



## String of burglaries targets frats



By Blake Israel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Phi Delta Theta is one of five fraternities that was burglarized on Saturday morning.

By Sijia Cai  
Staff Writer

Five separate fraternity houses were broken into between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, June 1. Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, and Lambda Chi all reported burglaries, and a criminal trespass was committed at Sigma Alpha Epsilon, where an Isuzu Rodeo was damaged.

There were no signs of forced entry at any of the houses. "These are crimes of opportunity. The perpetrators are coming into unlocked rooms when people are asleep and taking whatever they see," said Captain Regina Rogers of the Georgia Tech Police Department.

The criminals targeted laptops, cash, and credit cards that

were lying in the rooms that they were broken into. Theta Chi was the hardest hit of the five fraternity houses, with four separate rooms burglarized.

Lambda Chi and Phi Delta Theta each reported one room burglarized, and Sigma Nu reported the house's flat-screen TV stolen.

There have been no suspects identified in the case yet, but GTPD is working with several agencies in the Atlanta area to follow up on potential leads. So far, they have located a

laptop-stealing ring but have not determined if the stolen Georgia Tech laptops are involved.

"We typically see a rise in burglaries during the summertime, when there are fewer people on campus. The key thing is for people to lock their doors," Rogers said. A physical security specialist will conduct a security survey of any fraternity house that requests one, which involves inspecting the house and making recommendations as to further security measures that could be taken.

**"[Crime] is a serious problem, and by no means unique to Greek houses."**

**Buck Cooke**  
Director of Greek Affairs

"We've been educating the chapters on how to make their environment safer. This is a serious problem, but by no means unique to the Greek houses," said Buck Cooke, Director of Greek Affairs.

"We've got better locks now, but I do think the security could still be worked on... As for my laptop, my insurance company was very cooperative, and I now have a new one," said Lina Skandalakis, a second-year Psychology major and one of the victims.

"Obviously, the criminals are either people who blend in with the community and are very experienced with stealing laptops, or Tech students who know how to thwart anti-theft technologies," Rogers said.

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## Stadium to switch light systems

By Yoon Kim  
Contributing Writer

The Athletic Association has begun the process of making a switch from manual breakers to solar breakers and photocells at Bobby Dodd Stadium. The switch to solar breakers and photocells will mean less light being output from the stadium during daylight hours.

"[We] have not made a switch yet, but anticipate it's completion in July," said Shawn Teske, Director of Athletic Facilities.

The Athletic Association's switch was influenced in part by a student project in the spring by then-freshmen students for EAS professor Kim Cobb's carbon reduction challenge.

The team was comprised of Biomedical Engineering major Christine Amuzie, Mechanical Engineering major Jonathan Effgen, and Biomedical Engineering major Vivian Fan.

For the project, the students asked the stadium to turn off its lights for 24 hours over the span of Earth Week last spring in order to reduce carbon output.

Seeing the results, the Athletic Association then heavily considered switching the stadium to more carbon efficient technology for the future.

"It is a matter of ecological and well as fiscal responsibility to react to [the students'] concerns in a positive and constructive manner," Teske said.

Prior to the student project, Teske and the Athletic Association had looked into the option of solar breakers and photocells for the stadium; however, no action was made.

The solar breakers would turn off the circuits for electricity in certain lights in the stadium, according to the photocell. The photocell would be used to turn the lights on and off according to the cycles of daylight.

Following the Earth Week project by Amuzie, Effgen, and Fan, it was determined that turning off the lights reduced over 25 metric tons of carbon.

In addition, the stadium and facilities

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## Balfour named new dean of Architecture

By Georgia Davis  
Copy Editor

Alan Balfour was named the new Dean of the College of Architecture, which includes music, industrial design, and architecture majors, effective July 1.

Balfour will replace former dean Thomas Galloway, who passed away March of last year. The search for a replacement stretched over a year, with professor Douglas Allen serving as the interim dean until one was found.

"I have known Alan as a colleague and friend for 30 years, and have long held a deep admiration for his commitment to higher education in design, in architecture, in construction, planning and the arts. He has both a broad vision for the role of our disciplines in the construction of sustainable futures as well as deep administrative experience both at Georgia Tech and at significant peer institutions. I look forward to his arrival and to a bright and exciting future building upon the strengths within the College and the Institute,"

Allen said in a press release from the College of Architecture.

After searching for over a year, the College of Architecture officially named Balfour as the new

dean. Previously, Balfour had held the role of dean of the architecture schools at universities such as Rice University in Houston, Texas, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in

Troy, New York, where he increased programs, technology usage, and interdisciplinary curriculums. In addition, Balfour has also served as the Architecture program director at Tech from 1977 to 1987.

Balfour received his Diploma in Architecture from Edinburgh College of Art in Edinburgh, Scotland and his Masters in Architecture from Princeton University as a Fulbright Scholar. He began his career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

From MIT, he came to Tech serving as the director of the architecture department at Tech, prior to the creation of the college. While serving as the director of the Tech's Architecture department, he established the structure for an interrelated curricula between Tech and the Institute Technologie, Architecture et Urbanisme (ITAU) in Tunisia.

As Balfour enters as Tech's newest Dean of Architecture, he brings with him his work from previous director and



Courtesy of the College of Architecture

Architect Alan Balfour brings to Tech his ideas of interdisciplinary learning and creating a global community as he becomes dean.

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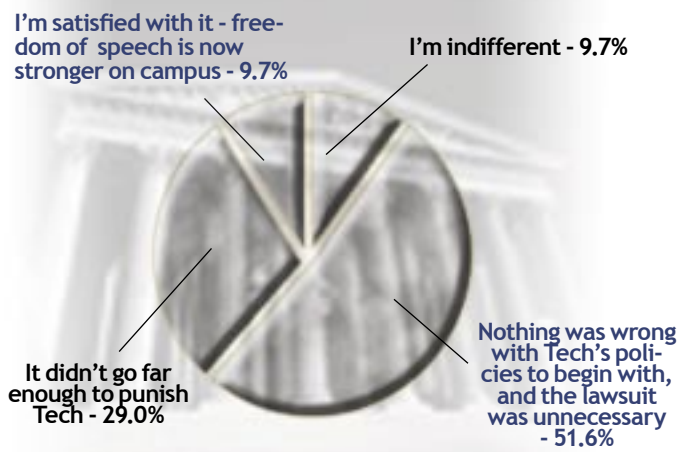
By Ben Lipford / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Installed solar breakers and photocells would reduce light and carbon output at Bobby Dodd Stadium after July.



**TechniqueOnline** Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 31 responses.

**What do you think of the *Sklar v. Clough* outcome?**

Poll graphic by Robert Combier / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

**How are you dealing with the summer heat?**Tell us at [www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)**Missouri hacking**

Georgia Tech police are beginning a criminal investigation with the Office of Information Technology into hacked computers in Missouri. Police were called to meet with a representative from OIT's Information Security department on April 30.

OIT was contacted by Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) April 14, after someone from Tech was allegedly accessing the password reset web page at SEMO. Student passwords were then being reset.

SEMO provided OIT and the Tech police with two Tech IP addresses and log files containing dates and times the site was accessed. OIT then launched its own internal investigation.

OIT then determined that a Tech employee had been resetting the passwords and alerted police. The police advised OIT to begin a criminal investigation of the of the employee's actions.

From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**By Vivian Fan,  
News Editor**Upside down office**

Tech police were called to the Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech Office on June 5 by an employee. The employee arrived at the office to find that all the spot lights had been turned around and all of the posters and the material on the were turned upside down. Also, a chalk outline resembling a human body was drawn on the floor, and a small stuffed horse was left hanging on the ceiling by string.

The assistant director of the office believes to know who conducted the crime, but an internal investigation is needed. Many students have access to the office, but the office was in order when last checked. There were no signs of forced entry and nothing was stolen.

**One hundred pennies worth**

\$1 worth of copper was reported stolen from 811 Marietta Street. An employee for the OIT Printing and Copying Services reported that a black male with sunglasses and blue jeans entered the building, but it was unknown whether the man ever exited the building. A window was then found open upon the discovery of the stolen copper.

**Trailer damage**

A North Avenue Research Area security guard found that trailers in the parking lot had been damaged June 5. The lock had been cut from one of the trailers, and the rear latch had been damaged on the other. The fence was also found cut.

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LoJack, a theft protection service, was installed on one of the stolen laptops. LoJack software, when installed, tracks and reports the location of a laptop using any Internet connection. However, it was apparently disabled at the fraternity house from which the laptop was taken.

GTPD recommends that each student register his or her laptop with the police department beforehand so that officers can track it if it is sold in a pawnshop.

In addition, students are also advised to do periodic backups so that in the case of theft and other circumstances, important files are not lost as well.

"Though there are bound to be mistakes, a lackadaisical attitude towards the physical security of your property is a bad idea in any case," Cooke said.

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dean positions at other schools.

While at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, England, he increased enrollment, resolved the school's debt, established the Graduate Design program, and refocused the staff by adding well-known designers to their lectures.

