Graab wins presidency, Byrne nabs VP
SGA announces election results for officers, representatives

By James Stephenson  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association (SGA) elections closed Wednesday, and the foundation has been laid for next year’s student government. Alison Graab won the presidency, while Paul Byrne was elected as executive vice president.

“I just very excited,” Graab said. “It’s an honor. I would like to thank everyone for voting.”

Graab won the presidency by a narrow margin with 50.8 percent of the vote, or 1,213 of the votes. Richard Wright and Will Ferguson received 245 and 224 votes respectively.

Byrne won the vice-presidency—generally, only on section fronts, sometimes followed by a “Headline: Subhead (Deck).”

OIT installs new telecom system

By Ranganath Venkatakrishnan  
Staff Writer

Every building on campus will be integrated into a new telecommunications system by the end of December as part of a new Office of Information Technology (OIT) initiative. The project aims to improve upon the current technology and allow the system to be more easily updated in the future.

“Starting sometime this summer we will start to install equipment in buildings around campus,” said Sam Rundles, the project director for OIT.

In addition to replacing the existing telephone services, the change will allow the system to be upgraded more easily in the future.

“We will have a platform that will allow us to utilize all the nuances that are being developed today,” Rundles said.

According to John Mullin, associate vice provost of Information Technology, the changes implemented would not be immediately visible to students. “The

Klaus construction continues through fall

By James Stephenson  
Staff Writer

Due to a four-month extension of the construction deadline, the Klaus Computing Building will not be open for classes fall semester.

“The extended date was mutually agreed upon by all parties,” said Ron Leroy, facilities project manager.

“They (Tech) reluctantly agreed to the extension.”

The original completion date for the Klaus Computing Building was April 17, but was extended to August 21 after delays slowed the project’s progress.

“A lot of different things (caused the extension),” Leroy said. “The issue is very severe around the site and around campus because many people in the Tech community want us to be able to use the building Oct. 2.

“Initially, it will just be administration offices that will be used because the classrooms will not have any classes scheduled in them,” Leroy said. “Fall classes will not be scheduled for the building.”

“Activities may be scheduled for the spaces during the fall, but the logistics of moving a class in the middle of the semester into the building are too complicated to make it plausible,” Leroy said.

According to Leroy, the building will have a lot of vacant space even after the initial users occupy the building. Leroy anticipates the space being used in some form or fashion.

When you have that amount of space, someone will use it, but it won’t be officially scheduled,” Leroy said.

The building will be primarily used by the College of Computing; the College of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Auxiliary Services, which includes Parking and Transportation.

“With that being said, it will be a component of the building that will be for campus use,” Leroy said. “There will be a 200 seat auditorium and other classroom spaces.”

The set deadline is official. The building construction must be completed at that time, and no further delays are foreseen.

“We are meeting on a bi-monthly basis to discuss scheduling and to make sure everything is on track,” said Assistant News Editor.

ADF files free speech lawsuit against Tech

By Amanda Dugan  
News Editor

The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) filed a lawsuit March 16 on behalf of two current students against Institute officials claiming that their First Amendment right to free speech has been violated. ADF, a national Christian legal defense fund, filed the suit on behalf of Ruth Malhotra, a fourth-year Public Policy major, and Oris Sklar, a third-year Civil Engineering major.

The following administrators were named as defendants in the suit: Institute President Wayne Clough; Gail DiSabatino, former Dean of Students; Danielle McDonald, assistant dean of Student Involvement; Stephanie Ray, associate dean and director of Diversity Programs and Michael Black, director of Housing.

The lawsuit claims that the Institute actively censors disfavored expression on campus and that the Tech-environment’s “quakes” First Amendment freedoms through policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and the Housing Community Guide.

The lawsuit also challenges the fact that mandatory Student Activity assignments are too common, technique, or get accounts. The

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From the files of the GTPD...

Ran out of gas, huh?

At 2:10 a.m. April 1, a student looked out of his window when he heard his car alarm and saw a man taking items from the back seat of his Honda Accord. The student went outside and yelled at the man, who then started to run. The student gave chase to the man until he stopped at Fifth St. and Williams St. The man returned the items he had taken from the vehicle and the student called the police. The man was arrested and transported to Fulton County Jail.

Mary and Jane, right?

A female student returned to her room to find an unknown male standing in the dark by her computer at 2:10 a.m. April 4. The man appeared to be tampering with the wires connected to the computer. When confronted, the man could only give the first names of the two students in the room. The victim left the room quickly and returned with a friend to find the man already gone.

This week’s campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

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string breaks your socks off
To the Area II hookah smokes:
Go do pot in your room like normal hippies!
I am for Crunk Detroit, what?!
Dear Tech Student: Your supposed to be drunk at concerts dear godos: stop trying to get attention
CRAWDADDIES!!!
Facebook shud be banned.
I sent my Mac to Boot Camp.
If you were really gay: why is there still a need to dress as a female? (drag queens?)
them drag queens looked good...better than most guys on campus can get someone should change the time in the clocks in Van Leer . Man day light savings is out!!!
Beckham , Sofy & Jerry Rule @ Centennial Meeting or Mating what is it!!!
WTF!!!
yay for a new way for physics to shaft students
I love you
My social security number is a carmichael number.
Hooray. We should close more stairs to weld on metal plates.
Student Appreciation Day = S.A.D.
Thank you FASET!!!
I hate Edgar Allen Poe. With a passion.
DO NOT call your sister and ask “if you are interrupting anything” at midnight on her honeymoon
OR if your new brother-in-law is “having a fun time” He who pukes on the floor ought not annoy his roommates
I <3 Two Bits Man!
Red Jesus for President!
Gotta cuff for the girls.
Where are all the slivers?
There were some but not many.
This sliver box needs more... slivers!
Man allergies suck
Congrats to the new Nique ed board!!
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The Undergraduate House of Representatives met on Tuesday. Eight bills were passed and two were failed by the House.

The first bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to the Taiwanese American Student Association. The bill was seeking funding for their national competition in California. The bill was brought to a vote and passed. The motion passed, but the bill failed for a second time.

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Phones that are there will remain there. Everything we do is behind the wall,” Mullin said.

Faculty and staff will be quicker to notice the changes because of the convenience that they will experience when they are relocating.

“Moving today is a complex process and it takes a long time because we have to move the phones for each person. What we hope to achieve with this new system is to put control in our own hands, shorten the process, shorten the time span and improve the delivered service,” Mullin said.

The current system involves a technology known as Sentry; in this system, every telephone’s wire leads to a closet in the basement, which then connects to a large BellSouth cable. This, in turn, then leads back to one of two central offices which serve Georgia Tech.

“Currently we get our service from the Georgia Tech Knowledge Authority and they sub-contract that out to BellSouth,” Mullin said.

The new system, through a contract directly with BellSouth, has two switches located on campus; every building in the campus will be connected to those switches via fiber technology.

The switches will connect the campus to the public telephone network. One switch serves as a back-up.

“We’re going from a central office-based system to a premises-based telephone switch,” Mullin said.

This change, according to Mullin will provide many benefits for the Institute.

“The reason for doing this had to do with improved services,” Mullin said. “We will also save the Institute a substantial sum of money by running our own service. That money can be reinvested in the Institute. The third element is to prepare us for using advanced technologies such as integration with wireless networks.”

“Everything we want to do competes for the same pool of funds. When we can be more cost-effective, everybody wins. The other short term benefit is the service,” Mullin said.

Mullin said that a desire for improvement as well as a history of problems with the current system was the impetus for the change.

Students will probably see the most benefit in the years to come,” Mullin said.

“We will work with the providers to integrate wireless data and a wireless voice in a telephone environment.”

“This new system offers an enhanced voice mail service that we don’t have right now,” Rundles said.

Improvements to the voice mail service, according to Rundles, were something that would not impact students soon. Students are not expected to see much difference in their dorm room phones.

“Starting in the summer we will be discussing with individual building occupants as to what activities they have going on in their buildings... designate the most appropriate time for installation,” Rundles said. “It will be a cooperative effort.”

Rundles also said that while the project would be completed as quickly as possible with the least disruption, noise would be a part of the process.

**Klaus**

Leroy said.

Small things may slow down progress slightly, such as the fire marshal having a particular issue, but I don’t anticipate any further delays.

The main element still under construction is the landscaping of the site. The building sits on a four acre lot and the entire site is not in the footprint of the building will be landscaped.

Currently, the area between the road and the building is being landscaped.

“There is still a lot of work to do, but they have made major strides,” Leroy said. “The plans to make sure there are no back doors.”

