Radakovich replaces Braine

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Dan Radakovich was announced as the seventh Athletics Director in the Tech athletic department's 182-year history. Radakovich replaces Dave Braine, who has served in the position for nearly nine years.

“It’s a pleasure and a culmination of a lot of hard work,” Radakovich said. “I’d like to thank [Institute President Wayne] Clough and the search committee for having confidence in me.”

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Dan Radakovich
Athletics Director

“Every application, nomination and name was put into a pot to consider all of those individuals,” said Registrar Reta Pikowsky.

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One of the important questions we’ve been trying to answer is the issue of need versus perk, and of the number is too high. “If everyone has priority registration it doesn’t do anyone any good.”

Pikowsky said.

The issue of who has a legitimate need and who does not is something the committee is seeking to define.

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Housing adds co-ed dorms to East Campus

By Jenny Zhang
Copy Editor

Students began to apply for housing Feb. 15, initiating the first step of a registration and preference process that has undergone a few significant changes for the upcoming fall semester. This year the minimum number of students required to apply for the group housing option will be five, and three traditional-style dorms on East Campus will be co-ed for the first time.

“The [housing] process is designed to figure out how many people want to live on campus next year and allow them to be with their friends as much as possible,” said Dan Morrison, associate director of Housing for Residence Life. “Our goal is to honor roommate requests first and building preferences second. We tweak the process to find more opportunities for friends to live together.”

The changes being implemented this year will offer students more opportunities to live with friends. The group option, made with sophomores in mind, permits a maximum of 24 friends to live together in traditional-style housing. Starting this year will offer students more opportunities for friends to live together.

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Two sexual assaults reported on campus

By Alex Sunwoo
Contributing Writer

Two cases of possible sexual assault were reported this past weekend. Both events were reported Sunday Feb. 19, but these two cases are not related.

“These two victims were able to provide the information identifying the suspects, but no charges have been filed. These two cases are ongoing investigations and we are inter-

viewing all witnesses throughout the spectrum, the evidence and working in conjunction with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI),” said Ronal Wicazer, Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) public safety captain.

“The first case involved possible sexual battery and was reported by a female student from Agnes Scott College who was attending a fraternity party. The suspect is a Tech student.”

According to the police report, the victim told police that she had been drinking a few shots and mixed drinks with friends. She further added that the drinks were made in the suspect’s room.

She then told the police that she remembers everything up until 1 a.m. and she woke around 11 a.m. without her shirt. She was unclear as to what really happened but she suspects there had been inappropriate sexual contact.

The victim was referred to DeKalb Medical Center for a medical examination. Evidence from the exam was turned over to the GBI. The GBI is also examining the clothing worn at the time of the incident for possible evidence.

The victim was able to provide the first name of the suspect but was not able to provide more.

According to Weaver, he has been
From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

On Feb. 5, a bus driver called to report that her bus was on fire. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the bus was not on fire but was smoking and would not turn off. The Atlanta Fire Department (AFD) was called. After several attempts to stop the engine, AFD sprayed carbon dioxide foam into the engine and the engine shut off. It is suspected that improper fuel was used in the engine.

One hot Stinger

An officer was asked by a parent to check on the welfare of their student Feb. 4. The student told the officer that his phone was broken and he would call his parent later. The parent was concerned because they usually spoke weekly, but he had not talked to them in two weeks.

This week’s question: It is great that they have started - 25%
It is an inconvenience - 20%
It will be okay once they finish it - 28%
I don’t think it will make a difference - 27%

A light pole on the corner of Bobby Dodd Way and Substation Dr. was knocked down by an unknown white vehicle Feb. 3. The light pole was valued at $2,400.

A person was stopped with an expired tag at 5:18 p.m. Feb. 4, and a check showed that the vehicle had suspended registration and no insurance.

The driver said the vehicle was his brother’s car. The driver was cited and the car impounded.

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At 10:02 p.m. Feb. 3, an officer received a complaint that the smell of marijuana smoke was coming from a room in Woodruff Residence Hall. When the officer knocked on the door, the resident could be heard spraying air freshener in the room. However, the officer could still smell smoke upon entering the room and asked the resident if he had been smoking marijuana. He said he smoked some earlier but had no more. The officer advised the resident he would be written up on a student conduct report.

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Last issue’s question received 49 responses.

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March 1, 10 am – 2 pm
Skiles Walkway

Women in Classical Music
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In last week’s newswire, “Management earns high marks,” it incorrectly said that the Financial Times ranked the College of Management 80th in the nation. The college was actually ranked 80th in the world.

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It is 5 AM!! CS2200 overflowed my buffer!!
sala bainchod!!
The chief export of Chuck Norris is pain.
Chuck Norris lost his virginity before his dad did.
Chuck Norris is currently suing NBC, claiming Law and Order are trademarked names for his left and right legs.
Low income Hispanic males have the worst taste in car fashion...EVER

best campus movie fest movie was zobots
how ironic, teh jarz loves NIN and her head is like a HOLE now

Thanks to everyone for sharing your iTunes in the library!!
calc3 for cs exam pwned me - engineers have the easy calc3!
this is ridiculous, my life seems to go in a very cyclic series of happiness and depression.

"all the dishes rattle in the cupboards when the elephants arrive"
Man, breaking up sucks.
I love my legs
How hard is it to get a stapler that works in the library?
I bought one for 99 cents at Wal-mart and it works 10 times better.

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Undergraduate House of Representatives passes five allocation bills

By James Stephenson
Staff Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives met on Tuesday. Six bills were passed and one was tabled until further information becomes available.

The appointment of Perrin Quarshie as the new Civil Engineering Representative was approved by unanimous acclamation and Quarshie was sworn in.

The first bill discussed was a joint allocation to the Wushu Club. Wushu is a Chinese form of martial art.

The Wushu Club asked for travel expenses to attend a competition at the University of Oregon. The bill was amended per Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommendations and passed.

The first of two joint allocations to CultureTech was next to be brought before the House. The organization representative was not present but the author of the bill explained its contents.

The organization asked for funds to subsidize the cost of food for the 23rd annual Food Fare event. The funding would allow CultureTech to lower the cost per plate from $12 to five dollars and enable students to afford participating in the event.

It was pointed out that the bill was against JFC policy, which prohibits funding for food. A motion was against JFC policy, which passed. The bill was amended to remove the food-related provisions.

A second allocation to CultureTech which asked for $1,711 to pay the fees associated with using the Ferst Center for its multicultural performance night was tabled until further information could be obtained.

A joint allocation to the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society was then brought before the House. The organization requested $1,225 to help fund two workshops.

The first workshop would teach how to start up your own company. The second would teach how to become a professional investor. The total cost for the two workshops is $27,600.

The bill was amended to match amendments made by Graduate Student Senate.

A representative for the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society presents a bill to the UHR that would help fund two workshops for the group.

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Given the name of a witness and he has made an attempt to interview them but thus far she has been unreachable.

The second incident was reported by a female Tech student who was also attending a party at a different fraternity house. The suspect is not a Tech student.

According to the victim's statement to the police, she had been drinking before the alleged incident. The victim states that her boyfriend had passed out in his room and shortly after she had climbed up into her boyfriend's loft.

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Clough said. After reviewing numerous candidates, the pool was officially reduced to two on Tuesday, and by early Wednesday morning Clough announced that the search was over. The athletic board had a regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday morning and approved Radakovich by a unanimous vote.

"Yesterday we narrowed the search down to two individuals," Clough said. "We thought both of them could do this job and had great but different strengths. We had meetings with our coaches and staff and worked into the evening making sure we had all the information that we could possibly get relevant to our choice."

Radakovich's wife Marie was in attendance for the announcement, but their two children were unable to be present. Radakovich was expected to take over at the end of March or early April. It is unclear how long, if at all, Brown will remain in the job during the acclimation period.

"There needs to be an evaluation and a learning process," Radakovich said. "We have a great staff in place that is very experienced and knowledgeable of what goes on here at Georgia Tech. You need to have that local knowledge to be successful."

Radakovich was most recently the senior associate athletic director at the University of Miami and has served in that role since 2001.

"There is a great staff in place that is very experienced and knowledgeable of what goes on here at Georgia Tech," Dan Radakovich said.

He was the director of athletics at American University in 2000 and helped the school move to the Patriot League.

Radakovich was also an associate athletic director for six years at South Carolina after five-year stint at Long Beach State in the same position. His career as a sports administrator started as an assistant athletics business manager for Miami in the early 1980s.