He also formalized the curriculum, overhauled facilities, and re-equipped a computer lab located in the school. At Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he has rebuilt facilities and established a strong Doctoral program. Balfour will bring his ideas for interdisciplinary learning and cooperation with him to Tech.

"Think of the stimulus of being surrounded by designers, musicians, planners, builders... these are the disciplines that come together in the College of Architecture. Though very

different, they do have some characteristics in common... Because of this they all combine problems that may have finite answers—many which require creative interpreta-

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**Alan Balfour**

Dean of Architecture

tion. It is this which makes learning in the College of Architecture so personally satisfying," Balfour said

in his learning statement for Tech.

"[The disciplines] all exist within the complex process of representing and embodying culture - a city is as much a cultural artifact as a building or a musical composition," Balfour said.

He plans to further the work and vision begun by Dean Thomas Galloway through technological and global innovations.

"Graduates must have complete mastery of the tools of digital technology, they must be empowered to predict the impact of their designs—at the social level as well as the energy and resource level—and they must view their knowledge, creativity and skill as being relevant to global as well as local practice. The world city of the future is of enormous concern to me. This College has within its culture all the major fields of knowledge that can be applied to this problem," Balfour said in a press release.

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saved the electricity money that would have been used to power the stadium for 24 hours a day.

"The stadium lighting illustrates how much a big institution like Georgia Tech could benefit from tackling the low-hanging fruit of energy conservation," Cobb said.

However despite the switch promising to save money, Teske and the Athletic Association are still somewhat concerned about the prospect of reducing the light output in the area surrounding the stadium.

"We as part of the institution have to be careful. At the corner of Techwood and North Avenue... it's like a black hole out there. The student group that did talk to me made some good points, but we're in a transition stage where we have to find a way for less lights in the day and enough at night," Teske said.

**Weekly Activities****Tuesday Summer Film Series**

All shows will be in the Georgia Tech Student Center Theater 8:00 p.m. \$2 with Buzzcard, \$3 without

June 17 - "Pan's Labyrinth"  
July 8 - "Match Point"  
July 15 - "American History X"  
July 22 - "The Usual Suspects"

**Live Lunch Concert**

"Crumbling Arches"  
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**All movies begin at nightfall (9pm)**

June 18 - "Horton Hears a Who"  
June 25 - "The Bourne Ultimatum"  
July 9 - "Hairspray"  
July 16 - "Superbad"  
July 23 - "21"

**Correction**

Last issue's coverage of the *Sklar v. Clough* lawsuit ("Sklar v. Clough case resolves", May 23, 2008) misrepresented the outcome of the trial. The timeline above the article stated "Court rules in support of Tech", but the ruling actually ruled that three of the four Tech policies in question, in their state at the time of the filing of the lawsuit, were unconstitutional.

The judge ruled that both Tech's Speech Code and the Speech Zone were unconstitutional, but because Tech had altered both of these during the course of the lawsuit there was no need for Tech to take further action. Additionally, the judge decided that text in the Safe Space program's training manual describing the attitudes of various religions towards homosexuality was unconstitutional and ordered it removed; however, Tech contends that the text in question had been removed a year ago and was no longer being used at the time of the verdict.

On the final point, in which the plaintiffs challenged the guidelines governing the usage of Student Activity Fees and the rule against using the fees to fund religious and political activities, the ruling stated that case law does not support Tech's current policy; however, the judge chose not to rule in favor of the plaintiffs and order Tech to change the guidelines due to the plaintiffs' inability to demonstrate that liability should be assigned to any of the specific defendants named in this portion of the lawsuit. However, the judge urged Tech to consider revising the policy because it "might not be capable of passing constitutional muster" against a future challenge.

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**Thanks for reading**  
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# Police chief trains in Israel

By Kaitlin Goodrich  
Opinions Editor

Georgia Tech Chief of Police Teresa Crocker returned June 3 from a two week long training exchange program in Israel. Crocker participated in the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) program with 17 other delegates from various law enforcement agencies.

The GILEE program was founded in 1992 by Robert Friedmann, a chair of the Georgia State University Department of Criminal Justice, to provide senior law enforcement officers with professional training opportunities in policing techniques used abroad.

This marks the sixteenth delegation of Georgia law enforcement officers to visit Israel through the GILEE exchange program. The Israel program emphasizes teaching counterterrorism, emergency management and drug interdiction strategies from Israeli police, but is all encompassing, including everything from traffic control instruction to crisis training. Crocker was finally chosen to participate in this summer's delegation after a long application process that started three years ago.

"It was exciting to be chosen to go... after all, it is a long application process of writing papers explaining why you want to go and what you want to do with the training once you get back," Crocker said.

While there, Crocker and the delegates traveled around Israel learning different policing techniques from the Israeli police force. Each day a new type of police action was made the focus of learning. The officers were taught through hands on trips across Israel.

"We did it all. We went to every border and saw everything



Courtesy of Teresa Crocker

Chief Teresa Crocker (center) stands with fellow Georgia delegates at the 16th GILEE exchange program for training in Israel.

the police did that they could show us ... We got to see how traffic is policed in the busy city of Tel Aviv,

"We got to see how traffic is policed in the busy city of Tel Aviv, and saw how bombings are dealt with on a daily basis in the tiny town of Sedrot."

**Teresa Crocker**  
Chief of Police

and saw how the bombings are dealt with on a daily basis in the tiny town of Sedrot," said Crocker.

The police delegation also visited common tourist destinations, such as

the Holocaust museum and Haifa.

"The trip, for me, was on many different levels. Of course professionally, but you also came away personally affected by things like the Holocaust museum, so also spiritually," Crocker said.

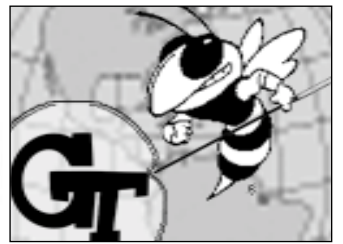
The techniques that Crocker learned will be readily applicable to policing here at Tech, she hopes.

"We made a lot of contacts that we know are just a call away if we ever need them for anything... and of course while we hope it never happens to us like in Israel, it is good to have the training to deal with terrorism if it ever comes our way," Crocker said.

Still, Crocker believes that the experience of the GILEE program was overall one of the best experiences in her career thus far.

"I learned so much. The trip was just a great experience. It would be for any law enforcement officer who would have the chance to go, but for me it was especially. I just had a great time," Crocker said.

## Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

### Flash floods devastate Midwestern U.S.

Parts of the midwestern United States have been afflicted with devastating damage after rising rivers resulted in massive floods.

At least 15 people have died as a result of the severe weather, over a hundred counties have declared states of emergency. The overflowing of lakes and rivers has caused homes to collapse and continues to threaten dams and levees.

A 250-mile stretch of the Mississippi River has been closed by the Army Corps of Engineers as a result of flooding. In Iowa, the city of Cedar Falls has been evacuated as the Cedar River continues to rise.

### U.S. air strike kills Pakistani soldiers

A clash with insurgents on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border resulted in an American air strike that left 11 Pakistani paramilitary soldiers dead, according to the *New York Times*.

Commenting on the air strikes, the Pakistani military referred to them as "unprovoked and cowardly."

Details of exactly how the mistaken strikes happened are still unclear and an investigation has begun; according to American military officials, the attack was aimed at Taliban fighters who had begun

firing at American-led forces. An alert by the Americans before the air strikes to the Pakistani troops in the vicinity never made it to them and they were killed along with, according to a Taliban spokesman, eight Taliban fighters.

### Unemployment in U.S. jumps to 5.5%, highest increase since 1986

Data released by the Labor Department last week showed that the unemployment rate in the United States rose one-half of a percent in May to reach 5.5%, the highest increase since February of 1986.

Overall, 49,000 jobs were lost in the U.S. economy, the fifth consecutive month in which jobs were lost.

The main sectors contributing to the loss in jobs are construction, manufacturing, retail trade, and temporary help services, according to the Labor Department.

The rate of 5.5% is the highest since October 2004.

### Truck drivers strike over fuel in Europe, Asia

Soaring fuel prices have led to striking and even rioting by truck drivers in Spain and Portugal, in which two strikers have died after trying to stop traffic from crossing the picket line.

Strikes have also been announced by truck drivers in South Korea and Thailand, while truck drivers in the Netherlands, Poland, Hong Kong, and India have protested with acts including blocking roadways.



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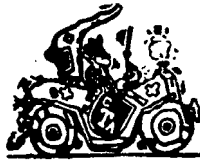
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# OPINIONS

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"The future, according to some scientists, will be exactly like the past, only far more expensive."  
 —John Sladek

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# Campus precautions

Last week in a span of less than twenty-four hours, five fraternities were robbed, with the thieves taking away laptops, TVs and cash. With the increase in crime not only in Greek housing, but also all around Tech and the greater Atlanta area, students should act with greater caution. While Tech police generally keeps campus safe for students, as members of an urban community Tech students should not be lulled into a sense of security that stops them from taking precautions to keep themselves and their property safe.