As an example, Leroy cited the path leading from Ferst Drive to the Architecture Building.

“It feels as if you are approaching the Architecture Building from the back side,” Leroy said.

“We want to eliminate the feeling and once the project is completed none of the pathways will have that feeling.”

The building, once finished, will stand out on campus not only as the newest addition but as a glimpse at the direction the Tech campus will be going.”

The building is LEED certified.

**Elections**

With 55 percent of the votes cast, Byrne received 1,718 of the votes compared to Aaron Bolduc’s 908 votes and Toyo Okaianon’s 499 votes.

“I’m feeling lucky,” Byrne said before the election results were announced on Wednesday. “I wore my lucky boxers today.”

The vote to pass the proposed Constitutional Amendment passed with 2,646 votes in favor of the changes and 522 against.

Class and academic representatives for next year were also announced Wednesday. Academic representatives are elected from the various schools at Tech. The number of representatives varies from major to major based on size.

Raj Ghosh Dastidar is the Aerospace Engineering representative. Thomas Fink won the representative position for Architecture. The new Biomedical Engineering representative is Chris Zhang.

Linh Son won the one Chemistry representative spot by six votes over Brian Tomasich. Perrin Quarshie won the one Civil Engineering representative by forty-eight votes over Yunita Fu. Varun Prasad ran unopposed and is the new Co-op representative. Gary Mann, Priyanka Mahalanabas and Jeff Wei won the Computer Science representative positions. Grant Farnar ran unopposed to be elected as the representative for Earth and Atmospheric Science.

The new Electrical and Computer Engineering representatives are Andrea Huber, Stephen Kump, Tina Nabavi ran unopposed and is the Public Policy

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**Robotics team places second**

By Alex Sunwoo Contributing Writer

The Tech IEEE Robotics team won second place for the first time in eight years at the 2006 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Southeast Conference Hardware Competition on April 1. The event was sponsored by FedEx, Motorola, and Addison-Wesley and was held in Memphis, Tenn. A total of 55 schools registered for the competition and only 25 schools qualified for the final competition.

The final contestants were faced with the challenge of fulfilling the main objective, in which competing robots were required to correctly load 12 FedEx packages on to three planes prior to the departure of FedEx flights. The autonomous robot extracts the packages one at a time from a stack inside the chute. The test track consisted of sheet of plywood that simulated the airport ramp area. Each of the contestants were judged on the robot’s ability to get the packages onto the planes within the given time limit.

The GT Robotics Team, consisting of 10 members with multiracial backgrounds in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, designed a robot with a focus on controlling factors. “At the competition, we noticed two main distinct approaches to the design,” said Simon Chen, the IEEE Robotics Team captain. “One is to build a light robot that delivers a single package at a time but does it as fast as possible in 12 trips. The other approach is to carry as many blocks as possible in one load and reduce the number of trips.” The Tech robot used the second approach and carried five blocks in one trip at a medium speed using a rotating carousel.

According to Chen, the team encountered a lot of problems with making the motor controller reliable. “Instead of purchasing a commercial motor controller, we designed and built our own,” Chen said. “It was a great learning experience, but it took a lot of time. As a result, we ran out of time deploying an autonomous control algorithm that could have won us the competition.”

Despite losing the first place, the team maintains its positive spirit and is looking for ways to improve.

“We are very pleased with the outcome because this is the first time our school placed in the top three,” Chen said. “Based on this experience, I believe... you must have a motivated team with an organized schedule and plan. This experience was a great example where team work exceeded what any individual could have accomplished. We had a team with multiple disciplinary backgrounds and that was the secret ingredient to our success.”

The team is already shifting their focus to the next competition which will take place in the spring of 2007.

“We plan to continue our success by preparing for the next competition earlier,” Chen said.

“Most schools had two semesters to work on the robot, and we designed and built ours this year in three and a half months. We also plan to have an organized transition process where the graduating seniors on the team mentor the underclassmen to ensure that the knowledge was passed on.”

A member of the Tech Robotics Team works on the robot that placed second at the IEEE Southeast Conference Hardware Competition.

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formsances by various groups in the area. The bill passed by unanimous acclamation.

The next bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Gymnastics Team. The team qualified for the national competition in Calif. and were asking for entry fees and travel for the competition. The bill passed.

The next bill brought before the Senate was the joint allocation to the Student Center Programs Council for its summer movie program “Flicks on 5th.” The bill passed.

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House was the joint resolution of the FY 2007 Student Activity Fee Budget. A major point in the discussion of the allocation was the movement of the Musicians Network from a Tier III to a Tier II organization, which passed.

Amotion was brought before the House to strike the Pride Alliance from the budget due to the belief that the Alliance was a partisan organization. The motion failed.

A motion to strike lines to pay graduate assistant secretary passed. A motion was brought to strike the GSS coordinator funding from the budget. The motion passed.

A motion was made to strike money from the India Club budget for Garba sticks. The sticks are used in cultural dance. The motion passed.

A motion to strike lines from the AIEEESE budget for lodging and travel was made. The budget did not specify distance to the location. The motion failed.

A motion to amend the budget to add funds from the FCOC to reflect JFC policies was made and passed. A motion to change the Student Center Programs Council’s budget $175,000 due to an increase in photographs was made and passed.

A motion was made to decrease the budget to approximately $61,000, which was the same as last year. The motion passed.

The budget was brought to a vote before the House and passed as amended.

In his executive report, David Andersen said he had decided to withdraw his veto on last week’s bill providing funding to the Muslim Student Association. After meeting with certain individuals, he determined that the bill was in line with SGA’s policies as it was viewpoint neutral.
Greek community joins campus recycling effort

By Jenny Zhang
Copy Editor

The Greek community is starting to take an active role in campus recycling efforts, beginning with its sponsorship of a major event this year's Earth Day April 21. The Inter-Fraternity (IFC) and Pan-Hellenic Councils have collaborated with the Facilities department and Atlanta Recycling Solutions to implement Electronics Waste (E-Waste) Recycling as part of the day's service.

"There was a big push to make Earth Day bigger and better this year," said Anna Suttrunk, Pan-Hellenic President. "A lot of Greeks are already involved with Earth Day, and we wanted to put our resources into supporting our members.

"With this program, we hope to educate our members about environmental issues and start to mobilize them for similar projects," said Michael Morland, IFC President. "We're providing funding and incentives for Greeks to volunteer their time during the day, with free lunches and t-shirts," said Jonathan Sangster, IFC Secretary.

"This is the first year that Facilities has worked on an environmental project of such a large scale with the Greek system," said Cindy Jackson, Tech's Recycling Program Director.

"This shows that Greek students are ready to go to the next level with the recycling program." The e-waste program will collect old appliances and electronics for proper, environmentally-friendly disposal. Atlanta Recycling Solutions will haul away the waste, which can include everything from computers to fax machines to cameras, and either break it down or refurbish it.

Over 120 Greek students will volunteer at the recycling site located in the parking lot between Skiles Walkway and the Student Center Commons.

According to Jackson, e-waste is the fastest growing recycling problem in Atlanta.

"People throw away their used electronics without realizing they contain hazardous wastes that cannot go into landfill," Jackson said. "Hopefully, this program will keep that from happening."

Tech sponsored Atlanta's first ever e-waste recycling drive in the summer of 2003, when over 70 tons of e-waste was collected.

"It was so successful that people kept asking us when we were going to do it again," Jackson said. "It's good that we're bringing it back to campus now and we're very excited that the Greek community will be involved."

The Earth Day event has been developed in conjunction with a pilot recycling program for Greek houses.

"The pilot program is an initiative from the Greek community," Morland said. "We're making recycling a priority this year. Seven sororities and ten fraternities have already signed up for the program."

Greek houses' prior lack of involvement with the Institute's recycling program was due to a number of issues. The Greek system contracted with Tech for solid waste management less than four years before that, each house was responsible for its own solid waste disposal.

"Integrating Greek solid waste management with Tech took awhile. It wasn't until that was done that we could be proactive and work with Facilities. We wanted to take the next step with the recycling program," Morland said.

However, the program has been delayed to Fall 2006 due to Tech budget cuts.

"The exact same plans are in place for the start of fall and continuous work is still pouring into the program," Sangster said.

"The Greek community is moving forward with the recycling program due to budget restraints. If the pilot program is successful," Morland said, "we'll be able to ask for more money and have more houses participate."

Once the Greek program is underway, it will join a comprehensive recycling initiative that has been in place at Tech since 1997.

Current campus recycling efforts collect newspapers, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass, tires and mixed metals in 80 academic support buildings, throughout the entire Housing program and at two major drop-off sites on East and West Campus.