He earned a bachelor of science in Finance from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1980 while he also lettered in football. Radakovich earned his master's degree in business administration from Miami in 1982 and completed the Sports Management Institute's executive program in 1992.

Radakovich has made the adjustment to being at Tech quickly. During the press conference, he referred to "the Institute," and the Southeastern Conference as "that other conference."

"We at Georgia Tech, and I'm very happy to be here... This is the institution that gave me the opportunity to be an athletics director," Radakovich said.

"I went on to add that he doesn't see himself going back to LSU, but his school in Baton Rouge will always hold a special place in his heart for giving him the opportunity to come to work here."

The other finalist was former Tech head coach and ESPN commentator Bill Curry. Whichever lacks the administrative background of Radakovich, Curry had the charisma and backing of several alumni.

"We lost the great staff in place that is very experienced and knowledgeable of what goes on here at Georgia Tech. You need to have that local knowledge to be successful," Radakovich said. "I've been able to read on my own and we have great admirations, as a team."

Radakovich inherited an athletics department that competed in the men's basketball championship game two years ago and has reached bowl games for every season under football Head Coach Chan Gailey.

"The job of an athletic director has become consistently more challenging over time," Clough said. "Dealing with finances, issues of policy, facilities and trying to serve the needs of the student-athletes."

"The Institute is also in the process of facing its first NCAA academic probation."

"I don't know what role I'll play in the probation process."

Radakovich said, "I've been able to read some of the information and will serve wherever/for whatever role President Clough thinks is appropriate for me."

Clough also mentioned another candidate for the position.

"We had one candidate that could not talk to the athletic board," Clough said. "A gentleman by the name of George P. Burdell. Some of you may know George as a legendary student at Georgia Tech. George started at Georgia Tech in 1928. He's managed to complete some course during all of the time since. He applied and sent in a very eloquent application, which I loved to read. Unfortunately, he declined to be interviewed."

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**Weekly Activities**

**Honk Your Horn for Popcorn!**

Tuesday, February 28

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Center Commons Stage

If you hear a horn honking, come over and grab some free popcorn. While the horn is honking, the popcorn will be popping!

**Film Festival: "Walk The Line"**

Thursday, March 2

7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Student Center Theater

The early years in the life and career of music legend Johnny Cash, whose work transcended musical boundaries to reach out to everyone. A testament to making art and music and being young, the film explores the world he came from and his experiences beginning a career during the birth of rock and roll. It also is a love story detailing Cash's burgeoning relationship with June Carter.

**Film Festival: "Howl's Moving Castle"**

Tuesday, March 9

8:00 p.m.

Student Center Theater

A young girl named Sophie is cursed by a witch and given an old woman's body. Ashamed of how she looks, she flees to the woods and happens upon Wizard Hauru's strange Moving Castle. While in the castle, Sophie makes a deal with a demon named Calcifer who can return her to her 18-year-old self.

Be sure and Watch for the "Aristocrats" coming Thursday, March 16, Student Center Theater.

**Trace Your Face!**

Wednesday, March 15

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Student Center Skiles Walkway

Why not take a break from class and step by the Student Center to have a caricaturist trace your face!

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GTCN adds ESPNU channel to campus cable line-up

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Staff Writer

The Georgia Tech Cable Network (GTCN) added ESPNU to the campus cable lineup last week. ESPNU is a channel that specializes in college sports and is owned by its parent network, ESPN. It was originally launched as a competitor for College Sports TV.

This addition is a result of analysis of multiple surveys conducted by GTCN, according to Carol Pulliam, general manager of the network.

“GTCN has surveyed students on topics ranging from viewing habits to our line-up, and students let us know ESPNU was one of their favorite channels,” Pulliam said. “I’ve received numerous emails and calls from students requesting the addition of ESPNU.”

A number of students had commented favorably on the idea of having ESPNU on a customer satisfaction survey from last year, according to Miles Edson, assistant director of Housing for technology.

“College students enjoy the sports and ESPNU is targeted at the college student,” Edson said. “A lot of students have requested it since it came out.”

According to Pulliam, channel additions are decided by a number of variables. Surveys are conducted and emails are sent in order to confirm whether the addition is a popular choice or something favored by a select few.

“The moment [ESPNU] was made available we picked it up.”

Miles Edson
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“We really try to craft a line-up that reflects what the residents want to watch and is far superior to what they could see elsewhere for the price,” Pulliam said.

While, according to Pulliam, GTCN had considered adding ESPNU for some time, contractual issues with Dish Network, GTCN’s programming supplier, had delayed the addition of the channel.

“ESPNU was only made available to commercial customers recently,” Edson said. “The moment it was made available we picked it up.”

Students appeared to be divided in their opinions on the addition. Many seemed to agree that students could watch more sports, however some other aspects of the addition were also considered by students.

“I thought that it sucked really bad that we had all these sports channels and we didn’t have ESPNU,” said Adrian Rodriguez, a first-year Electrical Engineering major. “It’s really cool that we can watch Tech sports on ESPNU.”

Tech’s Sept. 17, 2005 home game against Connecticut was broadcast on ESPNU. “I was trying to watch the Connecticut game and was disappointed that it was only broadcast on ESPNU,” said Bradley Herrmann, a second-year Mechanical Engineering major.

“I think it’s good because lots of games last year were on ESPNU and we weren’t able to watch them,” said Umehani Dala, a second-year Electrical Engineering major, said she liked the new policy. “Lowering the group requirements is a good thing because people might not have a group of six, and this would allow them to be with their friends,” she said.

Changes in housing availability and options have also taken effect.

Traditional-style co-ed housing is being offered on East Campus for the first time in Tech history. Han- son and Hopkins Halls, originally male and female, respectively, will become co-ed. The new Honors dorm, Howell Hall, will also be co-ed for incoming freshmen selected to be Honors students.

“These changes are being made because groups have become popular, and they prefer to be in a co-ed environment. Last year, 85 percent of groups wanted co-ed dorms on West Campus, although more build- ings on East are eligible for group housing. Hanson and Hopkins have traditionally not been filled with direct requests, so we chose [them to be co-ed],” Morrison said.

“For all intents and purposes, [Howell Hall] will be just like a freshman experience hall. It will have peer leaders, a hall council, etc. The only differences will be

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make a group, as opposed to the six required previously.

“Groups were very popular last year,” Morrison said, “so we ex- panded on the option. The group process was created to slot people together in traditional housing, since it can be difficult for sophomores to

be able to designate roommate and

a wait-list number. Students will

be able to obtain on-campus housing. “The estimated size of the incoming freshman class is slightly larger—around 2,600, which is 200

more than we predicted for last year. Since freshmen and sophomores are guaranteed housing, this will impact upperclassmen by reducing the

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club members to compete in events at a less advanced level.

Senator Sarah Hancock, an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student, pointed out that JFC policy sets a maximum allocation of $790 for travel expenses and moved to amend the bill to comply with JFC policy. The bill passed as amended and the Wushu Club received a total of $1,100.

The next bill considered proposed to grant a total of $3,079.37 to CultureTech to cover the cost of this year’s Food Fare. The Food Fare is a 23-year-old event on campus, in which multiple student organizations get together and cook a wide variety of foods from various cultures to be served to students. This year, the organization plans to sell the food to students at a rate of $5 per plate.

Because providing funding for food and food-related items is against the JFC policy, the Food Fare is an issue for discussion every year, but the GSS has funded the event in the past. Aside from paying for food and food-related items, another issue that comes up for discussion regarding the CultureTech bill was whether or not to grant the organization all of the money requested for advertising.

This year, in addition to money for posters and flyers, the organization requested money to pay for a MySpace ad.

Senator Ed Greco, a Physics graduate student, questioned the need to put more funding than usual into advertising the event, given the event’s history of selling completely out of food every year. The representative of the bill responded that trying out a new method of advertising could be beneficial in general and that it would be valuable for the upcoming club leadership to gain experience with the various details that could be associated with running events.

Senator Birdi Dam, an Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate student, moved to strike all funding for food and food-related items, but the amendments failed by voice. The bill passed in its original form.

The next bill the GSS considered proposed to grant CultureTech $1,711 to pay the fees associated with using the Ferst Center for its multicultural performance night. This year, 10 university professional groups are signed up to perform at the event. Last year, between 100 and 150 people attended performance night.