Students should make sure to always lock their room doors even if there is supposed to be another outside lock to keep intruders out. Fraternities often have key codes on their houses to keep out people who don't live there, but this isn't enough protection to totally prevent someone from breaking into the rooms inside if all the interior doors are open. After all, door codes can be passed to other people, and sometimes the doors aren't even securely shut to begin with. While the blame for things stolen is not put on the people who were robbed, if the theft of something as valuable as a laptop can be avoided by simply locking a door, the lock is a precaution worth taking.

Also, Tech students should remember to be aware of their surroundings at all times. Just because students are on campus does not mean that they are immune from an armed robbery. Sitting anywhere alone at 3:30 in the morning is a pretty good way to get robbed even within the protective bubble of campus. Not only can thieves come onto campus from outside to slip into a building and take a laptop, but unfortunately some of these robbers could be Tech students with access already.

None of this is being said to scare students. At Tech, robberies are fairly uncommon and the campus is pretty safe. However, there is no reason not to take precautions and ensure that these isolated events don't become more common.

# Welcome new dean

After the unexpected passing of the former Dean of Architecture Thomas Galloway in March 2007, it will be good to finally have a new dean. Alan Balfour looks like he will be a good fit here at Tech. Balfour was formerly the Director of the Architecture Program at Tech for ten years, so he is already familiar with the Tech community. He should be easily able to settle into the department and carry it forward in a positive direction. Also, with a focus on sustainability, he should be able to make the School of Architecture progressively better. Balfour has an interdisciplinary focus and it will be exciting to see him intertwine the elements of architecture and music.

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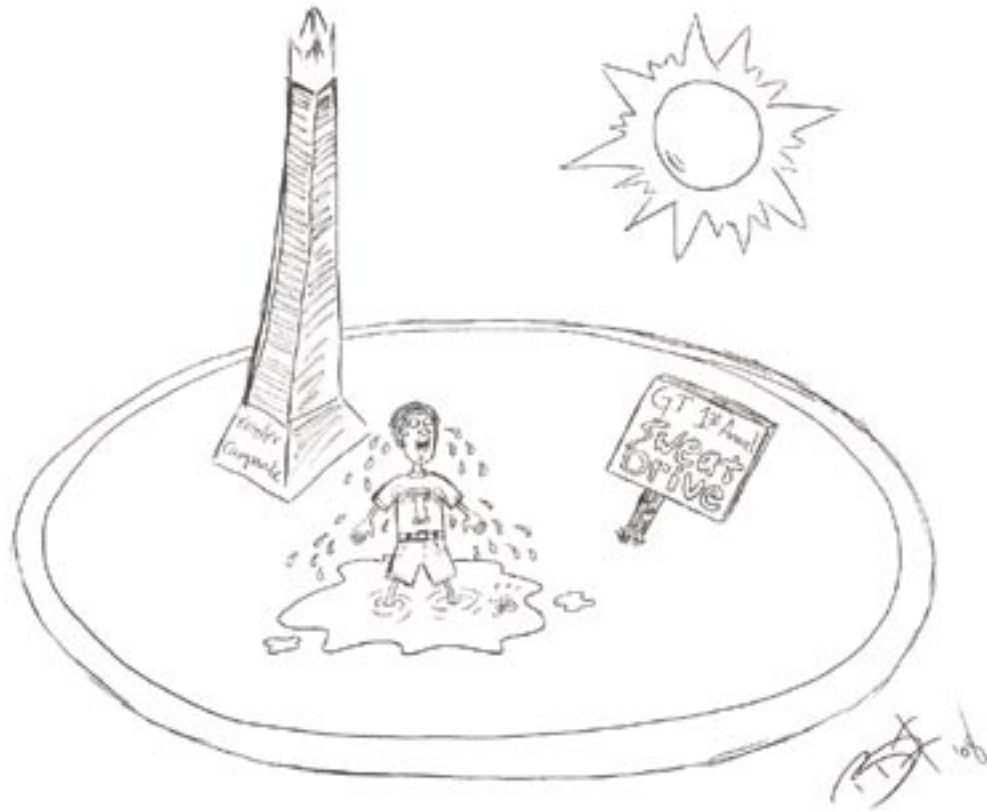
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By Blake Israel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

# Doomsayers spam pre-election

As sure as there will be an American election every four years, there will always be the eccentric but ever-present apocalyptic doomsayers who take over one's inbox. In particular, these irrational pessimists spread the word one inbox or blog at a time with ideas that if so-and-so is elected to be president, then he or she would bring about the Armageddon. While the election is a good five months away, the irrationally fearful and terribly annoying emails and spam have already begun filling up my inbox.

Now, I would understand the purpose of a good, well-written email from at least a semi-intelligent source. However, when the only defense that the Anti-Christ or whatever claim that these doomsayers are trying to rouse emotion for is in the form of various racial tirades and badly misquoted Bible passages, it begs the question from my end, "What are people like this thinking when they write stuff like this?"

For example, following the news of Barack Obama's Democratic presidential nomination and my celebratory support of such news on Facebook, a good friend of mine, in a momentary lapse of good judgement, sent me an email under the misappropriated title "A Little History".

The email included a list of biased assumptions concerning historical events from the assassination of Robert Kennedy to the war in "Afghanistan against", as the writer so wonderfully puts it. The writer then makes the daring claim that the Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama is the bringer of the end of all time. Of course, the piece of spam culminated in this statement:

"And now: for the award winning act of stupidity of all times the people of America want to elect, to the most powerful position on the face of the planet — the presidency



"If going the speed limit will pose a safety hazard without exception, the limit ought to be rethought and modified."

**Vivian Fan**  
 News Editor

of the United States of America — a Muslim male extremist between the ages of 17 and 40. Have the American people completely lost their minds, or just their power of reason? I'm sorry but I refuse to take a chance on the 'unknown' candidate Obama."

As terribly written and factually incorrect the email proved to be, it made me wonder, why would anyone waste his or her time on a bombast email that no one takes seriously? Personally, I find the zealots who send chain messages such as "IF YOU DON'T SEND THIS MESSAGE TO 8 PEOPLE, YOU WILL NEVER FIND LOVE AND GROW WARTS" or "Why Barack Obama is the Anti-Christ" very much annoying. I'm sure many others do as well.

If that's the case, then what's the point of swaying a person to a certain argument that way? If persuasion is the goal, there are much better ways to do so.

As a frequent receiver of badly written spam, I can point out many that could help detract from an attempt to persuade. One of the most glaring is an ill-thought out plan of attack. For example in the Obama spiel, the writer draws a string of instances when "Muslim [men]... between the ages of 17 and 40... destroy[ed] Americans" and then compared them to Obama. Nevertheless, if we are attacking a man and his affiliations based on what history says, can't the same argument be made with any other race or religion as well? Attacking

using examples of acts committed by "Muslim [men]... between the ages of 17 and 40" throughout "history" is a basic fallacy of hasty generalization, not to mention a horrid example of stereotyping and racial profiling. If that's the case, we can make the same argument about any single racial or religious group out there:

In 1941, Asian "male extremists" bombed Pearl Harbor killing 2,350 people.

From 1956 to 1975, America fought a war against Asian "male extremists" between the ages of 17 and 40.

In 2007, an Asian "male extremist" between the ages of 17 and 40 killed 32 students and faculty in the massacre at Virginia Tech.

Does that make any Asian American from 17 to 40 an extremist or unfit to take on a role of leadership in this great land we call the United States of America?

Well, as an Asian-American, I certainly hope not, and I certainly don't think that these three instances in history are able to sway the average American to believe that Asians will destroy the country. The same goes for any other race or affiliation, whether it be black, white, Hindu, and so on.

When everything is said, done, and read, it's obvious to see the trend in any of these types of emails. The writer fears what is unknown or what is different. While having such feel-

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# CRC and library crowded as ever

Since it is now the summer semester, students are sparse around campus. This would naturally lead one to believe that usually popular areas such as the CRC and the library would now be a little more laid-back and a little less busy. Somehow this isn't quite the case.

Since I am a commuter for the summer, going to the CRC is one of the few things I enjoy doing to pass the time during the day. There isn't much for me to do while I'm on campus, so I want to get the most of my time.

I assumed that going to the CRC would be a much more enjoyable experience than during the rest of the year—not a lot of other people working out, plenty of open equipment, and no distractions.

But alas, there is plenty going on at the CRC even though it seems as though there shouldn't be.

When I work out, I don't like having to worry about which people are watching me, which are judging me, which think I'm judging them. Working out is a very personal thing.

This is why I now only go in the morning, between about ten-thirty and noon. Everyone is still asleep or hung over from the night before and there are few distractions.

It may be hard to believe,



"After finding out how dead the CRC can be in the morning, I haven't wanted to go in the afternoon since."

**Jennifer Aldoretta**  
Focus Editor

but it's actually not busy in the morning.

It may have been a bad decision on my part to divulge this information about the perfect time to go to the CRC, but I'm sure there are many others as frustrated as I who will benefit.

I've tried the whole going-in-the-afternoon thing, but by that time it's so packed that it seems every student taking summer classes decided to work out at the exact same time.