"Greens have traditionally been involved in humanitarian endeavors, so to be able to do something earth-related is exciting and new," Suttrunk said. "We hope to reach out and set an example with this recycling initiative."

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Fees cannot be used to fund political or religious activities. Amelia Gambino, interim assistant vice president of Institute Communications and Public Affairs, said that Tech could not comment on the lawsuit, however, she said free speech was encouraged on campus.

"We want to make sure that everyone knows that we certainly take the civil rights of students very seriously. We encourage and have a history of open dialogue on campus. In general we want organizations to express themselves and be very active on campus. We don't encourage violence and intolerance of others," Gambino said.

Not all students agree with Malhotra and Sklar. "As a relatively conservative student, I don't believe that the majority of students at Tech, whether liberal or conservative, would agree that the institute limits free speech on this campus," Sangster said.

Instead, I see Tech as a very accepting environment that allows for all students—regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or political viewpoint—to speak freely on the issues that they feel most passionate about," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president.

The lawsuit also claims that the school engages in a "scheme" of indoctrination of individuals into particular religious beliefs through the Safe Space program.

Safe Space is an optional training program on campus whose purpose, according to their website, is to increase the visible presence of student and adult allies who can help to shape a school culture that is accepting of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or any other difference."

"I just feel that this is an unnecessary step. I believe all parties just with everyone could have worked together on something before taking a legal step. (Safe Space) is not at all endorsing any (religion). I do not believe it is religious indoctrination," said Scott McKee, a second-year Public Policy major and the student coordinator of Safe Space.

"At an Institute as diverse as Tech, programs like Safe Space teach people to be open-minded and accepting of other's differences," Andersen said.

Sklar and Malhotra are both members of the Georgia Tech College Republicans (GTCR). GTCR recently passed a resolution in support of the lawsuit that states they "applaud these members for their courageous actions and supports their efforts..."

This campus issue has gained attention at the national level as it was mentioned in a recent LA Times article about Christians not accepting tolerance policies.

"An entire copy of the complaint can be found on ADE's website, www.telladf.org/UserDocs/GeorgiaTechComplaint.pdf."

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SGA results

Congratulations to Alison Graab on her newly-acquired presidency and Paul Byrne on becoming executive vice president of the house (It is also safe to congratulate Mitch Keller and Ryan Bechtel, who are running unopposed for the same positions in GSS.)

This past year we have had strong leadership in both the undergraduate and graduate portions of SGA. David Andersen has been a particularly visible figure on campus. In the past Vice Presidential candidates have had strong platforms but have not made themselves as visible during their terms in office. Graab and Byrne both have great ideas and should work together to achieve their goals. Also, they should strive to focus on specific objectives that are feasible for a one-year term rather than naming broad, impractical goals.

Graduate and undergraduate executives have collaborated well this year, but understanding between the two chambers needs improvement. Both houses have specialized issues to address, such as graduate health care or grade forgiveness for undergraduates. However joint issues such as campus life affect both graduates and undergraduates and require the collaboration of both chambers.

An uncivil action

Recent national press coverage has once again cast Tech in a negative light due to the actions of a few members of the community. The coverage does not seem reflective of the Institute as a whole, and offsets the positive strides the Institute has taken.

The American Defense Fund lawsuit filed against the Institute claims that, thanks to the Student Code of Conduct’s policies against harassment, conservative students on campus are not allowed to exercise their right to free speech.

The lawsuit claims that the code and other Tech policies limit the free speech of conservative students because they fear being labeled intolerant. However, the College Republicans’ recent resolution in support of the lawsuit shows that they are, in fact, not hesitant to make their position known.

As a media outlet, there is nothing we like less than frivolous lawsuits and limitations on freedom of speech. The suit traps the Institute in a lose-lose situation because of the high costs involved in fighting the lawsuit and the negative publicity garnered. The plaintiffs could have handled the matter internally and more maturely. However, we are confident that the legal system will do its job in determining the validity of the suit’s claims.

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Quote of the week:

“In mathematics you don’t understand things. You just get used to them.”
—Johann von Neumann

Open-minded takes on new meaning

“I was driving back to Tech Sunday for a football game. Due to Spring Break traffic, the drive had taken unusually long and after five and a half hours (normally a four hour trip), I was more than a little tired and irritated.

I was almost back to my apartment when I saw this bumper sticker on the car in front of me: “Minds like parakeets—they work best when open.”

Now this isn’t particularly objectionable in the world of bumper stickers. I’ve seen everything from “Keep honking, I’m reloading” to “For the President” on the back of people’s cars. In light of those intellectual gems, a slogan encouraging the opening of minds might actually seem like a welcome departure. However, the more I thought about it, the more it bothered me. What does it mean to have an “open mind”?

In my opinion, there are two very different definitions of this phrase floating around.

The first definition goes something like this: “people representing you with an idea then you evaluate this idea based on the facts presented to you and your own logic and reason. You might even do some research on your own. After you have evaluated the idea with all of the resources available to you, you either accept the idea as valid or reject it as invalid.

Now, the key here is that it is completely irrelevant if you accept the idea or not. The point is that you have considered the person’s idea, fully evaluated it based on your own logic and reason and you have made a decision about it.

The other definition, and sadly the one that is most often used, goes like this: “open-minded” means that you “open” up your mind and let whatever pour into it whatever they feel like.

“Open minded” means that your mind is an open gate, accepting anything that will come its way and rejecting nothing. For if you reject anything—especially something considered progressive by modern thinkers—you are instantly branded as “closed-minded.”

Now for reasons that should be obvious, that is a completely bogus way of looking at things.

I realize that the contemporary philosophy where everything, everyone and everything is up for some appeal—and frankly, I think the world would be a much better place now if we were all a little more tolerant of each other’s differences. But the world is not going to be the utopia some would like it to be if we forget how to say “no.”

Some people are just evil, some actions are just wrong and some ideas are just plain bad. That has been the reality of things since humans began roaming the Earth and I don’t expect it to change anytime soon.

Another flaw in the contemporary use of the phrase “open-mindedness” is the tendency to lump people of the same opinion together as either open or closed-minded.

One’s opinion is almost completely irrelevant in determining whether or not they are open minded. The sole determinant of that is how they arrived at that opinion.

If someone worked through a logical series of steps and analysis in deciding whether or not an idea was valid, then they are open minded in that regard. If that person did not (which often results from group think or popular opinion), then they are closed-minded in that regard. Two people could very well have the exact same opinion on a certain matter, but one be open minded and the other be closed-minded.

On the other hand, two people could have vastly different opinions on the same matter, but still be open minded (or vice versa).

Present-day usage of open and closed-mindedness has become less about defining a virtuous way of thinking and more about being a bludgeoning tool to hammer your opponents into accepting your idea.

Here in the year 2006, being closed-minded is about as cool as going to the senior prom with your Aunt Ethel.

Facing with that proposition, you would think it would be in one’s best interest to come across as open-minded as possible. In actuality, what usually results from accusations of closed-mindedness is barriers being built between the two parties. Standoff lines are drawn and productive discourse suffers or stops all together.

Instead of such silliness as that, how about we actually try to understand the other person before we start calling them names. In the days of idiotic one-liner bumper stickers, it’s definitely a step in the right direction.
This is not the typical college experience

This is my last editorial for the Technique. We call it a “swan song,” owing to the fact that swans have been known, in rare circumstances, to sing when they write their final editorial for their college newspaper. Beautiful creatures, swans. Lovely phrase.

I am writing this swan song from deep within the bowels of the College of Computing…a second home to me.

Evan Zasoski
Entertainment Editor

“I am writing this swan song from deep within the bowels of the College of Computing…a second home to me.”

I would call the “typical college experience.” There will be little time for the antics that one typically associates with college life. I could probably count the number of Friday nights. So, you’d better be able to run on the faculty or provide you when you do it well. It is other will be a very long four/five-six years.

One could make a great many arguments about the overall worth of Tech’s approach to its students’ well-being. Views on the subject range from Tech being interpreted as a bunch of sadistic harpies, bent on the suffering of every last student that can get their awful, hellish laws upon to something of a “rough love” style father figure. He hurts you, but only because he loves you, baby.

I’ve found that the more time I spend here, the more Stockholms Syndrome sets in and the more I begin to sympathize with my abusers (read: the Institute). I have become convinced that I am stronger for my suffering, and that no man can hurt me because, damned, I survived the Georgia Institute of Technology and that counts for something.

At least that’s what I tell myself. However, archetypes I am and I’m still no closer to figuring out how the hell to write an O(1) scheduler for the Linux Kernel. I feel I can find myself increasingly of the following opinion: “Screw this hellhole. I’m graduating in May and I’m not looking back.”