During discussion of the bill, a question arose of whether or not the performance night would draw a crowd of 500, which is the minimum attendance required for the organization to use the Ferst Center rent-free (paying only the $1,711 in fees, rather than paying fees and rent). Due to uncertainty on the issue of whether Ferst Center officials believed that the performance night would draw a sufficiently large crowd to gain rent-free use of the facility, the senators voted to postpone further consideration of the bill until next week. They assigned a senator the task of coordinating discussion with Ferst Center officials.

Following consideration of the second CultureTech bill, the senators moved to discussion of a funding request from the Georgia Entrepreneurial Society. The organization requested a total of $1,120. The senators amended the bill to include $250 for flyers, instead of the $125 originally requested, to include no funding for binders, instead of the $395 requested, and $400 to pay a speaker, which did not initially appear on the bill. The bill passed as amended by unanimous acclamation.

Next up for consideration was a bill proposing to grant $566.05 to Mock Trial to defray the cost for 14 people to attend the regional competition in Tallahassee, Fla. The bill passed with no discussion by unanimous acclamation.

The final bill the GSS considered at its Tuesday meeting proposed to grant $3,065 to the Mars Society at Tech for sponsoring a six-member group research trip to the Mars Desert Research Station in Salt Lake City, Utah, from March 18 until April 2. The senators amended the requested $1,800 for travel to $562 as per JFC policy, and struck the funding for patches and polo shirts for the crew. The bill passed as amended to award a total of $3,062.50 to the society.

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Reta Pikowsky
Registar

“Priority from page 1
you have a hard time navigating
campus and need to be able to set up your schedule accordingly.

“If you have something that
requires you to be at a certain place
at a certain time during the day,
then that is a need,” Pikowsky said. “If it
is just something that you like to do
like you joined a club or something,
that is not a need. The need cannot
be being somewhere where you have
decided you should be.”

“But then what we do is future
need-based requests. We would say
that in the future anyone who wants it
has to present a need that can be
documented. It would have to be
somewhere at a specifically sched-
uled time, and it would have to be a
reasonable obligation that you have
as a student,” Pikowsky said.

“If the system gets changed, these
students who currently have it but
do not have a need would cease to
have it at some point in the future.

“What we might recommend is
that we phase it out for those who have
it as a perk,” Pikowsky said. “[Stu-
dents] would be notified that they are
being phased out; that they have
priority registration until a certain
time, and then they would be back
with everyone else…We are not just
gong to pull the rug immediately
out from all the students.”

Pikowsky said the timeline of
phasing out the priority will depend
on the program, the number of students,
if a promise has been made we will
honor the promise for a reasonable
amount of time,” Pikowsky said. “It
depends on the particular program.

If someone has advertised [prior-
ity registration] and it affects the
following school year, they would
potentially get it for Fall of ’06 and
Spring ‘07, but that would be it.”
Pikowsky said some programs
can keep priority until students
graduate.

Student opinions about priority
registration were mixed. “We are
measuring that the ESPNU has worse recep-
tion, students generally didn’t watch sports
or two games,” Bird said.

“Now, we’ll probably have only one
with smaller colleges. I guess it’s
well, shows lower quality games
and that ESPNU had worse recep-
tion, while others were doubtful of
the overall value of acquiring
ESPNU,” Bird said.

“According to Pulliam, ad rev-
ue, while a potential source of
revenue, would not be considered
necessary when making the commer-
cial station. “There is no way for us to
break into ESPNU’s advertising
time. Additions of resources would be
required. Plus, do we really
want to commercialize GTCN?”
Pulliam said.

“Pulliam said that GTCN’s plan
was revenue for balance service
to the campus community.

“We’re trying to maintain a different
fixed budget. We were able to pick
up ESPNU without any additional
money so that makes it a good deal,”
Edson said.

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Priority realignment

The proposal set forth by the ad hoc committee of administrators and student representatives on the priority registration system has the potential to greatly simplify an registration process that is often complex, somewhat arbitrary, and at times unjust, into a process that is fair and transparent. Priority registration has been a cankerous topic on campus, especially come registration time and especially amongst those who don’t have it. The topic of frequent discussion is why some voluntary extracurricular activities can award the members with priority registration, while other, equally demanding and meaningful extracurricular activities can’t. While most groups claim to have an actual need for priority registration so that members can schedule around obligatory time commitments, in reality the distinction is often given as an incentive to join. The slippery slope comes from the fact that all organizations have certain time obligations—who is to say which obligations are more urgent, rigid or important than others?

The number of organizations and activities wanting to get a piece of the priority registration pie is so great that currently approximately 10 percent of the student body has priority registration. And if all pending organizations are approved, that number would at least double.

When such a large number of students have the priority registration advantage, it almost becomes a disadvantage not to have it, causing the dispute between the haves and the have-nots that much more bitter.

The committee’s proposal will effectively eliminate such problems by ending all perk-based awarding of priority registration and limiting the distinction to need-based groups only, such as handicapped students and in-season athletes. To further help ease the transition, the proposal will allow current recipients of priority registration to keep that distinction until the end of next year, or graduation, depending on how each group advertised their priority registration statuses.

This seems the most best way to fix the problems related to the priority registration program, with fairness and without picking who’s “more important” or stepping on anyone’s toes.

To further simplify the entire registration process, the registrar’s office should consider implementing more standard procedures across majors when it comes to reserving certain classes for people of each major. A major-only registration phase for all departments would help students of all majors get the classes in their department that are necessary for graduation, instead of having to compete with students from outside majors looking for a fun elective.

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OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Priority realignment

As a quick glance at last year’s Princeton Review rankings indicate, it is apparent that many Techies feel that the atmosphere on campus is generally depressing. Tech was given three undesired spots in the 2005 Quality of Life category—number 15 in Campus Size, Unpleasantly Small; number 16 in Least Happy Students and number 15 in Dorms Like Dungeons.

However, there are signs of improvement. As recently as 2003, Tech ranked second in Least Happy Students. Although many feel that the rankings do not accurately reflect the opinions of the entire student body, moving down 14 spots in two years can be considered a solid accomplishment.

In the years before I entered Tech last fall, vast improvements were made in the area of student life; alumni who graduated in the years before these longed for many of the comforts that we now take for granted. And thanks to these improvements, it is now more difficult than ever for students to blame their unhappiness merely on the inadequacies of their surroundings.

Consider Tech Square for instance. The $179 million state-of-the-art complex opened Fall 2003. Not only does it house the quickly rising Dupert College of Management and other academic units, it contains the beloved eatery with which some of my fondest memories of freshman year are associated: Tin Drum. Also with Tech Square came the Tedleys, which make travel convenient as they run more frequently than Stringers. And before long there will be a park on the 5th Street bridge, one of several projects taken on by the Midtown Alliance.

Consider the Student Center Commons (SCC), opened in March of 2004. Without the SCC, the Student Center would have been the smallest and most embarrassingly small. Rich Steele, director of the Student Center, called the SCC “the social crossroads for the campus” in a Technique article published Aug. 20, 2004.

For students in classes entering during or after the fall of 2004, the SCC may not seem like an extraordinary luxury, but this is because we have never lived without it. We came to a Tech already graced by the magnificent SCC, which is by far the most indespensible SCC, somewhat ignorant to the fact that no such amenities existed a few years ago.

In addition to the SCC, the Student Center Programs Council deserves recognition for bringing artists like Ludacris and this year’s Big Boi for the annual String Beat festivities.

In addition to increasing recreational space, Tech has shown that it is taking steps in the right direction towards improving the appeal of its library and academic buildings.

The addition of Javaazzman’s Café has supplied us with a variety of caffeinated beverages to aid us in our late night battles with calculus. When renovations on the library first floor are complete, we will have more reading areas for group work and a movable theatre for presentations. In the past few years, the library has managed to hire a 24-hour staff and create the West Commons area as we know it today.

The new Whitaker Biomedical Engineering (BME) Building is another example of a stunning recent addition to campus. The building offers comforts which make long hours spent there actually somewhat pleasant. The IBB, Earth Sciences and Technology and Whitaker Building house some of the most innovative research on campus. As a BME major, I feel blessed that Tech is putting forth so much effort towards making these facilities attractive. The soon to be completed Advanced Computing Building is also very impressive, far more so than the current building on Atlantic Drive.

