and an hour-long compilation of short comedic videos with audio sources ranging from Rick James, Dave Chapelle skit about Rick James, Jack Black, Tiny Tim, Starship and even Triumph the Insult Comic Dog. Seeing Fist Of The North Star synched with Queen’s “Another One Bites The Dust” was more amusing than it should’ve been.

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V For Vendetta tells cautionary tale about freedom

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Imagine a world where Muslims are persecuted, gays have no rights and the truth is a state secret. A world where the people believe everything the government tells them and the government in turn betrays this trust with grim regularity. Am I speaking of some third-world draconian dystopia or perhaps of Hitler's Third Reich? No, this world is created in *V for Vendetta* on the silver screen.

*V for Vendetta* is the first must-see movie of the year. It is much more than the action-packed, explosion driven movie that commercials imply. At its core, *Vendetta* is a political statement about the world we in which we live.

**Vendetta** is the screen adaptation of a popular classic graphic novel written by Alan Moore (*The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, From Hell, V for Vendetta*) and David Lloyd. *Vendetta* is written and produced by the Wachowskis, brothers whose minds behind the Matrix trilogy.

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and directed by first time director James McTeigue, who was an assistant director on the same.

*Vendetta* stars the talented Hugo Weaving, better known as Agent Smith from the Matrix trilogy and Elrond from the Lord of the Rings, as V, an anarchist/freedom fighter using any and all means at his disposal to topple the government including terrorism and torture.

Natalie Portman plays Evey, a young woman who, with V’s help, finds out the truth about her government. Over the course of the movie, she moves from being a hapless victim being pushed around by an overbearing bully-state to V’s protégé and a fellow fighter in the cause of freedom.

*Vendetta* is set in the near future world where America’s wars and the resultant acts of terrorism they spawned have left the world ruined and chaotic. Only Britain is able to survive and then only by morphing into a fascist, Orwellian government.

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Rub Rabbits rubs player right way

By Nathan Garcia
Contributing Writer

Springtime. A time for warmer weather. A time for new life. A time for love. And of course, a time for bizarre mini-games. This is the gist for Sonic Team’s latest offering for Nintendo DS, *The Rub Rabbits*. Designed to be the successor to the launch title *Feel the Magic*, while walking through town, a guy sees a beautiful young lady and instantly falls in love.

Unfortunately for him, about 12 others also fall in love with her simultaneously. After a mad dash up a down escalator to get her attention, eventually making mode. Seriously.

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After finally defeating them in an epic Roshambo tournament, you and the girl are officially a couple. However, not all is as it should be, since a jealous rival, a genius girl whom the male character knew from school, stops at nothing to steal him away from her. This includes, but is not limited to, tossing love potions at him, infecting his girlfriend’s computer with a virus and re-creating a horde of pink and purple robots. No one ever said love was easy. This game, however, is very enjoyable.

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The music is amazing particularly the use of light and darkness to making the big screen to feel it, really feel it. The cinematography is brilliant; especially the use of light and darkness as symbols. The music is amazing and different from what Americans are used to.

I absolutely loved this movie and believe everyone should see it.
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his job with the delving questions of his son. Various characters pose "moral" questions to Naylor in an attempt to discover the man behind this pillar of infamy; Naylor responds with slick advantages and clever retorts.

Mixed with this world enveloped by spin, a bright and energetic slapstick comedy emerges from these pivotal and overdrawn characters. The excellent group of actors become characters in the film, playing out a series of events around Naylor that poke fun at the slant and use of the news, big movie executives and, of course, large corporations, repeatedly pointing out that global conglomerates need their protection too, just like a "career boy" on a daytime talk show.

Naylor takes no prisoners in his conquest to prove others in the wrong, as the film mirrors his tendency to say everything that most people think but never say. The director, Jason Reitman, son of Ivan Reitman, heavily stylizes the film with close camera work, especially on Eckhart, giving the characters strength and intense interaction with the camera, playing out like a news interview. He adds in multiple pop ups on the screen, interpreting the language that is spoken often as a politically correct smoke screen used in spin. The tradition of Eckhart Couples with these adjacents nicely, forming a film unafraid to expose the spin on everyday language.