“For those of you non-CS types out there, that joke was pretty funny. Not great, but I would have elicted a chuckle.”

Can you hear me now?

By next year even students without cell phones, assuming such people exist, will be able to have voicemail! The new phone system will give every phone on campus voicemail capabilities.

One day, the phones will be able to integrate with wireless networks, and this new-fangled technology will save the Institute money. But how will the squirrels get around if we go wireless?

Klaus delayed

The partially-constructed Klaus Computing Building will remain partially constructed a few months longer than expected.

Although it was originally set to hold fall classes, the new completion date will only allow for administration to use the building in fall. This leaves students stuck in crowded or older classrooms one more semester than should be necessary.

Sting Break

Sting Break was more warm than hot this year, but still ranks on the Hot side. The thought behind Student Appreciation Day is great; we like being appreciated. But the cost of the ticket and the disappointing Big Ol’ performance combined to put a damper on the excitement of the event that was anything but so fresh and so clean. Well, you can’t have your Cake and eat it too.

Longlow turnout

Voter turnouts for the SGA elections showed a disappointing dip this year, after last year’s near-record levels. You’d think with online elections, obscure email-checking Tech students could manage to vote in greater numbers. It’s sad that some Tech students can’t even exercise their civil duty when it’s delivered to their inbox. Next year SGA candidates will have to work harder to attract votes.

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“I think it’s good that they’re addressing the issues.”
Bed monster phenomenon threatens college students

Many of today’s college students and 20-somethings who are otherwise confident and mature are showing increasing fear of a phantom: the ubiquitous monster under the bed.

Yoga instructors, psychics and best friends believe this fear stems from the ignorance to the monster’s true nature. This experience has been termed “Monster Under My Bed Syndrome” (MUMBS).

In a recent interview adolescent psychologist and knowit-allogist Dr. Karl Schlitternsaid, “This experience of a free-floating, full torso apparition is usually rooted in childhood experience. But most individuals outgrow the monster-under-the-bed phenomenon by the age of five.” He added, “This is something you might never predict.”

The young person experiencing MUMBS has an experience that fits into one of the following categories. Category 1: the monster whispers menacing words through the mattress and sheets, taunting the individual. Category 2: the monster emerges from under the bed in the form of that individual’s greatest fear.

I recently received several emails from students across the country confiding to me the form of their monsters. With their permission, I have published the most common forms of monster.

An ongoing fear among college students is squirrels. From nut hoarding to tree jumping to traffic interference, squirrels cause a significant amount of fear in 10 percent of college students. In the appearance of the apparition, the monster emerges as a giant squirrel blocking the pathway from the bed to the bathroom. The giant squirrel often wears a top hat and in rare cases, a pith helmet.

More commonly, the monster emerges from under the bed in the form of regret. The monster may take the form of a bully the individual never stood up to, or worse, the bullied individual the individual never defended in front of the bully.

Other regrettions forms the monster may assume include incomplete science projects, the second prom ticket the individual never bought, cigarettes, and other long, thin, cylindrical objects intended for oral use.

The most common form of the MUMBS monster is that of a lost love one. Your deceased uncle who always saved a cold Pepsi for you on summer afternoons, your playground friend who drifted away with the turning dunes of the years, your parent you saw for the first time with complete clarity, a former lover—these provoke the most fear. Often the monster appears in the form of these people.

Oddly, in this form of monster sighting, the individual experiencing the individual never bought, cigarettes, and other long, thin, cylindrical objects intended for oral use.

The pulled quote style can also be used in the “Hot” section: “students may even assume include incomplete science projects, the second prom ticket the individual never bought, cigarettes, and other long, thin, cylindrical objects intended for oral use.”

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Mark Youngblood SGA Math Representative gyy93y@prism.gatech.edu

Negative writings paint wrong picture of Tech

There are many students at Tech who absolutely love this fine institution to which we belong and who actually enjoy our time here. I am one of those students and do not appreciate the disparaging comments made in last week’s “Hot or Not.” The “Hot” section: “students may even have a chance to avoid the shaft... but wait, it’s still Tech.” And also, “it was nice, if not a bit startling, to see people actually out and having fun in the middle of Yellow Jacket Park on a school day.”

Only a few times this week have I walked past Yellow Jacket Park on my way to and from class without seeing several students enjoying themselves with a game of Frisbee or other activities.

These negative comments further the stereotype that Tech students hate their lives and that this school is no fun. This attitude influences other students to feel the same way. Furthermore, this attitude significantly affects the impressions of visiting high school students and (I know from personal experience) influences many to not attend. This, in turn, brings down the quality of the institution.

I have no problem if you want to be negative and hate your academic and overall experiences at Tech, but please refrain from putting unfounded, biased, inflammatory comments in the newspaper that could have an effect on those students who genuinely love this amazing institution. Thank you.

Derek DeRaps
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While I believe that the committee took unprecedented leeway in enforcing an unintelligible election code, I openly admit that I made a mistake. I would like to thank everyone who supported my campaign, in particular those who donated their time and efforts to promote my candidacy. I promise you I’ll hear from me again next year.

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Nothin’ but Treble debuts first studio CD

By Nikhil Joshi

Nothin’ but Treble will release its first professional studio CD, “Caught Red Handed,” on April 21.

“One of girls sings really low, and that was the sound for the album,” Fox said. “We spent all day recording over and over again.”

The girls of Nothin’ but Treble used whatever resources they could get their hands on, working within a limited budget. Shannon Fatehi, the group’s music director and a fourth-year Biomedical Engineering major, gave the group “A Noise in an Inside Look at the Process.”

“We were starting from nothing and ended up making this compilation that was...our own studio. Wetonka screen and egg crate [bedding] and stapled it to frame to make a sound-proof recording studio. We had a recording retreat where we spent all day recording over and over again.”

With creative tricks like the screen-bedding homemade studio, Nothin’ but Treble stopped at nothing when it came to getting the right sound for the album.

“One of girls sings really low, and...growth, it was a blessing of raising $15,000.”

That was right. Need we say more? Plus, see how the Jackets compare to No. 5 Clemson in their upcoming game against the Wolverines.

CCF hosts benefit concert for Kenya

The Christian Campus Fellowship sponsored a free concert Monday night in order to raise money for Mission Masai, an initiative the CCF headed up six weeks ago to benefit the Kenyan Maasai tribe.

According to the CCF web site, the group’s mission is to "raise awareness of the Maasai tribe’s situation. Stevie Hale, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major, headed the planning and execution of the benefit concert. About 600 students showed up to the event, which was less than Hale expected, but he was nonetheless very pleased that CCF met its goal of raising $35,000.

“The goal of the concert was to raise awareness of the Maasai tribe’s situation,” said Hale. “With our goal — we got just over $15,000. The concert was a huge success,” he said. “That was a blessing to see how people could get together to change people’s lives.”

CCF raised about $22,000 in total for Mission Masai, an initiative that started six weeks ago to benefit the Kenyan Maasai tribe.

It may not be Christmas, but the spirit of giving is certainly in the air. The Christian Campus Fellowship (CCF) sponsored a free concert Monday night in order to raise money for Mission Masai, an initiative the CCF headed up six weeks ago to benefit the Kenyan Maasai tribe.

By Heather Hubble

The Nobel Laureate delivered the latest "Frontiers of Physics" lecture at Tech last Friday as part of the Frontiers of Physics lecture series hosted by the School of Physics.

Ketterle, the 2001 winner of the Nobel Prize in physics for his work with Bose-Einstein Condensates, spoke on the topic of "New Forms of Quantum Matter Near Absolute Zero Temperature." Ketterle is currently a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, specializing in ultracold physics.

The reason Ketterle’s lab group needs to achieve temperatures on the nanoKelvin scale is that decreases in temperature cause increases in the DeBroglie wavelength.

"A really cool experiment is to look at the wavelength of an atom in the DeBroglie regime, and then change the temperature of that atom to nanoKelvins and you see a huge increase in the wavelength. When the temperature is lowered enough to make the DeBroglie wavelength greater than the interatomic spacing, the wave properties of the atoms begin to dominate. "Physics is not changing when you change one parameter—you have to change the relative importance of two parameters to change the hierarchy" said Ketterle.

Ketterle’s lab group gathers information about the velocity distributions, and thus the temperature, of particles using...
The next Armani?  