And when we grew tired of studying, we had the CRC. The center, 300,000 square feet of recreational heaven, opened Aug. 16, 2004. It replaced the 90,000 square foot SAC, adding a 35-foot climbing wall among other equipment. There are about 190 cardio and weight machines total in the CRC. Having been to the Tate Center at the UGA, I find the CRC at least as good, if not better, in terms of variety of recreational activities.

“Our objective is to shape our outdoor spaces so that their calm beauty provides a counter-balance to the creative intensities in our labs and classrooms,” said Institute President Wayne Clough in his State of the Institute address.

This inspirational statement sums up the direction that the Institute is headed. Before long, maybe Tech will even end up on the positive end of the Princeton Review rankings.
Culture of blame hurts American society

President Bush, in his recent State of the Union address, said something, at least, found very interesting, if not somewhat self-evident, about how the United States has become the greatest economic power on the planet: “Our greatest advantage in the world has always been our educated, hardworking, ambitious people.”

That statement should not prompt argument. Looking over the history of American development one can easily see that despite the work we do in the areas of science and technology we are what the U.S. on the map as an economic (and thus political) juggernaut.

Unfortunately, the statement amounts to little more than bare partaking into what may turn out to be its greatest crisis yet: an increasingly prevalent culture of blame.

What do I mean by a culture of blame? Why, simply that here in the U.S. we’re becoming increasingly desperate to avoid taking personal responsibility for our shortcomings.

Indeed, talking about our “hardworking, ambitious people” year after year becomes more and more of a false truth, repeated to convince ourselves that we are not slipping, that we are not rapidly being overtaken by the rest of the world in all of the areas that we lead.

Ambitious people certainly do not shirk responsibility in work or in life; educated people don’t need others to make all of their decisions for them. A hardworking individual will have no trouble blaming others for his or her own failings.

Meanwhile, in the States we see McDonald’s because our inability to control our own diet cannot possibly be our own fault. Evidently our weight gain is actually caused by secret, undiscovered chemicals created by those insidious McDonald’s clerks that make us addicted to eating 1000 calorie burgers while patting ourselves on the back for drinking a Diet Coke.

At least we apparently still have ample ambition to try to get rich through doing nothing.

Our increasingly litigious society is just one example of this trend in responsibility avoidance. Just last week, the Technique published an article about one such shining example of Americanism, Michael Lebey, a speaker who came to speak here at Tech recently.

This crusader du jour renunciates the pornography industry. You see, Lebey seems to blame pornography for destroying his relationships with his wife, children, and even a business partner.

Lebey was apparently but an uninvolved observer as pornography took over his life, forcing him to watch enough porn to bring him to ruin. (He also claims there are twice as many adult bookstores in the U.S. as McDonald’s restaurants, which I must say is a statistic I’d love to see the source for.)

With whom does the fault for the end of these relationships lie, thought? Do people really believe that we are not slipping, that we have not taken part in the downfall of our society? That we have not contributed to its downfall?

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It’s a shame, but no one likes Existential Ennui. No, I’m not talking about some new hipster band, or that French guy in the back of your philosophy class who always wears black and keeps talking about Søren Kierkegaard. I mean the feeling of listlessness you get if you read too much Albert Camus, or fail Calculus II for the second time, or spend seven years trying to get out of Tech. (No one knows what happens if you read a lot of Camus and fail Calculus II for the second time in seven years, but I suspect it would be less like ennui, and more like that Dali painting with the melting clock.) Of course, you don’t actually have to do anything to get ennui. More often than not it happens when you’re doing nothing.

For instance: you’re just sitting back and relaxing when suddenly you realize that you haven’t checked your email for twenty minutes; you ask yourself whether you really check your mail that often; you realize you’re wasting valuable thinking time; you start to worry about who is going to notice that you’re not doing anything at all. Poof! You’ve Got Ennui.

At its most basic level, ennui isn’t bad—only a wish to make one’s life more exciting and purposeful and at the very least, boring in a different way. But no one likes ennui because it’s annoying and pernicious, and it can prompt you to make abrupt, seemingly-reckless-life-changing decisions, such as moving to Cambodia in order to study the Order of Light under Guru Ashlith Sun-Speaker. Or taking off on a cross-country trip with nothing but your car, a change of clothes and the willing promise to do menial labor for food. Or taking off on a cross-country trip with nothing but your car, a change of clothes and the willing promise to do menial labor for food.

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But the instinctual response, especially here at Tech, seems to be to stay the course. Ignore it and keep on trucking.

Of course, ennui can be a valuable signal that something in your life needs to change. “Poof!” it is then that it will be most important to remember some of the lessons that we do learn in college: that we are ultimately responsible for the grades we get, for the experience we get out of college, for the enjoyment we get out of college, for the experience we get out of college, for the enjoyment we get out of college, for the enjoyment we get out of college.

It’s a shame no one likes Existential Ennui. “Stay the course.” Ignore it and keep on trucking. But remember to play safe, folks! Think before you reject your next pang of ennui: is you just bored or do you really want to drop out of college and move out to Arizona to make and sell pewter ninja figurines at a wide spot in the road?

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New political student organization advocates GLBTQ civil rights

By Jeffrey Yunes
Contributing Writer

“Injustice anywhere is injustice everywhere,” said Matthew Johnson, quoting Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognition of this decades-old wisdom, spoken at a time of sweeping social change in the United States, drove Johnson and others to form the PRIDE Alliance more than 10 years ago. PRIDE is the first and only political organization focused on the advocacy of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) rights.

“[People of Tech] are not too bad and fairly understanding,” Johnson said.

Johnson, who is also a junior in Industrial Design, said that PRIDE is not expressly a GLBTQ student organization, and its peer institutions.

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The Office of Undergraduate Admission is actively involved in a marketing campaign to recruit female college applicants to ease the gender imbalance on campus. It targets female applicants who are interested in the career and choose instead to attend one of our partner institutions.

In line with this objective, the Office of Undergraduate Admission established the Women’s Recruitment Board as an advisory body reporting to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

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“Our rights have become that outlet. McKee and Johnson, our Right’s secretary, noted several perceived injustices at Tech that the organization seeks to address. Among the most notable examples of these is the nation-
Facilities unveils Earth Day celebration plans

By Nikhil Joshi
Focus Editor

This year’s annual Earth Day festivities will take place April 21, one day before the national celebration. This is one day before Tech Beautification Day.

Cindy Jackson, program manager of the Georgia Tech Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling, part of Facilities, serves as the chair of the Earth Day Committee. She said that this year’s celebration would mark the first time that the committee would partner with Tech Beautification Day as well as local chapters of sororities and fraternities to host an e-recycling (recycling of electronic waste) initiative.

“What we try and do is focus the campus attention on sustain-able initiatives going on not only at Georgia Tech but around the world,” Jackson said. “We’re such a diverse community here.”

The committee, a combination of students, faculty and staff, began the planning process for this year’s Earth Day in 2005. This year marks Tech’s ninth Earth Day celebration.

“This one will be big,” Jackson said. “Next year’s [celebration], the 10th, will be even bigger.”

The first national Earth Day celebration was held April 22, 1970. Former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson first came up with the idea in 1969 while on a conservation tour across the nation.

Nelson went on a tour across the country in this year to preach environmental awareness; he also talked about an Earth Day dedicated to teaching the community about the environment and raising awareness in general. About 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day demonstration organized by Nelson to achieve his goals in educating the public on environmental consciousness.

The theme of this year’s celebration at Tech is “What’s Your Global Footprint?” Jackson said that students will be asked to question what their global footprints are—that is, what kind of impact they are making on the environment around them. She also said that one of the major goals of the Earth Day festivities is to introduce the campus community to resources outside of campus.

“[Students] might be coming from their homes in Georgia, China, India or wherever,” Jackson said. “But we are reaching out into the community to show people what Georgia Tech is doing. We are exposing faculty and staff and students to what’s available in Georgia and in the community outside Tech. The purpose is to raise the whole area’s environmental awareness.”

Over 40 organizations, ranging from the Environmental Protection Agency to Kennesaw State Park and PAWS Atlanta will occupy booths on Skiles Walkway from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also present will be representatives from campus such as Georgia Tech Craft Center and the College of Management.

Earth Day will also feature live performers, the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe booth, e-recycling and a T-shirt contest with a $500 prize and an Environmental Leadership Award.

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Environmental Maze

One of the Earth Day events will be what Jackson called an “interactive environmental maze,” a maze in which participants will be asked questions about their lifestyle and level of environmental awareness. Upon completing the maze participants will be given a free T-shirt as well as a card describing their answers.