And while the film takes a serious look at the depth of deception in America, it also remains seriously funny throughout. The slapstick humor works well in discussing the often humorous spins that are used not only by Naylor, but by his opposition, Macy’s Vermont Senator, in achieving their specific goals. Thank You for Smoking stands as a humorous and thought-provoking look into the world of spin and trickery.

By Robert Zimmerman

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The construction on the Student Center stairs, which started over that same weekend, likely caused the most inconvenience at the convention. We understand the Student Center has a contract so there wasn't much they could do about the stairs," Frame said. However, she was thankful for the help other campus services offered. "I'm grateful for the help from the Student Center, specifically the M.R."

Frame seems very optimistic about the future of Momcon, but she says that the biggest concern will be space. The first year the convention was able to fit in the Student Center, but this year they had to expand into the Instructional Center. She also wants to get more of Tech's student body involved, and organizations like the Electronic Software Producers and Pride Alliance have accepted in the past. "We're looking to work with other student organizations in the future," Frame said.

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While most of these events can be found at similar conventions, the head of the convention, Jessica Frame, praised Momcon's having a mascot. "The mascot looked very well," Frame said. This is a traditional Japanese moon viewing ceremony held at the vernal equinox. It was Japanese moon viewing ceremony well," Frame said. This is a traditional Japanese moon viewing ceremony well," Frame said.
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with wings of silver fine;
She smiled with glittering,
too-sharp teeth
and whispered of dreams divine.
her tiny fingers took my hand.
With cruellest grin she
creaked a spell
and whisked me to her dark land.
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Tennis teams compete over break

By Kate Patton
Contributing Writer

The Tech men’s tennis team has suffered a series of losses through the past two weekends, the road trip dropping the once No. 23 ranked team to No. 32 in the ITA poll.

The Jackets went up against No. 1 ranked archival Georgia in Athens March 15th. Although Scott Blackmon and Zachary Rath won a doubles match, UGA ended up taking the doubles point. The disappointment continued as Jordan Delass won Tech’s only singles point which led to the Bulldogs winning 6-1 overall.

The Jackets lost 5-2 against No. 19 Texas A&M March 25th with George Gvesliantzi and Delass winning at their doubles match and Delass and Rath winning at their singles matches.

After that, Tech tried to capture a win against No. 4 Duke March 25th, but came up short as Scott Blackmon scored the only point in his singles match which dropped Tech to 6-6 overall and 0-4 in ACC play.

Tech lost its most recent match Sunday, 5-2, against No. 12 North Carolina. Though Delass and Gvesliantzi won their doubles match and Delass and Rath won their singles matches, the Tar Heels proved to be the better competitor. The Jackets now stand at 6-7 overall, 0-5 ACC. The team will return to Atlanta to host No. 11 Virginia today at 2 p.m. and No. 6 Virginia Tech Sunday at 12 p.m. in the Bill Moore Tennis Center.

No. 13 Tech fell to No. 11 Baylor 6-1 in Waco, Texas. Tech did not win any singles matches against the Lady Bears, and earned their only point by sweeping away the doubles pointed by the 12th ranked partner-ship of Kristi Miller and Lyndsay Shosho. Miller, Shosho, Whitney McCray, and Christy Striplin all fell in straight sets.

They bounced back and defeated No. 31 Maryland Saturday at the Bill Moore Tennis Center and rose to 13-3 overall and 4-0 in the ACC. Tech won the doubles point as Kelly Anderson and McCray won the second doubles point and Kacie Anson and Allison Silverio won the third doubles point.

The 12th ranked duo of Miller and Shosho lost their doubles match. Shoshowon a win in the first singles match 6-0, 1-0. Striplin succeeded in winning singles match with a 6-0, 6-0 win. McCray preserved a win for Tech after clinching her match 6-2, 6-0.

The No. 1 ranked player in the nation, Miller, came back to win 6-4, 6-1. Anderson won her point 6-0, 6-3, and Silverio won 6-3, 6-2 to complete the 7-0 sweep.