By Manu Raghavan  
Coordinating Writer

How many home runs did Mickey Mantle hit throughout his career with the New York Yankees? “536,” said Thad Starner almost instantaneously in response to this question on the CBR news program 60Minutes. It may seem that Starner, a Computer Science professor at Tech and director of the Contextual Computing Group in the College of Computing, was a baseball buff, but his real secret to mastering arcane trivia was the computer he was wearing. That’s right, wearing.

When challenged to answer questions of trivia within 30 seconds while sitting in a television studio, Starner took up the challenge to demonstrate the possibilities made available by the research in the field of wearable computing.

He performed an internet search for Mantle’s baseball statistics, all the while looking at and chatting with his interviewers. He was able to do all of this wearing a computer that fit on his back, a keyboard that fit in one palm and a display the size of a postage stamp that attached to his eye wear.

Since his graduate school days at MIT in 1993, Starner has been working on inventing the ‘perfect’ prototype of a fully-functional, portable, wearable personal computer that blends into the background of the daily life of its user.

Like many computer users, he was irritated by the bulky, non-interactive nature of the mobile-computing paradigm.

To him, laptops and tablet PCs were huge and little more than shrunken clones of their desktop counterparts and demanded the complete attention of users on their monitors.

Personal digital assistants (PDAs) were only marginally better since they still required the use of both hands to operate and directed the user’s attention to a screen while distracting him or her from a conversation elsewhere.

In place of these socially disruptive machines he envisioned a computer that can move with its user while being operated, with a display of the digital world overlaid upon the real one, giving the user semi-real visuals previously only imagined by the creators of Hollywood characters like the Terminator and Robocop.

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Lindstrom: leader among women engineers at Tech

By Sarah Turner
Contributing Writer

Kirsten Lindstrom loves Tech. A graduating senior in Mechanical Engineering major from Marietta, Lindstrom has accomplished a great deal during her years at the Institute by contributing to the community as a woman in engineering.

Among other accomplishments, she is one of the founding members of Alpha Omega Epsilon, a professional and social sorority composed of female undergraduate engineering and Computer Science majors.

The Sigma Chapter of Alpha Omega Epsilon has hosted and participated in numerous philanthropic, professional and social events. The chapter has also sponsored several events to promote engineering among women on campus and in the Atlanta community.

“We hosted Introduce-a-girl-to-engineering Day, where we talked to middle school girls about being a woman in the engineering fields,’’ she said. Additionally, the Alpha Omega Epsilon chapter collaborated with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) in March to host ‘Girl Scout Day.’

“Over two hundred girl scouts in the third, fourth and fifth grades participated,” Lindstrom said. Alpha Omega Epsilon also provided volunteers for the USFIRST Robotics Competition.

Lindstrom has previously participated in the GT Crew Team for 2 years and is currently a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. She has also worked with the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) researching and developing new armor for military vehicles. “It really felt like I was affecting a soldier’s life,” she said.

Lindstrom is also a President’s Scholar.

“When it comes to what it takes to be successful at Tech, Lindstrom emphasizes the importance of getting to know your professors. “Creating a strong relationship with your professors is very important because the professors know about research on campus,” she said. “Often times, they will receive information personally from employers about job offers for students. Professors help you further your career; it is crucial that you invest time in your professors.”

Lindstrom admits she was nervous when confronting her professors at first and said it was imperative to develop this habit early on during one’s college career.

“Tech has been a very humbling experience,” she said. “I have been honored to make friends with people who will become some of the top professionals of their time.

After graduating, Lindstrom plans to work for General Electric Company in the company’s security operations program.

Kirsten Lindstrom, a Mechanical Engineering senior at Tech, helped found Alpha Omega Epsilon. The professional and social sorority is for women in engineering and computer science.
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she wanted to make sure she could hit her very lowest note at one of her songs,” Fatehi said. “So she got up first thing in the morning and did all her recording. We did all kinds of fun stuff like that just to get the sound that we wanted.”

The project was very demanding but rewarding, according to Fatehi.

“We released a live CD a while ago but this is our first professional studio CD,” Fatehi said. “It’s really been a turning point for our group. You have to do so much work to get to the point where you’d even be able to do this. We have a lot of hard-working girls and lots of musically gifted people.”

The album’s title comes from the organization’s name—females tend to perform as trebles (Nothin but Treble) and the group is “in trouble” (“Caught Red Handed”).

The name, Fatehi said, allowed for creativity in CD art and concert ideas.

Fund raising for the CD took years, according to Fatehi. Most of the money came from ticket sales for concerts at Tech and private gigs.

“The CD project was a pretty big financial undertaking,” she said. “We had been planning it for awhile. We learned a lot from [Tech’s all-male capella group, Sympathetic Vibrations], who produced their first CD before us. Getting all the equipment and everything took about a year. We have been raising money for a long time.”

After the girls finished recording and editing, Nothin but Treble sent the album off to a mixer based in Boston, Mass.

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Starner’s work in contextual computing extends beyond creating wearable solutions. His group is also involved in creating applications that can interpret and teach American Sign Language (ASL) to the hearing-impaired, by analyzing motion.

One recent project involved making a mobile English-to-ASL phrase-translator game to be used by the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD) in teaching ASL to its students.

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a $20,000, very fast and very high resolution camera to photograph the particles both before and very soon after they are released from their electromagnetic containment. Comparing the shape of the cloud of particles before release to the shape of the cloud after release gives Ketterle’s lab group information about the velocities of the particles which make up the cloud.

“The hallmark of Bose-Einstein Condensates is that there’s a group of molecules at zero temperature that doesn’t expand,” said Ketterle. When temperatures are on the order of nanoKelvins, Ketterle can manipulate matter with lasers no more powerful than a simple laser-pointer in ways which would require lasers more powerful than anyone on earth can build to accomplish at room temperature.

Much of the importance of Ketterle’s work has to do with creating and studying strong interactions between the particles in the systems Ketterle works with. “Let’s face it: Life and physics get more interesting when there are strong interactions,” said Ketterle.

Resonant interactions have infinite strength. When you have strong interactions, said Ketterle, you see interactions so strong that they are limited only by other physical parameters such as the Fermi energy.

At cold enough temperatures, bound states are particles with integer spin, condense into the same quantum state, and thus become completely correlated and incredibly strongly interacting. “Atomic clocks tick slower when you have multiple atoms in one state” said Ketterle, giving an example of the strange phenomena that occur when systems of atoms become strongly correlated and strongly interacting.

Ketterle predicts that because the atoms in the ultra-cold systems he studies are both strongly correlated and strongly interacting, his results will shed light on such topics as high temperature superconductors and spin liquids, which are also systems in which the atoms are strongly correlated and strongly interacting.

“Ultra-cold atoms are a toolbox for designer matter,” said Ketterle. In Ketterle’s ultra-cold systems, where atoms can be very easily manipulated, there are many possibilities for creation of new configurations of matter.

“It’s been ten exciting years since the advent of Bose-Einstein condensates—I really feel that the field is brimming with excitement,” said Wolfgang Ketterle, Nobel Laureate in Physics.

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Since Mission Maasai began only 6 weeks ago, Hale had to plan quickly. Luckily, he was able to take advantage of an available spot in the Ferst Center. “The Ferst Center happened to have that day, April 10, open for us to book. Usually you have to book a year in advance; this was really a blessing,” Hale said.

Hale said the money will go directly to the ones in need because of CCF’s contacts in Africa.

“We have contacts with a couple missionaries in East Africa, so we can send money directly out there without going through other organizations—we know every dollar we send will reach [the Maasai].” The first time you try to [organize] something like this, 100 percent success is so rare, I was very happy. My goal is $100,000 by the end of the summer for the Maasai people.”

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Women’s tennis ends their season this year at home after losing two consecutive matches. Page 33

Cafe, Big Boi perform at Sting Break

By Echeazona Ukah
Staff Writer

I wasn’t too sure what to expect from this year’s Sting Break concert which was headlined by Cake and Big Boi. However, on seeing the discos ball—surprisingly requested by Cake—hanging off the stage’s ceiling, I began to get the sense that it would be a very playful affair at the very least, especially considering the vibrant interview of Big Boi.

Before the Big Boi interview and before Cake came on, I got a chance to talk with the eminently cool Sleepy Brown. He threw some light on how his music-making process works. “I don’t think about it. The music just comes, you just do what you feel,” he said. “Listen to the man,” said Scar, one of the vocalists on Big Boi’s newly-formed label, Purple Ribbon All-Stars. Unfortunately, before the interview progressed much farther, the concert was beginning, and I had to leave.

On taking the stage, Cake immediately got down to business and creatively introduced themselves after the first song. “We are going to try to sing for you. What’s [the expletive] is that?” said John Mena, the lead singer. They performed several of their new songs and classics including “Comanche” and “Frank Sinatra” which got the crowd quite excited.