Also, all of the local day camps bring the kids to campus on field trips, so it is usually inevitable that a herd of screaming seven-year-olds will appear in the middle of your workout.

I have nothing against field trips or the fact that other people take pride in trying to stay healthy.

I just don't like having to compete with hundreds of my closest friends for cardio equipment and weight machines as

children run around and scream in the lobby above me.

So needless to say, after finding out how dead the CRC can be in the morning, I haven't wanted to go in the afternoon since.

After realizing that the CRC isn't always busy, with that same mindset I decided to do some homework in the library.

Being a Tech student, the library is like a second home to me (as it is for many others). But it's usually a second home that gives you a panic attack the moment you walk in. Even during the summer, it's still impossible to find a computer.

The first time I needed to go to the library this summer, I was actually almost looking forward to it. I figured that since I don't see many people walking around on campus, there couldn't possibly be very many in the library.

Much to my dismay, it still took me a few minutes to find an available computer in West

Commons.

It astounds me that the computer issue doesn't improve during the summer. It feels like the entire student body goes to the CRC when I decide to go, then migrates over to the library to take all of the computers before I get there.

Now, I can understand that the library at Tech would be packed because, well, it's Tech. Even still, no offense Techies, some of us need to get out and socialize more. This might help solve the computer problem.

(Oh, and for those of you who sit at the computer in West Commons looking at Facebook while completely aware that there is a line of people waiting for computers, please either get a life or some common sense.)

Being on campus during the summer gives the impression that all students at Tech are either health nuts, or total nerds that never do anything but study.

But you would never get that impression just from walking around campus during the summer. It seems that everyone is away on vacation when, in fact, everyone is either in the CRC or the library.

So as I end my rant, it has been concluded that the best time to go to the CRC is in the morning, and the worst time to go to the library is all the time.

## BUZZ Around the Campus

If you could have any superpower, which would you want and why?



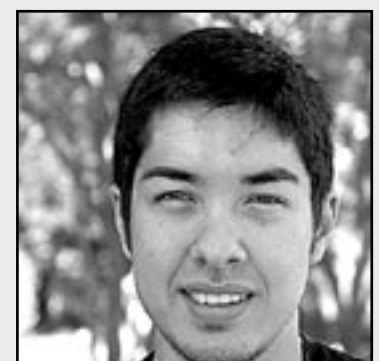
**Elliot Mork**  
Third-year AE

"I would definitely fly, because I could go fast."



**Saloni Desai**  
Third-year IE

"I would control time, so I can get through Tech."



**Jason White**  
Fourth-year ME

"Telekinesis, because it's the ultimate lazy man's power."



**Howard Zuo**  
Second-year CHBE

"The power to change the weather, since it's too hot."

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### OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

## HOT or NOT



### Tennis champion

Women's tennis continues its trend of success, as team member Amanda McDowell won the NCAA singles championship. She is not only the first singles champion in Tech history, but also this year's winner of the Honda Award, which is the player of the year award for tennis. With 45 wins this season, McDowell now holds the Tech record for women's singles tennis. Go Amanda!



### Sex on the clock

In the course of their P-card audits, investigators found that a woman formerly employed in the ECE department as an administrative assistant was broadcasting sex acts via webcam while at work, using a computer in her office. It's bad enough to buy yourself a personal laptop and a webcam with P-card money, but to use them for those purposes takes her crimes from despicable to downright disturbing.



### Stadium goes solar

The solar panels that are to be put in the stadium will not only save Tech money, but will reduce carbon emissions. Normally the panels will only light the stadium at night in certain areas like along North Ave and Freshman Hill. We hope going green this July will be in place to save lots of green this upcoming football season.



### UGA wins again

In their two recent baseball meetings, UGA beat Tech by a total landslide in each game. While losing to UGA is never fun, these losses are particularly biting, as UGA has been beating us all around in sports this year. Tech didn't help themselves as they committed six errors in the championship game. Hopefully Tech triumphs soon.

### YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Coverage lacking

The May 23 *Technique* story, "Sklar v. Clough case resolves," regarding a federal judge's ruling in the case against Tech brought by co-plaintiff Ruth Malhotra and me purported to be a news piece, but fell well short of the mark. Not only did the article omit pertinent information, but at times was factually inaccurate.

The court did not "rule in support of Tech" as erroneously reported. In fact, Malhotra and I have prevailed on three of the four claims in our case. As a result of our lawsuit, Georgia Tech has 1) repealed its speech code, 2) altered its unconstitutional "speech zone," and 3) eliminated the unconstitutional portion of its "Safe Space" program.

The court ruled April 29 that provisions of the school's "Safe Space" program discriminate against religion and are therefore unconstitutional. The court already struck down the Institute's

"speech code" in August 2006 and prohibited Tech from changing the policy without court approval for five years.

The quotes from the Institute, implying that Tech has not been required to take any action and that nothing has changed are flat-out false. The recent ruling puts an end to discriminatory provisions of Tech's "Safe Space" administrator-run training program, which officials used to support religious viewpoints that disparaging those that oppose it. The court found that Tech officials, including President Clough and Dean Ray, "violated the Establishment Clause by favoring one religion over another in the state-associated Safe Space Program."

This is the first federal court ruling of its kind in the nation dealing with a university pro-

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# Mexico brings new language and new adventures

For the past four weeks I have had the immaculately unique experience of studying abroad in Mexico. I have seen things I didn't think existed, learned words that I don't think I will ever use outside of the country, and this past weekend I had an adventure that would merit a novel, if I were that type of writer.

My study abroad group, lets call it the MexicoBAT, spent the past weekend in the mountain city of Taxco, a silver mining town famous for cheap prices, amazing views, and a huge statue of Jesus at the top of the mountain into which this town was carved. Our guide told us that there were waterfalls that we could risk our lives in, and a small town where the bones of Cuahemec (the last Aztec Emperor) were on display in a temple.

After four weeks here, I had become fairly confident in my ability to negotiate taxis or buses to venture to see these bones and waterfalls, so five others and I headed out. Our first step was to procure a combi, a.k.a. an ancient Volkswagen van re-vamped to hold up to 20 people.

After walking for roughly a mile,



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**Emily Chambers**  
Columnist

following directions that continually pointed us downhill and to the right, we found one of these legendary vans, and for the low price of a dollar per person piled in for a 20 minute drive to waterfalls. Conveniently, the driver understood our goals despite my inability to remember the word for waterfalls (cascadas, I have since been told), and drove us straight to a gorgeous rock outcropping that had the rough equivalent of a showerhead running down it. Apparently, the area has had horrible droughts lately, and the normal flow had died down revealing grottos and a large cave that our group, barefoot and stupid, crawled over and through for 45 minutes.

At this point in my mental plan we needed to leave and walk down

the highway until we encountered another combi headed towards the town of Ichcateopan, to find the bones of Cuahemec.

On our way we found a hole in the ground (not the wall, the ground) in which sat two women barbequing a goat with a bucket full of ice and a delicious drinks. This beverage cost us only 80 cents, so of course, even though we only had 1 minute to drink it before the next combi arrived, we made the purchase, tilted back our necks and chugged the most delicious 80 cents I have ever spent.

This combi, unlike our earlier one, was fully loaded. That meant that I did not get a real seat, but instead was suspended on a bench, wedged between the door and the end of the

real seat, leaning very awkwardly on the unfortunate program-member behind her, we shall call him Carlitos. I got to maintain this position for the next 45 minutes until we rolled into the town of Ichcateopan was a lesson in broken stereotypes.

Every man from age five up appeared to be dressed in classic Texas cowboy-gear, complete with snakeskin boots and hats. One lucky gentleman had even managed to procure a purple silk shirt with horses and thunderclouds on it. All of the girls were dressed in knock-off versions of New York fashion.

It was a very bizarre, very sexy combination. The market that lined the main street was so packed with people that in our race against the clock to see the bones, I nearly crushed five small children and an indigenous woman selling bugs that you eat live in your tacos (not a delicacy I plan on trying while in the country).

The bones themselves were brown, and impressively stored in a large whitewashed hall above the actual excavation site where the bones were found. I don't really know anything else about the temple, however, as

we had a grand total of five minutes to spend there before we had to run back down the hill to catch a combi going back.

On the way down we actually ran into the rest of the program, those who had opted against our nature walk through the waterfall.

This would have been a blissful occasion: a reunion between the six of us and our professors, a time in which we could have be proud of our ability to survive Mexico without them, were it not for the fact that our two parties combined were too many people to fit in a single combi. As such, yours truly and the ever-gracious Carlitos volunteered to stay behind.

We got to re-tour the town, look out over the views that after just one-day were being spoiled upon us. The rolling hills filled with farms and semi-straight lines gave way to mountains that on one side of the valley were covered in granite. On the other side, they were covered in emeralds that I have been told were trees, but I don't believe it.

It was amazing, and worth every other bizarre and hilarious thing that happened for the rest of the day.

## Lawsuit from page 5

gram such as Safe Space, and sets an important precedent for universities across the country.