The Jackets went on to shutout No. 61 Boston College Sunday. The team won all three doubles matches earning the doubles point. Striplin won the first singles point with a 4-6, 6-1 win while Anderson earned the fourth point 6-4, 6-0. McCray won in straight sets 6-3, 6-0 in the fifth match and Silverio won 6-2, 6-3. Miller clinched the match point in a 6-4, 6-1 victory and Shosho finished the sweep with a 7-5, 6-2 win.

Miller, the top-ranked singles player in college tennis was named ACC Women’s Tennis Co-Performer of the Week for her part in leading the Jackets to wins against ranked ACC teams.

The Yellow Jackets look to con-duct their winning streak as they play at Miami today.

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Women’s rugby team prepares for inaugural season

By Matthew Winkler
Contributing Writer

The men’s rugby club has been around Tech for twenty six years, but for the first time this coming fall there will be a Tech women’s rugby club.

It all started last fall when Jenny Rainwater, a second year aerospace student, was inspired by the men’s team.

“Last semester I was walking back from the CRC, and I walked past the Burger Bowl and saw the men’s rugby team, and I thought it looked awesome,” Rainwater said.

She next decided to inquire on how she could get involved with rugby.

“I emailed the team over the break and asked whether or not they had a women’s team and what one could do if they wanted to join,”

To her surprise there was no women’s team. The men’s team had tried in the past to recruit girls for a rugby team but no serious interest was ever shown.

“They said the difficulty would be finding enough girls who wanted to play rugby,” Rainwater said.

She offered to head a recruitment endeavor to see if there were any other aspiring ruggers within Tech’s female population.

“I agreed to put forth an effort to find girls, so the men’s team agreed to help us out in any way possible,” Rainwater said.

After the break, she came back to campus with the motivation to find girls interested in starting a rugby team. She started out like any other new club on campus—she made fliers to pass out on Skiles.

“In the early weeks we made fliers, and I went with a couple of the guys from the men’s team and started handing out fliers on Skiles. We did lots to get the word out.”

Three weeks in to handing out fliers, not much interest was being shown, for a new rugby team.

“There was only Rachel Klein and me for two or three weeks, but we kept talking to people. We talked to every girl we could find in the gym, every girl we saw passing by, just to see if we could find girls who might be interested in playing,”

Rainwater said.

The recruiting paid off. After about four weeks of recruiting, some girls started showing real interest in forming a team.

“Believe it or not, it’s a sport so many people go for. We ended up finding girls everywhere, some that you wouldn’t even think of playing rugby. In about four weeks we had about twelve girls.”

Now with a little over a month left in the spring semester, Rainwater has enough girls to form a team for the coming fall.

“We have about 19 girls [16 active] that are on our roster now.”

The team also has some help from a local rugby club in the Atlanta area as well as help from the men’s team. The Atlanta Harlequins are one of the top ranked women’s rugby teams in the nation.

“The Atlanta Harlequins are the fourth best women’s rugby club in the United States, and five or six of their players play for the U.S. team. Our three coaches, Stephanie Iacobucci, Shelley Donaldson and Sharon Lau, are members of the Harlequins, and all three are very talented.”

Rainwater has also been perceived in the past as a sport that attracts only a select few people.

“People have a misconception that rugby is only for big, tough, huge people who spend hours in the gym and are blood thirsty, but really it’s a sport for all people of all fitness levels, of all talents, of all skills and of all sizes,” Rainwater said.

Women’s rugby will officially become a club sport in the fall of 2016. They will compete in USA Rugby South, in the collegiate women’s division of the Georgia Union. Currently, the team is scrimmaging until the official season begins.

“We want to stress it doesn’t matter what fitness level you are. You’d be amazed to find what awesome people are collected into one group. It’s a better environment than a lot of other sports, and I encourage anyone who is interested to stop by a practice,” Rainwater said.

The team currently practices every Monday and Wednesday 8-10 p.m. at the Burger Bowl, and practices are open to anyone who is interested.