Contrary to what many may think, there were quite a few Cake fans there, many of whom were dancing and singing to the music. “I was more of a fan of Cake. I preferred more of their old stuff,” said Deanna Gray, first year Industrial Engineering major.

After Cake’s performance, I sat back and got to ask him a few questions. When asked why he named his label Purple Ribbon, he explained that “purple is the color of royalty” and that he has assembled some of the finest artists who have lots of different flavors to bring to music fans everywhere.

Pat McGee returns to roots

By Hilary Lipko
Advertising Manager

The Pat McGee Band’s fourth album, Save Me, is a landmark album of sorts for both the band and its fans. As the band’s first release with Kid and Records, it marks a sort of return to the band’s roots as an independent act. However, it shows the kind of growth that might be expected from a band that has been making music for nearly 10 years.

Save Me is the kind of record that you can listen to from start to finish without wanting to skip tracks that either aren’t as good as the rest or that don’t really fit with the feel of the rest of the album. Every song is vivid and the tracks are ordered in such a way that you don’t feel like you’re being jerked around in some sort of musical identity crisis.

There are a number of tracks that stand out among the rest. However, “Beautiful Ways,” the first song on the album, provides a wonderful pre-view to the tone of the rest of the album and serves to draw the listener in with a driving, syncopated rhythm that complements the somewhat melancholy mood that the lyrics would otherwise create if paired with some other sort of backing. The same could be said of many of the songs on this record, which is why “Beautiful Ways” is such a good introductory song.

“Must Have Been Love” was released as a single off of this album, with a few questions. When asked why he named his label Purple Ribbon, he explained that “purple is the color of royalty” and that he has assembled some of the finest artists who have lots of different flavors to bring to music fans everywhere.

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[Live performances] are by far the best way to experience the band’s music.

Dogwood comes to Midtown

By Michael Ng
Staff Writer

The only thing more depressing to a Tech student than looming finals is the inability to relax and unwind early in preparation for the end of the semester. So for those who missed out on the Dogwood Festival last weekend, make it a point to attend next year—your sanity will thank you. Held in Piedmont Park every year, the Dogwood Festival has been celebrating the blossoming of the dogwood trees in Georgia since 1936. Its cultural significance and importance to Atlanta extends beyond simple dendrology appreciation. The festival marks one of the earliest points every year when residents come out in droves to enjoy the spring weather and jubilant atmosphere.

In addition to spearheading From the Passion of the Dogwoods to the Various Kinds of Goodness of Dogwoods, the festival featured many other events such as live performances, fine arts, crafts, and food. Some of the acts that stood out included the Pat McGee Band, who performed en route to their Spring Break concert, and Big Boi, who performed in a joint concert with Cake at the beginning of the festival.

In addition to the musical performances, the festival also featured many craft vendors and food stands, with many local businesses setting up booths to sell their wares. The festival also featured various art exhibits, with many local artists showing off their work.

With a roster of artists such as the very energetic Killer Mike, Black poured, and Sleepy Brown, one can see the basis for his claim. Particularly noteworthy is the Kas- nate Nalle Janelle Monáe, who also performed her single, “Lettin’ Go.”


Little Exhibition That Could

The “Portals to Shangri-La: Masterpieces from Buddhist Mongolia” exhibition at the Oglethorpe University Museum of Art planned to showcase artwork from a now-botted Mongolian museum loan. Through the quick work of Oglethorpe administrators and exhibitor organizers, the show now features Mongolian pieces from private collections across the US. The exhibition runs through Aug. 6 and admission is $5.

Black Eyed Peas play Chastain

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Brick brings film noir to teen drama

Joseph Gordon, better known as the kid from Third Rock from the Sun, plays our protagonist Brendan Frye in this film noir teen drama.

By Daniel Griffin
Contributing Writer

Not many film noirs surface these days, yet when crisp ones do, it’s a breath of fresh air; they dig down into the underground drug scene where Frye’s ex-girlfriend has become entangled. With a sly, stylish flair, both Frye and the Brain speak in cryptic slang, giving each other the scoop on the dealings of Pin (the drug overlord), the knockouts of Tugg (his lackey), or the blackmailing of Dode (a no-good local punk) with quick spurs of rundown wrapped within metaphors that reveal their intricate plans for infiltrating the underworld beneath the high school.

The plot quickly becomes complicated, yanking the audience around in circles, doubling back and flying off the handle. We see what

Chocolate and dead people

The Fernbank Museum of Natural History is currently offering an intriguing pair of exhibits: “Chocolate: The Exhibition” and “A Celebration of Souls: Day of the Dead in Southern Mexico.” Both exhibits run through mid-August. Call ahead or check the website (www.fernbank.edu/museum) for specific dates of workshops and tasting sessions.

Do you remember MST3K?

Help celebrate The Basement Theater’s second birthday by joining Buckhead’s premier improv group for “Cinepro,” where performers add voices, sound effects, and snarky commentary over hilariously bad movies such as Grease 2 and Jaws 2. It’s not exactly Joel and the boys, but it’ll do in a pinch. The event occurs Fridays at 9 p.m. Student tickets are $3. The Basement is located at 175 W. Wieuca Road NE, Suite B3.

Teapots are so hot right now

If you’re looking to spearhead the next hip trend before all the other bandwagon jumpers catch on, keep your eye on the tea scene. Yes, there is such a thing as a tea scene. No, really.

The Seen Gallery in Decatur will be one of the anchors for this year’s Atlanta Teapot Festival, which starts on Saturday. Check http://www.atlantateapotfestival.com for the full schedule and list of participating venues.

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the spring and summer festivals in Atlanta each year, the Dogwood Festival stands as one of the premier events in the country. Sunshine Art Magazine recently ranked the festival #16 out of the top 200 shows in the United States.

This year the Dogwood Festival took place on the weekend of April 7-9 and featured 27 food vendors, an artist market with over 200 vendors and live music on four stages. For those interested in more unique offerings, this year’s festival also showcased the “Rhythm and Blooms Party” and the U.S. Disc Dog Southern Nationals. The former was a pre-Grammy party celebration of the festival’s 70th anniversary. The party, which cost $35 in advance ($50 at the park), included complimentary food, drinks, spirits and music provided by the Atlanta Chapter of the Recording Academy. A ticket to the event also conferred VIP seating for the concert and an excuse to feel like royalty for a day.

For those who wanted to experience the festival on the cheap, the U.S. Disc Dog Nationals was the main attraction. It is the premier Frisbee Dog competition in the South, and winners from this contest are invited to the U.S. National Finals. This year, the competition was held on both Saturday and Sunday, and I must admit that I spent a majority of my time at the festival relaxing and watching dogs catch Frisbees. For me, the dog competition combined the unintentional hilarity of Best in Show with the pure awe of witnessing skilled animal performances. On Saturday, the trainers competed in the Advanced Freestyle contest, during which dogs performed gravity-defying flips, Vaudeville-esque dances and Frisbee-related tricks. Sunday’s Toss and Fetch focused more on distance throws and dog stamina. The crowd adored the performances, although a number of dogs could be heard barking insults at their rivals throughout the day.

The staple drawing power of festivals such as these is the plethora of art vendors and concession stands. However, I did not spend an inordinate amount of time perusing the art; once you’ve seen one homemade rendering of a tribal scene you’ve seen them all. And unless you are a well-endowed, avid supporter of local art, I would recommend window shopping and saving your money for a poster of comparable art.

By the same token, there are only so many funnel cakes you can eat before vomiting from overindulgence because of overpriced food. Or maybe that’s just indigestion. Still, it is impossible to go to festivals and not sample the foot-long corn dogs and roasted peanuts. Just remember to start fasting a day before and prepare yourself for the long haul.

Aside from the canine competition, I spent the remainder of my time at the main stage of the Entertainment Village, which featured performances by the likes of Edwin McCain and the Cherry Poppin’ Daddies. Therein lays the beauty of the Dogwood Festival.

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For a student like me, the festival is a weekend to escape the drudgery of Tech and celebrate life with friends and fellow Atlantans. And if you still think the festival has nothing to offer you, consider that beer stations are located every 50 feet.

A dog and owner enjoy themselves at the U.S. Disc Dog Nationals, a huge event for the owners, and game of fetch for the dogs.

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Frye sees, yet he always remains just a half step ahead of what is revealed to the audience, spurring the film to display the reflections of the surface, but not what lies beneath. Thankfully, the tired habit of using shadows as the end-all be-all of film noir is dialled down here, with the film relying more on light contrasts and blue tones to convey distance from the truth. Low-camera shots reflect the menacing quality of Frye’s encounters with the drug runners and, coupled with high shots sheltering Frye’s face from view, reiterate the inability to decipher exactly what he is planning.