Live Entertainment

The Earth Day celebrations will feature live performers in addition to professors as well as three other artists. Performers will be split into two different stages. Professors Paul Mayne, Paul Neitzel and Adjo Amekudzi are scheduled to perform.

Mayne, a professor in the School of Civil Engineering, plays four- and five-string electric bass guitars with several local bands. He has played around the world in places like Sydney, Perth and Portugal. He serves as the Geosystems team leader in the School of Civil Engineering.

Neitzel, a professor in the School of Mechanical Engineering played for bands in the past, beginning in 1964. He often plays at special events at a local art gallery. His main academic interest is in the field of fluid dynamics.

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The compositions and plays using programmable keyboards. Her most recent album, LOVED, was released earlier this month.

Other featured artists include Four Stone Sun, The Johnson Party and Tim Brantley.

In addition to these musical performers, Kevin Pittman, an employee of the Office of Information Technology, will dress as Reynard the Fox, the furry red mascot of Earth Day.

“This is his third year. He is a furry lovable red fox,” Jackson said. “Everybody loves Reynard—even grown women with their cameras want to get their picture taken with Reynard. Everybody loves him.”

“We are also trying to get Captain Planet here from the Turner Foundation,” she said.

The Ramblin’ Wreck will also be present.
admissions counselors, providing prospective students with more memorable experiences.

Such efforts are what encouraged first-year International Affairs major Jenna Castle to choose Tech. “Last year, I received a personal call from a WRB member telling me that I was accepted but also asking if I had any questions about Tech,” Castle said. “Talking to the WRB officer on the phone and receiving personal attention really influenced my decision to come here. The student that I talked to helped dispel myths about Georgia Tech and also gave me really useful information about my major and campus life.”

“The strong impact that the WRB made on my decision inspired me to become a member this year so that I can help students with their college decisions and represent GT well,” she said.

So what do female applicants care about when choosing a college? According to a recent survey conducted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, of all the female applicants who were accepted to Tech but chose not to attend, most cited the reasoning “financial aid not sufficient.” The aid was not sufficient when compared to offers available from well-endowed private peer institutions such as Emory and Stanford.

Other significant reasons cited included “college too close to home” and “college too far from home.” These are two issues that the WRB hopes to address by communicating the personal experiences of board members and volunteers to wavering applicants.

“I tell the girls when I talk to them that even though home is only 20 minutes away, I really feel like I’ve moved away to college because live

on campus, alongside people from school,” Castle said. Many students believe that Tech lowers admissions standards for females for the sake of balancing the male to female ratio. However, according to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Castle, Tech does not lower standards for any students.

“A common myth is that women have lower admissions standards because they are women, and this is absolutely not true.”

“All applications are evaluated blindly, based on merit only,” John- son said.

Castle also addressed the scope of the board’s programs and its source of funding. “Recent efforts are privately funded by alumni who give money specifically for female students,” she said.

While there are already large representations of women in some majors such as International Affairs and Modern Languages (72 percent female) and Biology (67 percent female), many other majors at Tech have significantly greater male representation. These include Mechanical Engineering (11 percent female) and Computer Engineering (5.5 percent female). In recognition of these facts, several academic units within Tech have already launched their own initiatives that seek to reach out to female applicants.

One such group which has outreach programs for prospective students is the College of Computing’s Women@CC. The undergraduate students that are part of women@CC are part of the Undergraduate Women’s Advisory Board (UWAB). The UWAB are trying to welcome female computer science majors into Tech by hosting events which build a feeling of community.
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“global footprint.”

“This is the first year we will be doing something with the information we gather,” Jackson said. “You will actually get feedback on what your footprint is—that is—what you are actually doing on this earth.”

“We’ll ask questions like, ‘How far do you drive to work?’ or ‘Do you turn off your lights when you leave the rooms?’ That’s going to be very exciting,” she said.

E-recycling

Toner cartridges, cell phones, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers and other electronic devices will be collected for recycling at the Earth Day celebration. Jackson said this kind of project was done in the summer of 2003, when Dell hosted an on-campus e-recycling drive. At the event, 72 tons of electronic waste was collected in 10 hours. “Electronic waste is one of the largest growing waste products that can cause serious environmental impact because it cannot go in a landfill,” Jackson said.

The Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling also collects non-perishable goods when students move out at the end of the fall semester.

Last year, according to Jackson, marked a record for the amount of food that was collected. This food is donated to the Atlanta Food Bank.

T-shirt contest

“The T-shirt design contest—that’s a biggie,” Jackson said.

This is the second year that Facilities is holding a contest for the best Earth Day T-shirt. This year’s prize of $900 is being awarded by the Coca-Cola Company to the winner of the contest.

“This year, we really upped the stakes to make it even bigger,” Jackson said.

The T-shirt contest is open to all Tech students, faculty, staff, alumni and retirees. The deadline for submissions is March 17.

The design criteria states that the design should incorporate this year’s theme. A complete list of rules for the contest is available at www.earthday.gatech.edu.

Leadership Award

After the Earth Day celebrations are over, the Earth Day Committee will present the third annual Environmental Leadership Award, a prize given to an individual who makes significant leadership contributions in improving ecological and environmental conditions.

Previous recipients of this award include Williams Miller, project manager of Facilities Design and Construction and Provost Jean-Lou Chameau.

Nominations can be made until March 17 by writing an essay of up to 250 words which describes why the nominated individual should receive the award. “Georgia Tech preaches about having well-rounded students,” Jackson said.

They want students that are not only good engineers [but ones] that care about sustainability. It all comes back to sustainability, Presi- dent Chameau and Provost Jean-Lou Chameau are very big supporters of sustainability initiatives,” she said.

Jackson said that the Earth Day celebration should provide a good outlet for students studying for finals. She recommended that students take advantage of the opportunity during Earth Day 2007 at www.earthday.gatech.edu. The deadline for signing up to volunteer for Earth Day is April 7.

Sliver

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The crossword last week was messed up! The clues did not match the puzzle. My tradition was ruined. Just know that.

Hey all you BSU Techies! You rock!

who likes mv2? hmmmmm....

mv2 needs some lovin look out your window more often.

To everyone in icc218, thanks for helping make our lives when we was feeling really crappy- ao

NAR’s Nique You wish.

SEIN UND ZEIT - NO ONE SHOOTS AT SANTA CLAUS - CLOSURE

David Andersen just articulat- ed in my face–

— but do you think it might be time to get the POS fixed? Hovinstein

God is so cool. I saw him just the other day.

Religion is awesome, it gives humans an excuse to recycle. I am so glad that the Physics department made the labs harder, I hated the fact that the lab actually used to help my grade.

Tech students complain too damn much. Be grateful you sons a bitches.

Contrary to rumor, there ARE girls at Tech. They are all either taken, or can go more than a week without cheating on you. Because CRACK!

PIDDLEFISTER I love you Kyle cannot create a physics class.

Apple computer studio sucks.

2 years and still can’t find... what was that again? Aversion... you dumb shmuck why don’t you try google search!!

C建设用地 weapons of mass destruction? Bush breached try google search!!

Whats the big bang? Bush Benched the organization that gave birth to the universe!!

Do the people in charge of land managing really think that 500 trees can live 2 feet from each other?

See page 22 for more Slivers!
Members of Out Right, a new political organization for GLBTQ students, demonstrate for gay rights near the Campus Pine in November.

this may be a misnomer, adding that the contention focuses on rights and responsibilities denied to same-sex couples (more than 1,138, according to McKee). He said that he thinks people may feel threatened by the idea of marriage changing, and that rewording the proposed change of laws could help.

The organization is particularly focusing on more Tech-specific issues. According to Johnson, Tech is on the whole, “not too bad, and fairly accepting.” However, he added, there are many cases of injustice.

For example, he noted that there are sometimes roommate issues for some GLBTQ students. He said that currently, the main recourse is moving out, and that Housing is now able to take classes online. There are 3,900 students enrolled in online classes at Ole Miss, said Kathy Palan, coordinator of Continuing Education. Palan said this number grows every semester, so 5,900 is the largest number so far.

While Ole Miss does not keep track of the number of non-traditional students, Palan said Ole Miss assists non-traditional students interested in online courses with admissions and other requirements. Non-traditional students are generally adult students who may be married and have children.

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One mitigating many may have about online instruction is the lack of personal communication with the instructor. Angel, the system used by Ole Miss Online to administer online classes, has a built-in e-mail program, chat rooms and community message boards. According to Palan, there is a lot of communication with the instructor in online classes.