In addition, the court opined that the fourth claim, regarding Tech's Student Activity Policy, is unconstitutional. The court's only

concern was who ought to be held liable for the invalid policy. The judge did not rule that the policy is okay; rather, he specifically condemned the practice of not funding religious and political activities.

This is a victory for all students, but certainly not for Tech. Now that these policies have been changed, students have the right to speak freely

and the administration cannot take sides on religious matters. April's court ruling was a significant win for religious liberty on campuses across the country. We are pleased that as a result of our actions, Georgia Tech is closer to abiding by the U.S. Constitution.

**Orit Sklar**  
CE '07

## Spam from page 5

ings about change in the status of the world is normal, that does not mean that the person should rely on false accusations and racial profiling to express that fear. There are better, healthier, and more productive methods for that, especially ones

that don't involve my inbox.

In the end, if these rogue emailers want to be taken seriously in any light, I thoroughly recommend some thought and rationality before ranting. Better yet, just don't write at all. Inboxes of thousands of Americans, including my own, will thank them for not sending more pointless messages.

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# FOCUS

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## INDY WHIPS THE BIG SCREEN

The new Indiana Jones movie was released on May 22. Harrison Ford proves that age doesn't matter in this mediocre film. **Page 9**

## GAME, SET, CHAMPIONSHIP

Women's tennis star Amanda McDowell wins first National Tennis Championship in the Institute's history. **Page 16**



# 'M-Train' video proves hit on YouTube

By Tyler Trawick  
Contributing Writer

The frequently oppressive workload of the engineering major causes much grumbling and thoughts of sunnier skies among those enrolled, but it also gives rise to a fair amount of much-underrated creativity. A recent incarnation of this independent spark is the song "M-Train" by Tech's own gtg49ly and gtg562h; aka Brandon "Swaff" Swafford and Daniel "DBay" Baily.

The song has become a hit not only with the student population, but also on YouTube, where the corresponding video has recorded over 83,000 views, indicating an appeal reaching beyond the current Tech community. Daniel Baily offered to sit down and discuss the history behind the song and its place at Tech.

**Nique:** How did it all begin?

**DBay:** I guess it was two years ago. Swaff (Brandon Swafford), a friend of mine in Theta Xi, called me up and said "Hey man let's write a song." I mean, we were both kinda known within our friends as coming up with crazy, improv songs on the spot, just funny stuff. So I showed up and he said: "So what do you want to write about?" And after a few hours we came up with the first half of the song, the first chorus, the first verse.

Now he's graduated and works at a recording studio.

**Nique:** How did you get it mastered?

**DBay:** We spent maybe 20 hours in the studio recording. Every vocal line you hear is actually like eight lines on top of each other to give it that hip-hop sound. [Swaff] mixed it and sent it off to a guy to master it—the same guy that did Soulja Boy, actually. So Swaff's pretty well con-

trumpet, and he plays drums, bass and guitar, so we can kind of fit everything together.

**Nique:** Have you done any other productions?

**DBay:** Not together. We're going to. We're working on some stuff right now. We figured we'd get some stuff together and put it on iTunes.

**Nique:** Any future productions?

**DBay:** It's in the preliminary stages. We haven't recorded anything, I'll say that. We've been focusing on just Georgia Tech, more timeless stuff. We've been getting emails from people from '72, '82, saying that what's true today was true then, and it kind of widens the audience that we would have. Hopefully we'll offend the least number of people possible. We have had some comments on video from Georgia fans, and they're not the most encouraging people. Hopefully we'll have something out by the end of the first week of school, fall semester.

**Nique:** How was playing at Peachtree Tavern?

**DBay:** It went well, we had quite a good turnout. We opened for another band, and wrote a little intro to the M-Train song so we wouldn't be up there for just four minutes. So it kind of inspired us.

**"We made a little video and put it up on YouTube and it just blew up."**

**Daniel Baily**  
Fourth-year Industrial and Systems Engineering

nected. It was cool but we needed an extra touch to kind of send it out, so we made a little video and put it up on YouTube and it just blew up.

**Nique:** Have you always been a musician?

**DBay:** Yeah, I guess you can call it that. I started taking piano at like age four, and ever since then I would go play guitar at a lot of churches around the area. I play piano and



By Tyler Ward/TWARDPHOTOS.COM

Daniel "DBay" Baily (left) and Brandon "Swaff" Swafford (right), makers of "M-Train", perform their song in front of the stadium.

# Give an hour, give a pint, save three lives



By Scott Meuleners/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

During one of many Blood Drives at Tech, Buzz proudly shows off the American Red Cross flag as many of Tech's students save lives by taking an hour out of their day to donate a pint of blood nearby.

By Jennifer Aldoretta  
Focus Editor

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.

Tech has several blood drives each year, all of which are successful. The most recent took place on Tuesday, June 3 and Wednesday June 4.

Even though 51 pints of blood were collected on the first day of the blood drive alone, Red Cross statistics prove that Tech's students can still be doing more to help those in need of blood.

While the turnout for each blood drive is impressive, it is a known statistic that only five percent of

eligible adults donate blood on a regular basis. The components that make up blood (red cells, white cells, platelets, and plasma) are all perishable, so the need for blood is constant.

The average adult body contains between ten and twelve pints of blood. Most people don't realize

that giving just one pint of blood is the equivalent of saving up to three lives.

There is a constant need for blood products whether it be from cancer patients, crash victims, or sickle cell patients.

It takes only about one hour to complete the entire donation process which includes registration, a brief health history, a mini physical, the donation, and finally refreshments.

Several Tech students that attended the June blood drive in the Student Center were asked to explain something they think more people should know about donating.

Jordan Jones, second-year management student, said

"The worst part is the finger prick. The needle doesn't hurt much, and walking around with the colored band-aid on your arm makes you feel special."

Donating one pint of whole blood is the usual amount for most donors due to certain restrictions. Blood donor regulations in the United States allow people to donate whole blood once every 56 days. This means that it is possible to save up to nineteen lives every year simply by taking an hour to donate blood.

Anyone over the age of 17 and 110 pounds is eligible to donate blood. After donating, each pint of blood is sent to a Red Cross National Testing Laboratory where it is tested for ten different transmissible diseases. Blood found to contain any of the ten diseases is not used to ensure the safety of the recipients.

When asked about why she was donating at Tech's blood drive on June 4, Jenny Rainwater, a fourth-year computational media and psychology major, said, "I've had four transfusions. I know the importance (of giving blood)."

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**Jenny Rainwater**  
Fourth-year Computational Media and Psychology major

importance." She also agrees that the fingerstick during the mini physical exam is the worst part of the donation process.

Out of twelve students spoken to regarding donating blood, five of those students said they know someone who has

received one or more blood transfusions. It was a general consensus amongst those who were spoken to that more people should be aware of the need for blood and realize that a small amount of time can make a difference in someone's life.

After the first day of the blood drive, Tech was only ten pints short of the targeted amount. Although many students at Tech decide to help out, there is still an opportunity for those who haven't given blood to make a difference.





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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## FAMOUS ATHLETES

Georgia Tech's Hall of Fame inducts six new members in sports ranging from basketball to volleyball. **Page 15**

## BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross hosted a blood drive in the student center on June 3-4. **Page 7**

## Indy whips up some fun

OUR TAKE: ★★☆☆☆

By Kenneth Phillips  
Staff Writer

It's exactly as you have heard; Dr. Henry Jones Jr., better known as "Indiana" or "Indy," is back. *Indiana Jones and Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, the fourth film in a George Lucas story depicting the amazing archeological action of an academic docent and adventurer, continues the franchise of protecting strange and powerful relics from America's enemies.

Of course, the film's setting has progressed from the previous era when Indy would battle Hitler driven Nazis and their greedy archeologists attempting to pilfer religious artifacts. Now the year is 1957, and Cold War Soviets are heading their own. Dr. Jones must protect the security of America and all nations once again.

The adventure begins with Indy having to find an object—recovered from Roswell, New Mexico ten years prior—hidden in a federal site to give to his Russian captors. Dr. Jones then narrowly escapes

"This is an enjoyable movie for relaxing in the theater and escaping the summer's heat...."

using his wits, fists, and whip, but now must uncover what the true interest of the Soviets is.

During his adventure, Indiana reunites with and rescues old friends such as Merion Ravenwood, Indy's love interest from *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, who was captured while tracking down the Reds and piecing together the artifact's secrets in the jungles of South America.

The return of Indiana Jones is quite appealing when first heard, conjuring up some of the most famous scenes in the past three movies, but the movie falls a bit short of taking an equal role in the series. The plot really doesn't hold the bang the other films brought to the big screen. Where the other films were filled with the greatest thrills and suspense, this movie is quite lacking in edge-of-your-seat excitement.

This plot may have twists and turns, but it never has the classic obstacles where Jones, after falling entirely off the trail and being beaten down by his rivals, works his way back to retake the lead. That aspect was sorely missed in this show where

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Gorgeous imagery and expansive landscapes impress in Tarsem Singh's *The Fall*.