Despite these attributes, Brick does have its shortcomings. The movie’s femme fatale is revealed so early and bluntly that it leaves little mystery to the ultimate outcome of his arduous investigation. And though the journey is more important, this lack of deception becomes distracting in an effort to become immersed in the present without looking to the obvious future. Film noir is made to lead the audience in their own direction, and in this respect, Brick fails short.

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Two Bits Man rants at length about some random made up ice cream magnate/full boreloon

“NO U TURNS IN LOT. Frothy Treats Vehicles ONLY.” That phrase is on the sign on the gate of a compound full of vans near my house. If one didn’t know any better, one would think whomever commissioned that sign was a direct relative of the Soup Nazi of Seinfeld fame. Let’s call this person who commissioned this “Ice-cream Malone,” a Jenny Craig-era gangster. And just in case this person is female, her name is probably Mama “Ice” Malone. I like the sound of Mama Malone so I think I would assume that the sign is by a female who in actuality is named Mama “Ice” Malone. What follows is a biography of sorts of Mama “Ice” Malone—no “Mrs.” because she’d inevitably want to be called “Mrs. Mama Ice’ Malone,” and that’s a very painful tongue twister.

She is in her 40s or 50s or 60s, maybe even in her 70s. (As her biographer, I shy away from commitments especially since she always insists, “A lady never tells her age.”) Her government name is part creamy and part tough-cookie toughness. She strongly believes in “not sparing the rod, because that would spoil the child.”

A few decades ago, she read a Psychology Today article about how psychologists were hypothesizing that it, in fact, was better to spare the rod and send the child to a time-out. Right then and there she knew that parents everywhere would soon believe in such “scientific bull’s crap.” That was when she invented the method of selling ice cream to children everywhere through ice-cream trucks blaring “enticing tunes.”

Her thinking was that parents of expensive children would need a method of disciplining them. Therefore, she foresaw that the ability of a parent to make threats like, “If you don’t eat your vegetables, you won’t get any ice-cream when the ice-cream van gets here,” would become an invaluable parenting tool.

The enticing tune was necessary to induce not only a Pavlovian response, but also to send a stubborn child’s stubborn-ness into oblivion when he/she has to stay in because of something wrong the child has done to deserve a time-out. Her prediction came through and once parents bought into the “scientific bull’s crap,” she struck gold, particularly in the early ’90s, appearing on the cover of Time Magazine as 1995 Person of The Year right beside Bill Gates.

Since 1995, she has garnered numerous awards including multiple snags of the coveted Ice Cream Emperor award from the Academy of Creamy Crystalline Ice-Cream (ACC Ice-Cream) held every year in—where else?—Iceland. She is truly an Ice Cream Empress. No one else deserves it more, said one of her competitors, Mr. Flavus. Mr. Flavus was nominated for the same award.

Ms. Malone comes from modest beginnings. She attended a Catholic boarding school on the border of Wisconsin and Canada. Her down-to-earth personality is very apparent; despite her riches, she drives a 1974 DeVille coupe that her grandson submitted to MTV’s Pimp My Ride last summer.

After a makeover by none other than rapper Xabiit, it now boasts an ice-cream maker in the trunk, but no spare tire. She subsequently punished her grandson by forcing him to sell ice cream in the Home Park area. He made no tips. When asked how she is able to achieve such success, she immediately credits her associates or “ice men” as she fondly calls them. “I encourage my ice men to put in 110 percent, or even go that extra mile to make it 111 percent,” she said.

Ms. Malone has just finished building a music studio in her basement. She spends her evenings in the studio making ice cream-themed mix-tapes that are the toast of the underground music scene. She is currently working on a project to remix Bubba Sparxxx’s “Ms. New Booty” into something more too-friendly for preschoolers and tweens everywhere. It’s scheduled to debut on Radio Disney over the weekend.

Despite her multiple successes in life, Ms. Malone does have her regrets. Among other things, she reminisces on the great ice cream-frozen yogurt conflict of the early 1930s. In this ill-documented armed conflict, various ice cream and yogurt companies went to war over domination of the after-dinner and perfect-summertime snack world market.

After a four month stalemate, Ms. Malone pulled out her ace for the ice cream camp: a top-secret polymer-based ice cream that would never melt. Ever. Remember the atomic bomb? Yeah, this is nothing like that. This involves futuristic, indestructible ice cream.

The frozen yogurt companies were unprepared for its impact, and frozen yogurt never regained its pre-1930s stature as an important food.

As for why she has the sign on the gate? She says she cannot expose the subject for security reasons. After pushing the subject further, she had this to say: “The absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence. Think about that.”

Heavenly, I think I need ice cream.

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**Weekly Activities**

**Feature Movie:**
**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**
Friday, April 14 8:00 PM
Free outdoor movie @ Yellow Jacket Park

**Tie Dye and Ice Cream**
Tuesday, April 18 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Skiles Walkway
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Student Center Ballroom
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**Live Lunch Concert**
Thursday, April 20 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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Pick up your free ticket to Midnight Breakfast; Event is on May 2.
Enjoy a free breakfast, served by staff and faculty, during finals week.

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April 20 7:30PM
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The Georgia Tech lacrosse team hosted MIT on March 30. The Jackets downed the Beavers 11-3. On April 1 the Lacrosse team traveled to Knoxville to take on the Tennessee team, and again the Jackets were victorious. This time it was by a score of 10-2. Last Saturday the lacrosse team traveled to North Carolina to take on the N.C. State Wolfpack, who downed Tech 7-8. Tomorrow the team will face Georgia in a game played at the Chattahoochee High School Stadium. The game begins at 12:30 p.m.

S-ball

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“We had problems in the first game, but picked it up in the second one. We’ve been kind of in a rut lately in hitting, pitching and everything else,” Amy Hosier said.

Wednesday’s second game also had an unusual ending. The Jackets dominated the third inning with five runs. Haller, Hull and Brown each had a pair of RBIs as the Jackets held a six-run lead. Haller’s 19th home run came in the fourth inning, giving the Jackets two more runs. Sheridan responded to a Furman three-run inning with a double and two runs batted in.

“Today, we really got the batters together,” Sheridan said. “Everyone was kind of in a divot.” Sheridan was hit by a pitch in the sixth inning with bases loaded, allowing for the game-winning run to score.

Haller was unused by the game’s ending. “It was a long game, long day. We all wanted it to end somehow, that was a weird way to end it, but whatever works.” The Jackets won 11-3 with 10 hits in six innings.

On Tuesday, the Jackets defeated the Georgia Southern Eagles at Glenn Field by a score of 8-0. Wood and Lacey Richardson pitched for the Jackets. Haller and Brown each earned a hit for the Jackets.

As a team, we really needed to break out hitting during last weekend. See the ball, hit the ball. Pitching just needs to keep us in games,” Haller said.

In the fifth inning, Hosier earned her sixth home run. The Jackets came close to scoring again with the bases loaded. However, a force out at home and a double play prevented the Jackets from scoring again.

“We didn’t hit as much as we are capable. Plus, we got jammed a lot. We had fundamental and mental issues,” said Haller, who identified the major problem of last weekend as pitching. “We struggled early in the game, but we also needed to pick it up for hitting. So, they both went hand in hand.”

Pitchers Whitney Humphreys and Richardson had a combined three strike outs on Saturday.

Wood only allowed one run on Sunday’s first game. Richardson earned her second save of the season. Brown hit the game-winning two-run homer as the Jackets won 4-3. Morales’s fourth inning double led to two runs scored, and Brown’s two-run homer increased the Jacket lead to 4-1. Sheridan said that the most significant factor for Sunday’s win was “facing one of their other pitchers. It was a long day and emotional win in the first game.”

After relieving Haller in the sixth inning, Richardson earned a strike out and helped the Jackets ease out of a bases-loaded jam. Richardson also earned the save, as the Jackets won 4-3.

Freshman Blair Shimandle hit a three-run homer and three RBIs during Sunday’s nightcap.

Sheridan said that the team “had to dig deep to get more runs to tie (the second game).”

“When one thing is not going all right it seems to affect other things. It’s hard to identify one thing. For example, when you’re not hitting you tend to do badly on defense, and it all kinda snowballs. We need somebody to step up and be a spark plug and get some key defensive plays and hits. We need to get some wins back,” Sheridan said.

“That was a rough weekend and a low point of a slump. The last game was a heartbreaker. They came back and scored. ACC is a tough conference.”