Anyone interested in playing rugby should visit www.georgiaechrugby.com/women.
LSU roars over top seeds, wins Atlanta Regional

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

In a weekend that saw upsets around every corner, the Atlanta Region was no exception. Louisiana State University defeated Duke, 70-60, in the Sweet 16 and No. 2-seeded Texas in the Elite Eight.

The second weekend of the NCAA Tournament featured many shocking results. Every top-seed during the weekend, and all of the higher seeded teams going into the Elite Eight were knocked off. One of the more surprising stories was George Mason advancing to the Final Four despite controversy on Selection Sunday as to why the committee even selected them to be in the tournament in the first place.

Tech’s new director of athletics and former LSU senior associate athletics director, Dan Radakovich, will be going into Indianapolis for the Final Four. He will accompany the Atlanta regional representative, LSU, who knocked off Texas to win the 2006 regional 70-60 in overtime.

Despite bartering cats and game and an injury, which knocked down Thomas, LSU led the Tigers with 21 points and 14 rebounds. Thomas also blocked three shots.

Shelden and a Kevin Pittsnogle triple-pointer with five seconds to go in the game, Kenon Paulinson found himself open after an A.J. Abrams pass to hit the game winning three-pointer as time expired.

Aldridge led the Longhorns offense with 26 points and 13 rebounds. PJ Tucker added another five points to reach four for Texas into the Elite Eight.

LSU upset Duke, 62-54, in the first Sweet 16 game. Despite foul trouble that saw Thomas and Davis on the bench for the better part of the first half, the Longhorns got behind the game. The Mountaineers shot 15 of 33 from behind the arc to keep the game close.

Sheldon Williams scored 23 points in the loss effort for the Blue Devils. J.J. Redick had one of the worst shooting nights of his career in his final collegiate game going 3-18 from the field.

“I take responsibility. I think we all could have a little bit better. The other team forces you into those situations. The game is just a series of adjustments and I don’t think we ever completely adjusted to the physicality of it,” former LSU head coach Mike Krzyzewski.

LSU will face UCLA in the second game of the Final Four that starts on Saturday. The first game features Florida against the Cinderella story of George Mason.

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first five innings. Hall then started
subbing in players off the bench with
the game in hand.

The Jackets traveled to Raleigh
the first weekend of Spring Break,
but Tech pitchers struggled against
the Wolfpack lineup all weekend.
They gave up eight runs through five innings of all three
games in the series.

Danny Payne went two of four
from the plate, but was the only
Tech hitter to get anything off of
Eryk McConnell in game one of
the series. Wood picked up the loss
despite giving up just two earned
runs. North Carolina State capital-
ized on four Tech errors to take the
first game of the series 8-1.

The Jackets fell behind early in
the second game as Gustafson got
his first start of the season. He had a
rough return to the weekend rotation
giving up seven earned runs in less
than four innings of work.

After falling behind 9-3 the Jack-
ets bats woke up scoring four runs
in the seventh inning and adding
two more in the eighth inning. The
Jackets took the lead in the top of the
tenth inning, but Weters was unable
to hold on for the victory. He gave
up three runs in the bottom half of
the inning to pick up the loss despite
pitching 3.1 innings in relief. Tech
dropped their third consecutive ACC-
game 12-31 in 10 innings.

Tech salvaged the third game of
the series defeating the Wolfpack
17-11. Duncan struggled early, and
Jared Hyatt came in relief work and
struggled at the start but managed to
pick up the win despite the Jackets
trailing 8-4 after four innings.

The Jackets bats came alive in
the eighth inning against a fatigued
North Carolina State bullpen. The
Jackets scored six runs on five hits
in the inning and added five runs on
six hits of insurance in the ninth to
end their ACC losing streak.

Danny Payne closed the game
out by getting the final five outs and
picked up his first collegiate save
for the Jackets in his third pitching
appearance of the year.

In the final two games of the
series, the Jackets hitters combined
for nine home runs.

Tech ended a six game regular
season losing streak against Virginia
to kick off the ACC schedule. Tech
took the first two games of the series
before dropping the third. The Jack-
ets also defeated Mississippi Valley
State 13-4 in a staff pitching game
that saw eight pitchers used with
Duncan picking up the win.