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“[Roommate issues are due to] mostly lack of understanding on the part of the roommates,” Johnson said, saying that education is needed to help students in roommate situations.

Other issues included unequal employee benefits from ROTC and a blood donation ineligibility, according to John son.

The organization arose in part from the free speech issues raised by conservative-col umnist Mike Adams in his www.townhall.com articles last fall. Students realized that Tech lacked an organization that served as a forum for expression of views about GLBTQ political issues.

However, McKee said that this type of organization would have formed regardless, adding that the article likely served only as a catalyst. [Stephen Banchi also contributed to this article.]

More students take online classes

By Hannah Donegan
Daily Mississippian

(U-WIRE) University of Mississippi—Today, the most mundane tasks can be completed online. Consumers can rent movies, purchase books and even buy postage stamps on the Internet. Increasingly, students are now able to take classes online.

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GSU dominates Campus MovieFest Finale

By Michael Ng
Staff Writer

After attending the 2006 Atlanta Campus MovieFest Finale last Thursday, I sure do regret drawing a chalk line at the entrance reminding me to complete the CMF registration process; not because I thought I had a chance of winning, but because the competition looked like a ton of fun.

CMF is reputedly the largest student film festival in the world, boasting five events in Boston, Florida, California, Scotland and Atlanta. To celebrate its fifth anniversary, this year’s movie theme was the number “5.”

The Atlanta Finale featured 18 short films from Georgia Tech, Emory, GSU, UGA and the AUC (Clark Atlanta, Spelman and Morehouse). However, gauging the ratio of finalists to winners, GSU clearly dominated this year’s competition.

Not only did GSU match “Best Drama” (The Memory of History) and “Best Comedy” (Carboy), but they also claimed “Best Picture” (Snooze). The CMF Awards may need another decade before they become as irrelevant as the Oscars, but this year’s offerings were mediocre at best.

Ominously, The Memory of History (GSU) concerns a girl’s reflection on her personal history. In actuality, it’s a pretentious and vacuous caricature of an art-house film. That the filmmakers lampooned their own movie during the acceptance speech speaks volumes. And because the five-minute film regulation does not lend itself well to the drama genre, other comedies like Nicked n’ Dime’d (AUC), Genesis V (Emory), and Paul & My (UGA) fell underdeveloped.

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By Nathan Garcia
Contributing Writer

Mario is long past his days as a simple plumber. Nintendo has put their mascot and his pals in almost every kind of game imaginable, from racing to tennis to golf and even throwing a party or seven. Mario’s latest foray takes him to the soccer field, and he’s bringing the riot with him. Super Mario Strikers is what happens when you take the basic gameplay of soccer and throw in the hard hit of football or rugby with a side of typical Mario gameplay. All the previous Mario sports games have been excellent, and Strikers lends themselves well to the pick-up-and-play nature documentaries & nature documentaries -

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Happiness. However, they seem to have given this game a new art style which is so edgy you’ll have to be careful not to cut yourself on the game disc. Wario and Waluigi are more offensive than usual. Peach and Daisy have what shall here be referred to as “interest

And after playing against each other, Groundhogs all around the north-east, Morton left his hometown of Hartford and relocated to Atlanta in 1993, where groups, his musical presence is simple and he lets the music speak for itself. This experience that he has gained touring and recording has crafted a skilled songwriter with a unique sound.

That other bird documentary

Foe fans of March of the Penguins or nature documentaries in general, Berry College will be screening Winged Migration today. If spectacular cinematography and ornithology don’t float your boat, maybe the free admission will. The movie starts at 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

Darwin’s Nightmare at High

This Saturday the High Museum will be showing a one-off engagement of Darwin’s Nightmare. For anyone interested in environmental or globalization, check out this 2004 documentary set in Tanzania. A discussion will follow the film. Tickets are at $4. Show starts at 8 p.m. in the Rich Theater.

Hello Moto-cross biking

Top motocross riders including Ricky Carmichael and Chad Reed will be competing in the Amp’d Mobile World Supercross on Saturday at the Georgia Dome. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., main event starts at 7 p.m. Tickets range from $10-$40.

Mario Strikers scores big but not great album

By Kenneth Baskett
Staff Writer

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he formed the band Wonderlust. The band was a pop-punk trio that enjoyed some success, including a stint on the Van Warped Tour. However, as he continued to grow as a songwriter, Morton quit the band, seeking a quieter sound to match his writing style.

By 2001 he had joined The Indicators, a pop-rock group, and in 2002 he played lead guitar on a few shows with The Redeemers. Despite The Indicators’ success in 2003 with their sophomore album, Kill the Messenger, Morton left the band three years after he joined and moved to Athens. There he completed his first solo album, In Rock'n'Roll’s Hands, which was released in June 2004. Now, after 15 years of playing guitar and 10 years of songwriting, he is set to release his second solo attempt, The King of Coming Around.

Morton is a talented, seasoned musician in the mood for this type of music. The biggest obstacle in Morton’s way is the lack of interest in new rock-based folk artists. There are few radio formats friendly to this style of music, and this album is not going to make Ken Will Morton a household name. I was much more soon go buy The Legend of Johnny Cash if I was in the mood for this type of music.

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A few weeks ago, someone kicked the rear door of one of the Stinger buses as he was leaving the bus. I am not sure why this person did it, but I laughed and laughed till I remembered I had to pay my rent. And then it wasn’t funny anymore. I have dubbed this phenomenon “circumstantial unfunny-ness.”

Seriously, there have been times that I really, really wanted to kick the moving bus for doing something stupid like either coming late, or the moving bus for doing something stupid like either coming late, or because I didn’t get there on time. But when I thought about it, it occurred to me that in my Physics I lab, I thought that was the worst part up until the point at which my car died prematurely. I say prematurely because I was hoping it would take a little more neglect, overuse and outright hostility before it saw fit to crap out on me. But the god of cars apparently had something else in mind and decided that said girl’s time had come. Rest in peace, car. You will be missed, particularly by me when now bus travel is the only way to get to school. Well, not exactly. I have to use public transportation. Moving on.

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The documentary Why We Fight from writer and director Eugene Jarecki seeks to shine a harsh light on the fundamental truths and dangers of what he believes is America’s growing militarism. Opening with the farewell address of President Dwight Eisenhower, the film spends most of its time arguing that the military-industrial complex that President Eisenhower so ardently warned against has, for all practical purposes, come to pass. The film’s overall style is heavily reminiscent of 2003’s The Corporation in that it lacks any sort of consistent narrator throughout. Instead, it relies on a series of interviews with experts and players on the world stage to convey its intended message with the occasional personal story thrown in for good measure such as a retired New York police officer whose son died on Sept. 11 or a young man enlisting in the army.

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Regardless of one’s political leanings, Why We Fight offers a well-reasoned critique of American culture which definitely deserves a viewing. Even if one doesn’t necessarily agree with what the film has to say, it certainly serves one well to test one’s beliefs against reasonable dissent every now and then.

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Softball wins Panther tourney for third-straight year

By Kate Patton
Contributing Writer

After an intense two-day competition last weekend at the Lady Panther Invitational, the softball team face Eastern Kentucky and Georgia State to end the tournament last Sunday. The Jackets downed the Panthers 9-4 to win their third-straight Lady Panther Invitational.

“We knew we had tough competition, so we came out with the mindset that we had to play hard and do our best and never give in,” freshman Lacey Richardson said.

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The Jackets went on to face Eastern Kentucky on Sunday and started the first inning with two errors and loaded bases. However, Tech went on to redeem themselves by scoring five runs in the second. They went on to secure three more runs and eventually the 8-0 win. The Jackets scored eight runs on eight hits and committed three errors, while EKU had no runs on no hits and had one error.

With the victory, Tech faced Georgia State in the championship game. The first inning got off to a rough start as the Lady Panthers started off with a four-run lead. But the Jackets would surge back.

Pitcher Humphreys fought GSU off to allow junior Christine Sheridan and sophomore Savannah Brown to tie it up 4-4. With runs from Haller and Houser, Tech secured the game at 9-4 and won its third-straight Lady Panther Invitational.

“It’s a great feeling to win. I think there was a lot stronger competition this year in the championship game.”