## FRIDAY THE 13TH A TRIBUTE TO CAMP

By Daniel Spiller  
Entertainment Editor

Tyler Sartin  
Contributing Writer

Friday the 13th has the stigma of being a day when spooky and supernatural things happen. In honor of this special day, we recently sat down and watched the first ten movies in the Friday the 13th franchise. We present to you our reactions and reviews from our ridiculously daunting and ultimately pointless task in hopes you will be a more informed film connoisseur when you make your next scary video rental selection. Enjoy.

**Friday the 13th** (1980): This is where it all started. A group of young and very aroused camp counselors head up to Crystal Lake to fix up the camp before reopening it. Years before, a young boy drowned while the camp's counselors were not paying attention—a tragedy that still haunts the camp.

High points: Tom Savini's makeup effects (especially a certain axe injury), Kevin Bacon, campy fun (literally).

Low point: Hardly justifies amount of sequels.

**Friday the 13th Part III** (1982): *Part III* begins where *Part 2* left off. Basically it is more of the same again, but it was originally released in 3-D, a gimmick that makes this one of the most enjoyable in the series.

High points: Absurdity of 3-D moments, Shelly, brief appearance of overly hostile biker gang, the handstand kill, donning of the legendary mask.

Low point: Lack of excitement between 3-D moments.

**Friday the 13th Part V: A New Beginning** (1985): Tommy Jarvis can't get over his nightmares of Jason, so *Part V* finds older Tommy in a sort of mental institution out in the country.

High points: A brief appearance by Corey Feldman, gratuitous nudity, random trip to a trailer park, redneck mother and son.

Low points: Lack of Jason, slow pacing, cringe-inducing writing, brooding Tommy Jarvis, loss of campy fun.

**Friday the 13th Part VII: The New Blood** (1988): A girl with telekinetic powers accidentally releases Jason from his underwater residence that Tommy had relocated him to. Mayhem ensues.

High points: Kane Hodder as Jason, girl who dresses like Hillary Clinton.

Low points: The premise, the worst psychologist ever, disappointing ending.

**Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday** (1993): In New Line's first installment to the Jason series, a special taskforce kills Jason once and for all (whatever), but Jason's black heart has the power to possess people.

High points: Decent production values, solid acting, gruesome and inventive violence.

Low points: No real Jason, strong start but loses momentum. Cheesy ending, but could be a lot worse.

**Friday the 13th Part 2** (1981): The second installment for all practical purposes is really just a remake of the original except with a few more teenagers, a western bar and, oh yeah, Jason is actually in this one. Besides that, it's the same old same old; kids get naked, kids get killed.

High points: An equal opportunity Jason (sorry wheelchair guy), some pretty sweet chases through the woods.

Low point: Everything, but still not the worst in series.

**Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter** (1984): What could be better than a Jason movie starring Corey Feldman as well as Crispin Glover? I'll tell you what: an absolutely amazing horror film. *Part IV* is by far the best in the series, with pretty solid acting, great directing, and inspired murders.

High points: Crispin Glover dancing like a maniac, skinny dipping twins (they're both hot, too).

Low point: Maybe a little more plot, please?

**Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives** (1986): The sixth film in the series had serious potential; all it's tongue-in-cheek glory sets you up for a great film. Tommy can't rest until Jason is in hell, and he does his best to get him there (as long as you consider his best is waking up Jason, leading him to a camp full of children and pretty much overall being a horrible person).

High points: Sheriff Mustache, a caretaker's whisky love.

Low points: the acting, the pacing, the writing.

**Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan** (1989): This movie is awful. Jason is awakened once again, this time by a boat anchor, and he's still pissed about whatever. His level of anger doesn't come close to matching mine since this movie does not take place in Manhattan; most of the film is set on a ship on it's way to New York.

High points: Jason punching a dude's head off. That's it.

Low points: the remaining 99 minutes of this hack-fest.

**Jason X** (2001): There are way too many things wrong with this movie to fit in this article. You would think with a 14 million dollar budget they could make it look a little better. This movie is so terrible I can't even be eloquent in the description.

High points: A David Cronenberg cameo, and an android getting it's head punched off.

Low points: special effects, acting, writing, killing, story, humor, idea, accuracy, science, math, life, death, everything.

Image Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

## The Fall provides beauty but lacks in plot

OUR TAKE: ★★☆☆☆

By Philip Tharp  
Senior Staff Writer

While it undoubtedly conjures up memories of Terry Gilliam's thoroughly entertaining box-office flop *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* and the always enjoyable *The Princess Bride*, Tarsem Singh's most recent venture into visual avant-garde filmmaking, *The Fall*, is a spectacle to behold.

Although *The Fall* is distinctly more violent than both of the aforementioned films, the

similarities between the three movies are numerous, with *The Fall* containing both the characteristic strong fantasy story interspersed with the somewhat odd and quirky humor.

Tarsem, the one-word name that the director prefers to be referred to as, has constructed a visual barrage of dazzling images and settings that successively stun the viewer with their beauty.

However, the strong focus that Tarsem has placed on imagery seems to have shifted his priorities away from the film's story, creating an emotionally lacking film that tries desperately to find

substance and meaning.

Set in 1910, *The Fall* follows Roy Walker (Lee Pace, excellent with what he's given), a Hollywood film stunt man who has been injured on the set of his most recent film as he attempted to do an extremely dangerous stunt in an effort to woo the girl he loves.

Trapped in a hospital and unable to walk, Roy befriends a young girl named Alexandria (Catinca Untaru, cute), who is similarly stuck under the care of nurses due to a broken arm.

With little opportunity to engage in many other activities,

Roy begins to tell Alexandria a fantasy story about five men seeking revenge on the evil Governor Odious, each man having been betrayed or suffered a loss at the hand of this ruthless leader.

The group is composed of a masked bandit, an explosives expert, an Indian, an African prince, and Charles Darwin.

As the film progresses, several parallels can be noted between the fantasy story being told by Roy and the actual events that unfold onscreen at the hospital. Roy's depression due to his physi-

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By Robert Zimmerman  
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20. Disgrace
21. Make a scene
22. Therefore
23. Not the one you thought
26. Heal
27. Without foundation
28. Gets up
29. Measure of light
30. Junction
31. Gold measure
32. Peeped
34. Backbone
37. Marching-band member
38. Nursery footwear
39. Arizona tribe
40. Seer's deck
42. Paints carelessly
44. 1944 event
47. "The Greatest"
48. Book following Joel
49. Lopes
51. Dos Passos trilogy
52. Campus corps
54. Subject of an 1859 Verdi opera
58. Drinker
60. Most austere
62. Boarding-house amenity
63. Big-beaked bird
64. Works hard
65. Short-term investment
66. Tithe

67. Honey source
69. Nephew's sib
70. Dissenter
73. E-mail attachment, at times
74. Cheater's pair
76. Spoken
77. Commandment violation
78. Gallantry
80. Real in the Rhineland
81. Horned antelope
82. Add-ons
84. Root or ear
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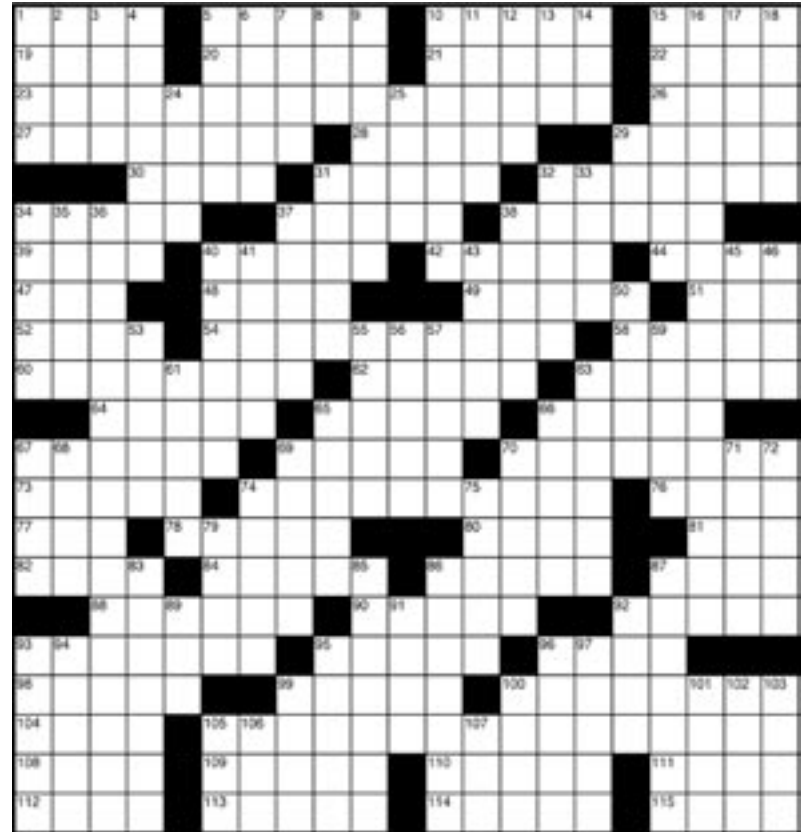
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110. Sports venue
111. Terminal postings
112. Rocky hills
113. Put two and two together
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115. Went by horseback