Tech will continue their ACC
play with a weekend series against
Maryland in College Park starting
at 7 p.m. tonight.

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header, the Jackets defeated Virginia 7-4. Wood regained her original form after having a difficult game against the Longhorns.

Against UVa, she pitched six innings allowing six hits, four runs (only one earned), and two walks. Haller went 2-3 at the plate with 3 RBIs.

In the last game of the series, Virginia edged Tech 5-4. Hosier went 2-2, with one run scored, and one run driven in.

After the Jackets played three road games in the state of Texas. They played the Baylor Bears in Waco, Texas March 21st and defeated the Lady Bears 8-0.

Wood continued her streak of good pitching by hurling five strong innings, allowing only two hits and one walk. She did not surrender any runs, and also struck out three.

Brown went 2-4 at the plate with two doubles, one homer, one run scored, and four runs driven in.

Freshman Blair Shimandle, a native of LaGrange, Ga., stepped up her performance in this game by going 2-3 at the plate, with one home run, two runs scored, and one RBI. Denny and Cat Osterman.

On March 22nd, the Jackets softball team faced off against No. 3 Texas in Austin. They were unable to get the bar going as they were shut out 1-0 in game one, and lost 5-3 in game two.

In game one, the Jackets were shut down by the combination of Meagan Denny and Cat Osterman. Denny pitched three innings allowing only one hit, and three walks, while striking out four. Osterman, a member of the U.S. national team, pitched four innings striking out nine batters.

In game two, the Jackets were able to get onto the scoreboard three times against Meagan Denny. However, it was not enough to defeat the Longhorns.

Hosier had the most noteworthy performance of the game. She went 1-2 with a walk, and three runs batted in.

Wood pitched six strong innings and allowed four hits, one earned run, two walks and struck out four, but was the tough luck loser in the shutout. The Jackets started off their conference play against the Maryland Terrapins. In the first game of that series, they won 4-1.

Brown, a native of El Cajon, Calif., was 2-3 in the game, scoring one run, and driving in two more. Hosier was 1-3, with a double, a run scored, and a RBI.

In the second game of the series, Tech shutout Maryland 9-0 in six innings, winning by the mercy rule. Wood threw five innings, giving up only one hit, while not allowing any runs or walks, and struck out five.

In the final game of the series, Tech swept the Terps with a 5-1 victory. Haller had a standout performance in this game by going 2-4 with a double, a home run, two runs scored, and three runs driven in.

Lever was 1-3, with a home run, one run scored, and one run driven in. Wood had another noteworthy performance by pitching four innings while allowing three hits, one run, No.

Over the break, Haller was 8-for-24 (.333) as she scored eleven runs, had one RBI.

On the mound, she tossed 10.2 innings and did not allow a single run to cross the plate. She also struck out three batters, did not walk anyone and picked up three saves in the process.

The Tech softball team will travel to Tallahassee, Florida to face off against the Florida State Seminoles this weekend.

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Softball off to a quick start in ACC

Tech opens conference season 5-1, takes lead in ACC competition

By William Bretherton
Staff Writer

The Jackets softball team opened up ACC play this past week against Virginia and Maryland. Tech won five out of six of those games to start off the ACC schedule on a roll.

Tech has won three out of their last five games and have moved in to the top 25 in the USA Today/ National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll as the No. 25 team in the country.

However, the softball team faltered against Texas in two straight games. They lost in Austin 1-0 in the first game and 5-3 in the second game.

On Wednesday, they hosted No. 11 archival Georgia, going in as the No. 25 ranked team in the country.

The Jackets split the two games with Georgia. The Jackets won the first game 6-4, while losing the second game 5-7.

Tech’s record now stands at 29-10 overall, and 5-1 in the ACC.

Freshman Whitney Haller, from Marietta, Ga., picked up her first win of the season by pitching three consecutive innings of relief. In her relief appearance, she allowed just three hits, one earned run, and one walk.

Senior left fielder Amy Hosier, a native of Lakewood, Colo., was 1-3 with a run scored, a home run, and two runs driven in. Hosier’s home run was her fourth of the season.