Haller labeled the series against N.C. State as a “learning weekend.”

“The past weekend didn’t hurt us too bad, but we have to pick it up for the conference series coming up,” Haller said.

The Jackets will play all of next week’s games at Glenn Field. Haller looks forward to playing at home.

“It’s nice. Traveling is tiring. We’ve been away for a while. We like playing on our field that we know so well and having our fans come. To have our fan base here, it’s a game changer.”

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In their own words.
Golf ends regular season

Barbosa takes fourth at final meet; team prepares for ACC and NCAA competition

By Michael Warwick
Controlling Writer

The Tech golf team is back on the upcoming headed into the post-season. After starting the semester strong with a victory in Hawaii, the Jackets posted three lackluster performances in the Atlanta area since 2000. The golf team sought to live up to its billing as the ACC’s 4th team in the nation throughout the year but finished 8th at the ACC Men’s Championship last year. The Jackets opened the 36-hole first day with a solid round of 290 [2-over-par/20] that put them in third place. After falling back with a second round of 298 [10-over-par/10], the team improved on the third day and shot a 288 [even-par/12], which was the second-best final round in the tournament. Tech finished in a tie for fourth out of the 13 teams.

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Four Jackets take first in track and field events

By Matthew Winkler
Contributing Writer

The men’s and women’s track and field teams competed at the Spec Invitational over the weekend in Athens. Four Jackets placed first in their respective events.

Jerome Miller posted a mark of 7' 7.25 inches in the men’s high jump to take first place. The mark was a season best as well as an NCAA Region mark. He also placed a mark of 46.0 feet, 0.25 inches in the triple jump to record a fourth-place finish.

In the hammer throw, senior Eric Massey had a career day. He set a personal record as well as an NCAA qualifying mark of 199 feet, 3 inches, to take first place in the competition.

In the men’s 1500m, junior David Herlent placed first with a time of 3:54.32.

Andrzej Lapalek finished first in the women’s 100m dash with a time of 11.48. She also finished sixth place in the 100m hurdles and fifth place in the triple jump to post her third top-five finish of the meet.

This weekend the track team travels to Knoxville, Tenn. to compete in the Sea Ray Relays.

Top 8 Finishes from the Spec Invitational

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Jackets win two close matches

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Today's match also marks the last home match for senior Marko Rajevac.

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Jon’s game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was faring well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playwright-predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well-endowed socially famous for trashing 5-Star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwitting recipients alike with his family’s fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This prompted Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon’s account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman’s affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.

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Keep Your Cool. Axe Dry.
Women drop first two ACC matches

By Asif Heerji
Assistant Sports Editor

Winning 16 of their last 18 matches, including an unbeaten 7-0 record against ACC foes, the Tech women’s tennis team faced their toughest stretch of opponents last weekend as they traveled to North Carolina to take on the No. 5 North Carolina Tar Heels and the No. 14 Duke Blue Devils.

Last Saturday Tech’s doubles duo of Kristi Miller and Lyndsay Shosho, ranked No. 16 overall in the nation, upset the No. 7 team of Sara Amundsen and Jenna Long of North Carolina to tie the doubles point. The first doubles match went to the Tar Heels as Meg Fanjoy and Austin Smith defeated Kacie Anson and Alison Silverio 8-2.

In the final doubles, which would determine the doubles point, Kelly Anderson and Whitney McCray led 6-4 when play had to be moved indoors. Once the match moved indoors, UNC’s tandem of Caitlin Collins and Tanja Markovic rallied to win the doubles point from Tech, 8-6.

Top ranked singles player, Miller, led off the singles scoring as she defeated UNC’s top singles player, Collins, in straight sets to take the first point and tie the match 1-1. UNC had taken the match when Smith and Amundsen won their singles against No. 71 Tatryn Rudman, No. 52 Shosho and No. 62 Silverio, but Miller did not allow anyone to get on base and struck out two.

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Sophomore Whitney McCray split her singles and doubles matches in the state of North Carolina this past weekend. The Jackets fell to North Carolina and Duke for their first back-to-back losses in two years.

On Sunday, the Jackets played a double header that started at 11 a.m. and ended only one per page.

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be our starter. I thought he pitched great at Virginia Tech and has been a valuable player for us all year long,” Head Coach Danny Hall said.

So far this season, Berken is 4-2 with a 1.69 ERA and a 1.36 WHIP.

On the final game of the series, freshman David Duncan will start for the Jackets against Clemson’s Stephen Faris. This season Duncan is 2-1 with a 5.57 ERA and a 1.61 WHIP. Faris has a 4-0 record with a 1.75 ERA and a 0.88 WHIP.

This game may have special meaning for Matt Wieters, a native from Goose Creek, S.C.

“Clemson is always a great team. It’s a special series for me because they are a hometown team. They were recruiting me a little bit coming out of high school. We’ll have a few people here rooting for me, but I don’t know if they will be rooting for Tech,” Wieters said.

By Patrick Odneal

SPORTS

Students organize racquetball tournament, Swing into Spring

With the end of phase I intramural competition, a few campus racquetball players decided to organize a campus tournament to continue competitive play. Thus the “Swing into Spring” tournament was created, and hundreds of students expressed interest in competing in the event. The tournament featured a handful of players who are ranked in the state of Georgia.

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Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays a teenage loner who must investigate the disappearance of his girlfriend. Page 21

Baseball hosts No. 5 Clemson this weekend
By William Bretherton
Staff Writer

The Jacket baseball team plays a decisive series against the No. 5 Clemson Tigers this weekend, starting today. Tech is currently 8-7 in ACC play, and only 3-8 in their last six games in the conference.

In all the time series against Clemson, the Jackets and Tigers have split the series 90-90. In the last two seasons against the Tigers, the Jackets have won six out the last seven games.

The pitching match-ups are key for both the Jackets and the Tigers. For Tech, the season has been a story of inconsistency. The pitching has shown signs of brilliance and at other times mediocrity.

Against Clemson, Tech’s pitching staff will need to give a similar effort to the one they gave in the series against North Carolina earlier this season where the Tar Heels scored only three runs in three games.

Today junior Blake Wood will make the start. This season, Wood has a 2.8-3 record, a 4.47 ERA and a 1.60 WHIP. The Tigers will throw their senior starter, Josh Cribb. Cribb is 6-0 with a 1.98 ERA and a 0.95 WHIP this season.

The probable starters for Saturday’s game are Jared Hyatt for Tech, and junior Jason Berkens for Clemson. Hyatt made his first start of his career against Virginia Tech last week.

“[Hyatt’s] going to start Saturday. With Gustation out, he’s going to.

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Softball picks up three wins against non-ACC schools
By Randy Darnowski
Contributing Writer

The Jackets swept the Furman Paladins during a doubleheader at Glenn Field Wednesday. Tech set school records for most stolen bases in a game and most runs scored and RBIs in a season.

Freshman Whitney Haller hit another pair of home runs. As of Wednesday Haller had hit for second in the nation with 19 home runs.

“It feels good. I’ve been in a hitting slump lately, and it was nice to hit the ball hard,” Haller said.

Last weekend was unbelievable, and I tried to hit the ball hard and out of the fence. At the same time, I was doing whatever I could to help my team.

Junior pitcher Sarah Wood threw for nine innings on Wednesday, three innings in the first game and six innings in the second game.

“To throw that many innings is incredible. Sarah Wood did an awesome job,” said Haller, who is a pitcher herself. “The week went well, and our pitching staff is getting better and better. That’s what you want to see as the season progresses. We want to reach a peak going into the post season. Out major strength for today was stamina.”

Senior Christine Sheridan, who hit 6-7, combined with sophomore Savannah Brown for six of the Jacket RBIs.

“This was a great day for me,” Sheridan said. “I broke up a slump and was trying to keep up my defense and offense. It really boosted my confidence.”

In the first game Wednesday, sophomores Stephanie Butler and Aileen Morales each blasted a two-run homer, and Haller hit a solo home run. In the fourth inning, Butler hit another two-run home blast.

The game was tied at 5-5 after six innings. The seventh and eighth innings and the top half of the ninth inning all saw no scoring. To start the bottom of the ninth inning, Sheridan was placed on second base, in accordance with the international tie breaker rule. Sheridan scored the game-winning run on a wild pitch. The Jackets earned six runs and eight hits.

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By John Bargman, Staff Photographer

Freshman first baseman Luke Murton had two hits and drove in two runs in Wednesday night’s game against the Georgia Bulldogs. Murton also drove in two runs against the Virginia Tech Hokies Sunday in Blacksburg, Va.

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