## DOWN

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4. Bug's feeler
5. Queried

6. Not those
7. Gifts at the beach
8. Parisian pal
9. Write a new version
10. Hipped roof
11. Large chamber music group
12. Cornelia \_ Skinner
13. Macadamia
14. Snooper
15. Locked up
16. Prosecutor's misdeed
17. Come to terms
18. On and on
24. Medicinal plant
25. Ireland
29. Ignited
31. Corner newsstand
32. Programming language
33. Party-giver
34. Trains for a fight
35. Front-cabin figure
36. Purse material, often
37. New England poet
38. Ives and others
40. With restraint
41. Accumulate
43. In the least
45. Bewildered
46. Tale
50. Hard stuff
53. Zagreb native
55. Implant
56. Prepare for winter take-off
57. Bundled
59. Spending
61. Early victim of Stalin purge
63. Doctrines
65. Jewelled headdress
66. Irritable
67. Cathedral space
68. Hockey's "Espo"



69. Not a soul
70. Pushes through a sieve
71. "Paradiso" poet
72. Get away
74. Vaquero's milieu
75. Inner layer of skin
79. Breezed through
83. Russians, in Cold War headlines
85. Fast train
86. Mideast capital
87. More out of practice
89. Is able to
91. Weight allowance

92. Dieter's target
93. Strong wind
94. Right-hand page
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96. Put in a row
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99. Campus crossroads
100. Lamb, anapest
101. Choir member
102. Feeling happy
103. Existence, to Caesar
105. Tax-time aide
106. Long in the tooth
107. To's alternative

## Fall from page 9

cal blunder is further amplified by the departure of his girlfriend. He sees little left to live for and feels that suicide is the answer. It is in this sense that his fanciful story is a means to bribe the young Alexandria to steal morphine for him, as Roy periodically stops the story and says that he will not continue until she brings him the painkillers.

The line between fiction and reality progressively blurs as Roy, and eventually Alexandria, find themselves as characters in the adventure (Roy becomes the masked bandit, and Alexandria had been hiding in Charles Darwin's bag).

Shot in 18 countries over a period of three years, it's obvious that *The Fall* is Tarsem's labor of love, more of a film he made to satisfy himself than to appeal to any wide audience.

However, this isn't to say that the film doesn't have its moments and that it isn't enjoyable. In particular, the charismatic performances given by the two lead actors, Pace and Untaru, help make up for any lack of emotionality in the writing.

Also, the locations and settings shown in the movie are of the most fantastical kind and feel as though they are from another past world, relics from long ago (as I'm sure they are).

The film's score is excellent and compliments the onscreen events,

while the several comedic moments, although somewhat dark, provide a refreshing break from the heavy-handed themes.

Despite these positive aspects of the movie, it is easy to connect Tarsem to his freshman directorial effort, *The Cell*, as it exhibited the same visual style as *The Fall*, but also fell flat plot wise.

The main detractor from the film is the weak script, which is compounded by uninspiring plot points and very little action.

Tarsem would have been wise to spend more time with the two other writers, developing a screenplay worthy of his great attention to visual detail and preponderance of style.

## Indy from page 9

every rough patch merely segues to the next tight spot. I would mark the story akin to a roller coaster that had no loops just a designated number of not-so-high hills.

However, one of the bright spots of the movie is how well Harrison Ford can still crack the whip. After nineteen years, I would have thought Ford might have needed the pace slowed, but instead he pulls on his fedora and retakes the spotlight. He does a great job of demonstrating the amazing abilities of Indy to a new audience, inexperienced in his previous heroics.

The return of Karen Allen as his

love interest was also refreshing, and Shia LaBeouf did well in the back-and-forths with Ford on the screen.

Steven Spielberg's directing was very fine, even though there were some reality-questioning shots, and he did well in presenting the jungles and included a car fight reminiscent of previous Jones adventures.

This is an enjoyable movie for relaxing in the theater and escaping this summer's heat, but don't expect to be really drawn into anything but the action. I hope new audiences will use *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* as a springboard to delve into the first three of Indiana Jones' adventures and unlock the treasure there as well.

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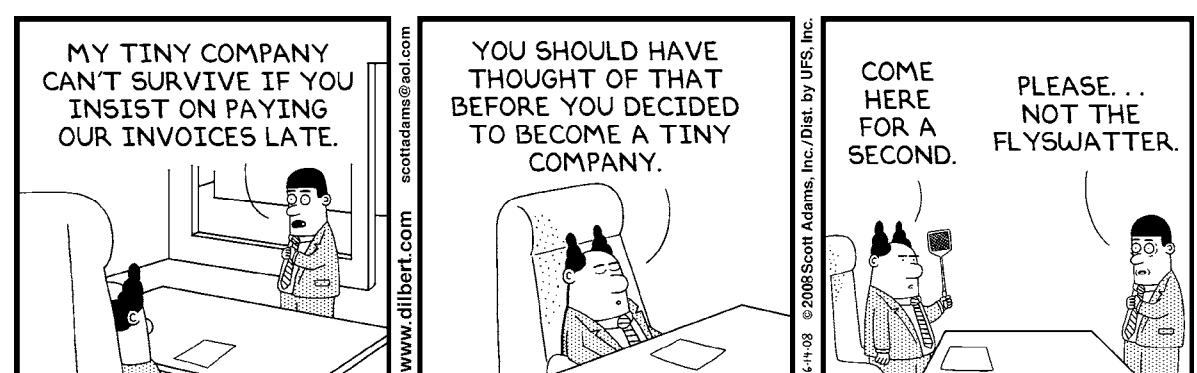
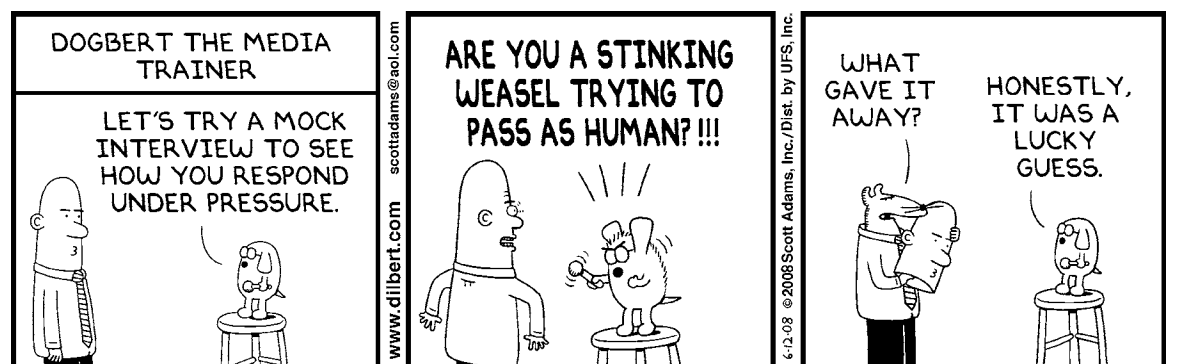
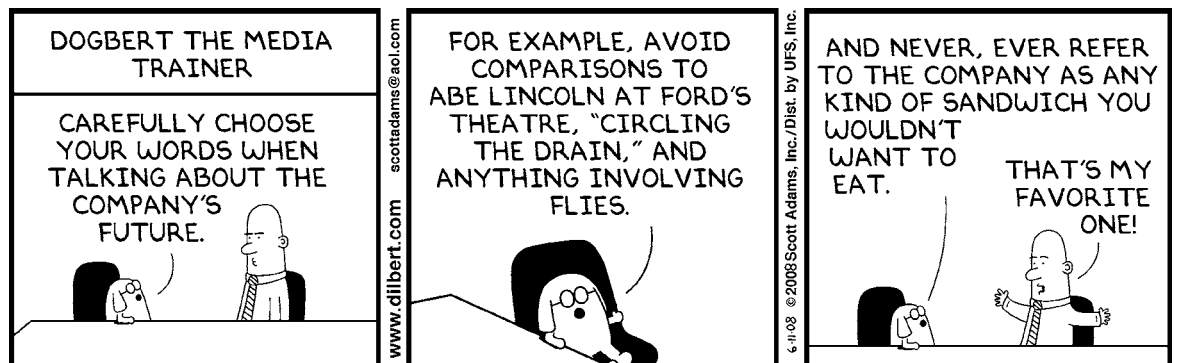
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**McDowell** from page 16

surpassing the mark for most singles wins in a season at Tech of 43 wins, held previously by Kristi Miller in her first season at Tech. McDowell defeated Auburn's Fani Chifchieva 6-3, 6-2 on May 25, which put her into the championship match for the national title against Baylor's Zemenova the next day.

Zemenova won the NCAA Singles title as a freshman in 2005 and lost to the eventual champion in 2006 and 2007. She reached the title match with a victory over the top-seeded Arkansas's Aurelija Miseviciute. McDowell completed her run through the championship by taking the victory over Zemenova.

"It's part of the game-plan not to allow [Zemenova] to control the court with her forehand. I thought Amanda did a great job of neutralizing her first serves when she directed the balls to her backhand strong, which gave her the upper hand in the point," said head coach Brian Shelton.