Junior right fielder Carlin Lever, out of Amherst, New York, was 2-3, with two runs scored, and one run driven in. Lever also hit her fourth home run of the season.

Senior shortstop Christine Shendi, a native of Pasadena, Md., was 2-4, with a triple, a home run, and three RBI’s.

Sophomore Savannah Brown, from El Cajon, Calif., was 1-3 with a home run, one run scored, and two RBI’s.

In the second game, the Bulldogs picked up five runs in the top of the third inning as well as five more in the top of the fifth.

Junior pitcher Sarah Wood, out of Marietta, Ga., was unable to keep her string of good pitching performances going as she surrendered six earned runs, six hits, and one walk in three innings pitched.

The Jackets returned home this past weekend to face off against the Cavaliers of Virginia. The Jackets took two out of three games from the Cavs.

In game one, the Jackets won 10-2. Brown had a good day at the plate going 2-3, with one run scored, one walk, and two runs driven in.

In the second game of the double-

With Spring Break, the No. 3 Tech baseball team entered the start of their ACC schedule.

The Jackets beat West Carolina on Tuesday and took two of three games from then No. 2 North Carolina at the end of spring break. Tech also dropped two of three games to North Carolina State at the beginning of Spring Break, and got off to a good start by taking two of three against Virginia to kick off the ACC slate.

Heading into the weekend, the third ranked team in the nation holds a 21-5 overall record and has posted a 5-4 mark in conference.

The Jackets dropped the first game of last weekend’s series against the Tar Heels before taking the next two to win the series.

The first game of the series featured two Juniors - Tech’s Blake Wood against Carolina’s southpaw Andrew Miller. Both pitchers lived up to expectations in front of a hoard of scout at Russ Chandler Stadium.

Wood gave up a run in the first of the second and third innings which was more than enough support for Miller, who struck out 13 Tech hitters in seven innings of work.

The Jackets had chances, but stranded 10 runners in the 2-0 loss. It was the first shutout against Tech since last May when they were shut out 2-0 by Florida Atlantic.

Tech rebounded in game two of the series by knocking off North Carolina 11-7. The game was a pitcher’s duel until the eighth inning when the Jackets bats came alive and scored seven runs. Tim Gustafson picked up the win pitching seven innings and allowing one run on six hits and striking out a career-high seven batters.

“Wanted to redeem myself from last weekend,” Gustafson said. “I fell behind ahead of a few batters, but it was nice to put our team in a position to win.”

“Our left-handers could see Bard’s pitches better than they could see Miller’s [pitches],” Head Coach Danny Hall said.

The Jackets won the third consecutive tightly contested game of the series on Sunday behind Freshman David Duncan. He threw 5.1 innings and allowed two runs on six hits while striking out five. Duncan allowed first pitch solo home runs to the leadoff hitters of the third and fourth innings, but the bats picked him up.

Tech scored one run in the fifth inning and added two more runs in the sixth inning to take a 3-2 lead, which they would not relinquish. Matt Wieters picked up his second save of the year, retiring all five batters he faced.

“I tried to get ahead of [Benji Johnson] with a fastball and he hit it out,” Duncan said. “[Tim Federowicz] had a good swing on a split finger fastball.”

In the sixth inning with Whit Robbins on third base and Steven Blackwood on second, Mike Trapani hit a sacrifice fly out to left field that scored Robbins and advanced Blackwood to third on the play. Wally Crancer pinch hit for Andy Hawranick and drove in Blackwood with a line drive hit to right to bring the Tar Heel pitcher Robert Woodard.

Tuesday night of this past week, the Jackets knocked off Western Carolina 19-5 despite the late arrival of the umpires which delayed the start for about an hour.

Sophomore pitcher Tim Ladd gave up three runs to the Catamounts before settling down and pitching four strong innings. Ryan Turner picked up the win as he pitched the next three innings without giving up a hit or a walk.

The Jackets did the bulk of the damage in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th innings scoring 10 runs during that stretch.

Whit Robbins and Wes Hodges both drove in four runs while Danny Payne scored four runs, all in the