Savannah Brown
Sophomore Catcher

Brown was named the ACC co-player of the week on Monday for leading Tech to a 5-1 record and ending the week with a .647 average. Richardson was named one of the Tech student athletes of the week. Richardson pitched her first no-hitter against Eastern Kentucky on Sunday to help with the 8-0 victory in five innings. She also pitched an impressive three scoreless innings against Kennesaw State.

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On Sunday, the Jackets play in the Leadoff Classic today and tomorrow in Columbus, Ga., and will face Alabama, Hofstra and Michigan.
Strong pitching, freshmen help Jackets to 8-0 start

By Michael Clarke

The Jackets completed a sweep of Kennesaw State over the weekend and swept the doubleheader against Eastern Tennessee State on Tuesday. Tech improved to 8-0, but the schedule gets more difficult starting starting against No. 6 Tennessee.

The Jacket pitching staff saw the emergence of two freshman starters who combined for 11 shutout innings last week.

True freshman David Duncan was given the start for Tuesday's doubleheader. Duncan found out only hours before the game that he would be pitching due to the threat of inclement weather on Wednesday.

Despite pitching six shutout innings, Duncan did not factor in the decision. The Jacket bats were cold for the first inning. Duncan was charged two runs in the top of the seventh and left the game up 2-1 after a throwing error broke the shut out. Chris Hicks was unable to get the hold, but did get the win.

“I’ve been very impressed with both [the freshmen],” Head Coach Danny Hall said. “Ladd pitched great for us on Sunday, and Duncan pitched outstanding [Tuesday night]. I wish [Duncan] could have gotten the win.”

Steven Blackwood broke the tie with a two-run double in the three-run seventh inning to give the Jackets the victory. Tim Gustafson pitched the final two innings for his second save of the season.

“We only scored five runs today, but I thought we hit the ball hard,” Hall said. “I’m very happy with the way we started, but there is a long way to go.”

Red-shirt freshman Tim Ladd preceded Duncan by pitching five shutout innings when given the start for Sunday’s game against Kennesaw State. Ladd wasn’t given any run support to work with during the cold afternoon hours, but the bats warmed up midway through the afternoon when three runs were scored in the bottom of the fifth and two more were added in the sixth. Wet Hodges and Whitt Robbins each had two hits to lead the offense.

“I’ve been waiting, and I got my opportunity,” Ladd said. “I was caught off guard, but I was still ready. I got settled in from the third inning on and felt myself become more comfortable and stronger.”

The first game of the doubleheader on Tuesday saw the Jackets jump out to an early 7-2 lead and cruise to a 7-5 victory. Ryan Turner was given the win after six innings of work. Jared Hyatt was given the save after pitching the final three innings.

Despite each side having three errors during Friday night’s game against Kennesaw State, Blake Wood won a pitcher’s duel 3-2. Trailblazing 1-0 going into the bottom of the second, Jeff Kindel doubled to score Hodges to tie up the game.

Whit Robbins drove in Kindel on a single and then a groundout drove in Matt Wieters in the third inning. Those would be the final runs of the games for the Jackets, but they would survive a few late threats by the Owls and get the win.

The team defeated the Owls 7-0 in the Saturday game. Blackwood led the Jackets go 4-4 and scoring three runs. Lee Hyde and freshman Chris Hicks combined for the six-hit shutout.

Robbins leads the Jackets with 17 RBIs and is hitting .354 on the year. He also leads the team with two hom runners.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Robbins said. “I’m fortunate to be hitting around the type of hitters that get on base. It’s hard to mess up with when there are two or three guys on base….I’m more relaxed [this year] and am seeing the ball better.”

The Jackets will be in action for the Baseball at the Beach in Myrtle Beach, S.C. this weekend. They will face No. 6 Tennessee today, Virginia Commonwealth on Saturday and Coastal Carolina on Sunday in the round robin tournament. The Volunteers eliminated the Jackets from the NCAA Super Regionals and Coastal Carolina defeated Tech 7-6 in season. Both teams defeated Tech at Russ Chandler Stadium.

Tennessee is very good,” Hall said. “Atkins is probably one of the best left-handers in the country. We know that we’ll have a tough game….That will be a good tournament and three game cap for our team.”

Mike Trapani is expected to make his return to action this weekend. He has been out since the midway point of the Georgia season. He has been out since the midway point of the Georgia State game a week and a half ago with a hamstring injury.
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2:01.96 in the 200-yard butterfly, Stojanovska churned her way to a fifth-place finish. Dropping to a seventh-place finish in finals in the 200-yard freestyle, Stojanovska clocked a NCAA ‘B’ standard of 1:50.53. Stojanovska also earned an NCAA ‘B’ standard in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing 12th with 5:45.67.

Breaking out for a final farewell, Kracke ended the season with a stellar performance and season-best times. Clocking a 2:03.77 in the 200-yard backstroke, Kracke pushed for a seventh-place finish and earned an NCAA ‘B’ time standard. Kracke also had a seventh-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke event.

Stowe rounded out the leaders with an eighth-place finish in the 1500-yard freestyle, finishing with a 16:50.33 to earn an NCAA ‘B’ time standard. All NCAA ‘B’ standard finishes will be considered for invite to the NCAA national swimming championships in March.

Sophomore diver Stephanie England finished sixth in the three-meter board while senior Laurissa Prystaj placed 13th. The Jackets graduated eight seniors last year, and their presence was missed in the water and on the deck at ACCs this year.

“[By graduating eight seniors,] we lost a lot of leadership. They were the first class to graduate. At ACCs they didn’t score much last year, but we lost their depth,” Stowe said.

The women showed a mixed performance at ACCs, with season-best times paired with other races that were off their best mark. “We didn’t do as well as we wanted, but we are only in our fifth year. We learned a lot for next year,” junior Alison Walker said.

Stowe has made a remarkable impression on the team both in and out of the water. Her tenacity over the past two years has earned her three school records and a trip to the NCAA national championship as a freshman.

“Stowe is a really hard worker and has a positive impact on the team because she never complains. We can look up to that,” Walker said.

Stowe had an excellent second year with the Jackets, but she felt slightly disappointed in her ACC performance. “I am pleased with the season in review. I swam good in-season times and trained hard. That was my goal. This season was very different than the last two rounds for ACCs. Everyone was swimming a lot of in-season times while being shaved and tapered. I think that’s a bit of a feeling, Stowe said.

Alreadvy at practice and focused on the upcoming season, Stowe reveals her dedication to the team. “Now that ACCs are over, we will start recruiting again. We already have some [girls] lined up to come…. I am excited about the freshmen coming in,” Stowe said.

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The women finished a solid season and look to next year for an opportunity to continue to improve. The men’s ACCs are this weekend.

By Michael Warwick

Freshman golfer standout Cameron Tringale jumped out to a blazing start to the spring season with an impressive victory in the University of Hawaii-Hilo tournament two weeks ago. Tringale paced a field that included six of the top 50 teams in the nation and led his team to its second title on the year.

A native of Orange County, Calif., Tringale began his golf development at the age of 10, when he became a steady performer on the junior golf circuits with consistent top 10 finishes. Tringale was named an honorable mention All-American by the American Junior Golf Association and earned the Los Angeles Times Orange County player of the year honors.

One of the highlights of his pre-collegiate play came in the summer of 2005 when he placed ninth in the stroke play portion of the U.S. Junior Amateur and advanced to the round of 16 in match play. Further, Tringale was an alternate for the U.S. Amateur.

After a fall season that included one top-five finish, he claimed the victory with solid rounds of 65, 67 and 70. In the final two rounds, Tringale surged to top the number one ranked player in the nation, Pablo Martin of Oklahoma State.

Tringale talked about his recent successes. “I think the experience of playing and getting comfortable with myself in these collegiate events has helped,” he said. “My decision-making on the course has drastically improved since I showed up here at the beginning of the year. I finally put three good rounds together. In the other events I've always had at least one good round, and I finally managed to string three together.

With the win, Tringale vaulted to No. 35 in the Golfweek/Sagarin College Golf Rankings. Tringale said his role is “trying to help the team win and prepare for the NCAA tournament.”

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Cameron Tringale

Freshman Golfer

Tech golf team has a record of high finishes in the national championship, including second place in last year's tournament. The NCAA golf championship will be hosted this year by the University of Portland at the Crosswater Golf Club in Sunriver, Ore.

Tringale also gave some insight into how the team is preparing for the postseason and what it will take to succeed. He said, “We've been growing the type of grass that they have at the host course at our practice facility so we can get used to it and learn to gradually adjust. We also try to play when the conditions are tough, because there is usually at least one day of nasty weather at the NCAA.

Though the team qualification process is tough, involving anywhere from two to six rounds, Tringale has traveled to every tournament this year. Tringale credits much of the improvement in his golf game to this exposure to high-caliber players.

“It's great having a couple of the best players in college golf around all the time. I have learned a lot from Roberto (Castro), Kevin (Larson) and everyone, and I wouldn't have been as successful without them.”

Tringale also attributes his quality play to the help of Head Coach Bruce Heppler. “He's been great. He can help me with my swing and with learning how to play the game more efficiently and effectively. He's coached a lot of great players, so he obviously knows what he's talking about.”

At the completion of a competitive spring season, Tringale plans on a summer schedule of play to include such prestigious amateur tournaments as the California Amateur, the Player’s Amateur and the Southern Amateur, among others.

Following victory at the Waikoloa Village golf course on Hawaii’s Big Island under difficult conditions, Tringale and the Tech golf team look forward to the Puerto Rico Classic Feb. 26-28. Tringale will no doubt be looking to continue his superb play as the Tech team marches towards the national championship.
J.J. Redick made just five field goals in 21 attempts in Wednesday’s game on campus. Redick started the game shooting just 2-17, which was his worst performance since his freshman year when he shot 2-16 in a loss to Kansas in the Sweet 16.

The current national ranking of the women’s tennis team.

Sophomore Elizabeth Stowe swims for the Jackets at last year’s ACC Championships, hosted by Georgia Tech. This year, Stowe finished with an NCAA ‘B’ mark qualifying time in the 1650-yard freestyle.

Tech’s women’s swimming and diving teams joined by the men’s diving team jetted off to Maryland last weekend to compete in the ACC championships and men’s ACC diving competition Feb 15-18. The women put up a ninth place finish. Florida State captured its first ACC championship title with 596.5 points, edging out second-place finisher Virginia who had 562 points. North Carolina came in third with 517 points. Virginia Tech (409), Maryland (383), Clemson (374), Miami (237), NC State (206.5), Tech (199), Duke (160) and Boston College (79) rounded out the field.

Sophomore diver Evan Stowers led the men’s diving competition with an incredible performance, pushing him to win the ACC title with an NCAA ‘B’ cut standard and to earn All-ACC honors with a second place finish in the one-meter event. “[Winning the ACC title] meant a lot more than could be put in an article, but ultimately it was mostly a confidence booster for me going into the NCAA zone meet,” Stowers said. “It put more fuel to the fire.”

Junior Vesna Stojanovska, senior Ashley Kracke and sophomore Elizabeth Stowe all earned NCAA ‘B’ cut standards and capped top eight finishes at finals during the weekend to lead the Lady Jackets.

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**No. 1 Duke comes from behind to top Jackets**

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets played perhaps the best half of basketball in two years, but another second-half collapse plagued Tech. The No. 1 Duke Blue Devils overcame a five-point halftime deficit to win 73-66 on Wednesday.

"We played well for about 35 minutes and showed a lot of immaturity in the last five," Head Coach Paul Hewitt said. "We committed some pretty bad fouls. I hate to say we did it to ourselves, but we did. They were bad, silly, unintelligent fouls."

The Blue Devils were able to absorb the 70.8 percent shooting by the Jackets in the first half to avoid the upset and pick up the win at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

"It's not about playing well, it's about winning the game," Hewitt said.

The Jackets fell to 10-15, 3-11 in the ACC. Tech is 8-35 all time against teams ranked No. 1, and the Jackets have still not won a home game against Duke since the 1995-96 team that featured Stephen Marbury and Matt Harpring under the helm of Bobby Cremins.

On a night that saw J.J. Redick attempt to break the ACC career scoring mark, Reddick missed 15 of 20 shots to end his streak. The Jackets made a rainy first half, but only shot 36 percent in the second.

Tech led by as many as eight and cramp after jumping out to a 47-39 lead early in the second half. The Jackets made an 8-2 run in the first minute and a half after intermission, which made the box score look more respectable than it was. The Jackets scored a total of 11 points between 18:30 and 0:46 remaining in the second half.

"I've got to be careful what I tell my teams because the first day of practice, I told them, 'This team is talented. I know you can play with anybody in the country for 20 or 30 minutes. But do you have the mental and physical toughness to win the game down the stretch?"'

Jeremis Smith led on offense, scoring 18 points after shooting 8-14 from the field to go along with 12 rebounds. Zum Fiedrick continued his strong play scoring 15 points with nine assists. Re'SeanDickey battled foul trouble in the second half, but scored 13 as well.

Afterguarding Reddick for 16 minutes of the first half, Anthony Meritage battled foul trouble, a high bruise and cramps in the second half. Morrow scored all four of his points in the first half, and was attribute with getting one minute and picking up three fouls in the second half. This was the first game of the season that Morrow did not hit a three-point shot.

West went down with cramps with five minutes to play in the game, and the team suffered a major brain cramp after jumping out to a 47-39 lead early in the second half.

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Tech led by as many as eight and led 39-34 at the conclusion of the first half. Tech shot 37 of 24 in the first half, but only shot 36 percent in the second.

The Jackets will return to action on Saturday at 1 p.m. for the final home game of the season against Wake Forest.

When asked how to beat the Deamon Deacons on senior day, Smith mentioned two key players. "Stop Justin Gray, stop Eric Williams and that's pretty much all," he said.

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**Men's tennis starts 4-0, prepares for No. 28 Auburn**

By William Brethren  
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team took on Alabama last weekend at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. The Jackets faced the Crimson Tide in a match that was moved indoors due to inclement weather. The Jackets won 6-1 to improve to 6-0 for the season while the Crimson Tide fell to 5-2.

"It is always good to get a win against a good, experienced team like Alabama from a good conference like the SEC," Head Coach Kenny Thorne said. Alabama is currently ranked No. 51 in the nation while Tech is ranked No. 32.

The day started off with the Jackets winning their first two doubles matches to take an early 1-0 lead. Tech's pair of sophomores Scott Blackmon and junior Zachary Rash defeated Alabama's Javier Beis and Billy Mertz 8-5 in the first doubles match.

In the second doubles match, sophomores Jordan Delass and George Georgiades easily disposed of Andrew Felsenthal and Dan Buskema of the Crimson Tide 8-3.

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Sophomore Diver

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The Jackets took a 2-0 lead over Alabama after David North defeated Mathieu Thibaudau in straight sets 6-4, 6-2. Following that, Zachary Rash defeated Javier Beis 6-2, 6-7, 7-6 to increase the Jackets lead to 3-0.

Alabama came in first and only point of the match from Joseph Jung's hard-fought victory over Marko Rajevac 6-4, 7-6, 7-5. After this, sophomore Jordan Delass clinched the match against Alabama by picking up the fourth point of the match. He defeated Billy Mertz 7-6, 6-3.

"I got to clinch the match. It is always a good feeling to be the guy to put the fourth point on the board, to be able to seal the deal. Everybody was going nuts, and it was a lot of fun to be out there and win the match for the team," Delass said.

After the match was clinched, George Georgiades defeated Andrew Felsenthal 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 (5). Scott Blackmon won his match over Sammy Struvey 6-4, 6-0. The Jackets picked up their fourth win over Alabama after defeating Furman 7-0. Middle Tennessee State is 4-3 and most recently Georgia State 6-1, which was played last Wednesday, February 8.

The Jackets should be pleased with their successful start to the season, and Thorne joked about how he feels about playing in matches that are closely contested.

"I like the more comfortable matches better than the closer ones. I already have enough white hair and don't want to end up looking like Bobby Cremins," Thorne said.

The Jackets continue their eight-game homestand and look to stay undefeated as they go up against the No. 28 Auburn Tigers at noon on Saturday at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. It will be the first time this season that Tech faces a higher-ranked opponent, and therefore the Tigers may be the greatest test this season for the Jackets.

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- Sun. Feb. 26 Auburn 12:00
- Fri. Mar. 3 Arizona State 3:00
- Sun. Mar. 5 Miami 1:00
- Wed. Mar. 8 Clemson 2:30
- Fri. Mar. 10 Long Island 1:00
- Sun. Apr. 2 Virginia Tech 12:00
- Thu. Apr. 13 Boston College 2:30
- Fri. Apr. 14 Maryland 1:00

The ACC championships will be April 20-24 in Cary, N.C., and NCAA regionals begin May 13.