McDowell finished her sophomore year with a 45-8 singles record and earned 84 singles victories in her first two years.

"It's one of the most rewarding moments of my life. I don't think I've ever felt so happy and exhausted at the same time," McDowell said.

On June 5th, both Miller and McDowell earned spots on the six-person USTA Summer Collegiate Team, an elite training program for the top American collegiate tennis players. On June 10th, McDowell has been chosen the nation's top collegiate female tennis player for 2008 thereby earning her the Honda Sports Award, given annually to the top women athletes in 12 NCAA-sanctioned sports, with an automatic nomination for the Collegiate Women Athlete of the Year. McDowell joins Miller as the only two Tech players in history to win the Honda award.



## Eight players picked in amateur baseball draft

By Colin Ake/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Right: Charlie Blackmon, in his first season as a position player, hit .396 with 99 hits and was picked in the second round in the amateur baseball draft. Left: David Duncan was selected in the fifth round.**

By Akshay Amaraneni  
*Sports Editor*

Charlie Blackmon became the latest Tech pitcher-converted position player to make a name for himself with the bat. Ninety-nine hits later, Blackmon was rewarded as a second round draft choice of the Colorado Rockies. Blackmon, a junior and first year position player, made the All-ACC second team as well as the All-tournament team at the NCAA regional in Athens. Blackmon hit .396 with a 1.033 OPS, both team leading. He also led the team in hits (99), runs (68) and stolen bases (25).

David Duncan was the next Jacket selected as the Houston Astros made him the 152nd overall pick in the fifth round. The Friday starter led the Jackets in strikeouts (74), innings pitched (96.1) and had just a .268 batting average against.

Blackmon and Duncan were the only two Jackets selected on the first day. The Astros took another Tech pitcher on the second day when they

drafted junior Chris Hicks in the 14th round. Hicks started the season as the Jackets closer. He finished the season with an 8.67 ERA and an 0-3 record, but did have 23 strikeouts in 27 innings to go against 14 walks, showing good control.

**"Blackmon, a junior and first year position player...hit .396 with a 1.033 OPS, both team leading. He also led the team in hits (99)."**

Seeing Jason Haniger in the 19th round, the Pittsburgh Pirates selected him with the 564th overall pick. Haniger hit .329 with 10 home runs and led the team with a .638 slugging percentage among regulars.

Luke Murton was picked in the

33rd round. Murton, was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Murton had the second highest OPS on the team at 1.023. He finished second on the team in RBIs (51), slugging, (.621). Murton did add 12 home runs and led the team in doubles with 25.

Brad Rulon was selected in the draft for the first time after taking over the closer's role towards the later part of the season. Rulon was picked by the New York Yankees in the 34th round. Rulon finished the season with a team best 9.92 strikeouts per nine innings, eighth best in Tech history. The right-hander struck out 42 in 34.2 innings and walked just 20.

Eddie Burns was the final Jacket selected in the 39th round by the Cleveland Indians. Burns went 7-5 and had 55 strikeouts and just 24 walks.

The Jackets during Danny Hall's tenure have had 72 players sign professional baseball contracts, including 10 last year, and 14 have reached the major leagues.

## sports shorts

### Dietrich, McGuire receive honors

Derek Dietrich and Deck McGuire were honored as freshman. Dietrich was named the Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Freshman Hitter of the Year. Dietrich started 62 games at shortstop for the Jackets and led the team with 66 RBIs.

Collegiate Baseball also honored Dietrich as well as teammate Deck McGuire. Both were named to the Freshman All-America team. McGuire led the Jackets with an 8-1 record and had a 3.46 ERA in 78 innings. The two are among the 15 Tech players named freshman All-Americans.

### Talisa Kellogg wins Bronze on US volleyball team

Rising senior Talisa Kellogg helped the USA A2 team win a Bronze medal at the USA Adult Open Championships. The USA A2 Red team won the gold medal over the University of Washington's Collegiate team at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The blue team had several standout collegiate players including Kellogg, Maria Taylor of UGA, Kelsey Bowers and Kristy Jaeckel of Florida and Elena Martinez and Brittnee Cooper of LSU were among the players from the southeast. Jerritt Elliot of Texas was the head coach of the blue team and Cathy George of Michigan State coached the red team. Ben Bodipo-Memba, one of Tech's assistant coaches, was also an assistant on the Red Team's staff.



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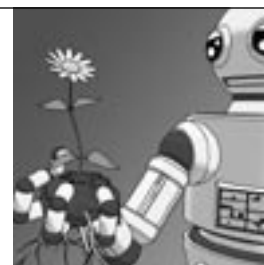


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## Baseball from page 16

Tech came into the final game as the only team in the regional to not have a defensive error, but that changed quickly.

"It seemed like, defensively, we just kept breaking down, inning after inning. We didn't pick the ball up, didn't catch it, didn't throw it. I honestly thought we had seven errors, I think they missed one somewhere," Hall said.

Tech played in the NCAA Tournament for the 24th time in school history and finished the season with 40-plus wins. Blackmon has successfully hit in each of the last twelve games.

The Jackets provided a promising start to the beginning of their NCAA Tournament play. The wins over Louisville and Lipscomb stretched out another 40+ win season for the Jackets.

The offense was led by Charlie Blackmon and Jason Haniger. Blackmon continued his hot hitting streak with three hits while Haniger blasted a two-run homer as well as scoring three runs.

"This was a great way for us to start the [NCAA] Tournament, to get some runs early. We felt good about it... I am proud of the way our guys played, the way they battled," Hall said.

The Jackets took an early lead in the first inning. Blackmon was able to score on a sacrifice fly from Luke Murton. The right fielder reached base with a walk and eventually reached third after a wild pitch and a stolen base. The Jackets put an ad-

ditional run on the scoreboard in the second. The rally started with a single by Haniger. Blackmon provided a crucial single with the bases loaded to drive in a run.

David Duncan kept the opponent scoreless for the first five innings while only allowing four hits. The starter was relieved of his duties after giving up the lead in the sixth. Andrew Robinson entered to put a stop to the opponents' scoring.

"I'm proud of our bullpen tonight... Robinson and Rulon did a great job of dealing with [adversity]. Especially in the ninth inning, giving up two first hits, we got through

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**Danny Hall**  
Baseball Head Coach

that," said Jason Haniger, the starting catcher.

The Jackets were able to keep pace on scoring. The bases were loaded in the sixth due to Tony Plagman being hit by the pitch, Haniger hitting a single, and a walk by Patrick Long. Blackmon then stepped up to the plate and hit a liner to allow Tech to take the lead. Robinson followed with a scoreless seventh inning. Later, Haniger added to the lead with a home-run blast. The Jackets added another run in the eighth when Chase

Burnette scored from second on a sacrifice fly by Murton.

On Saturday, the Jackets became eligible for the regional championship when they advanced with a win against Lipscomb. Brad Feltes guided the Jackets to a win with a two-out double in the eighth.

"I was trying to take the first pitch, get a good look at [Tognazzi], find out how he was throwing and what angles he was throwing at... I didn't want to get too far down in the count and he threw me a pitch I was able to hit in the gap," said Brad Feltes, the third baseman. Feltes went 2-3 and had two RBI in the game.

The Jackets seemed to score heavily when they earned the chance. After producing three runs in the second, they were retired in 16 out of 17 at-bats by opposition pitching before Feltes' key double. The double by Feltes put him just two shy of tying the school season record.

"We never breathed easy until we saw Rowland catch the last out in center field... to their credit they battled back and got back in the game... When Feltes came up to the plate, there's probably not a guy that I'd rather see up there at the plate. He's been clutch all year," Hall said. Three pitchers, Deck McGuire, Taylor Wood and Brad Rulon, combined for eight strike outs and only allowed seven hits.

Wood (3-0) earned the win after pitching 0.2 scoreless innings, striking out one. Rulon secured his seventh save of the season and second in as many games, the right hander allowed one hit and had one strike out in 1.2 innings against the Bison.

# Five players, coach voted to Hall of Fame

By Akshay Amaraneni  
Sports Editor

Tech elected five former athletes and a coach to their Hall of Fame for the 2008 class. Among them are former basketball standout and current Utah Jazz forward Matt Harpring.

Harpring is the latest Tech player to have his jersey number retired. Harpring (1995-98) finished just seven points shy of the career points record (2,225). The forward was a first team All-Conference pick in 1996, 1997 and 1998. He was also an All-American in 1998. Harpring is currently playing for the Utah Jazz.

Kisha Ford (1993-97), like Harpring, was a three time All-ACC selection. As a senior in 1997 Ford made the AP All-America team. Ford tops the Tech ranks in points (1,955), steals (278) and minutes played (3,823). Ford played for a time in the WNBA before returning to school to finish her MBA at Baker College.

Mark Fischer (1995-97), a local

product from Marietta, was a consensus All-America pick in 1997. Fischer was also a first team All-ACC pick in both 1996 and 1997. Fischer won the ACC batting title as a sophomore, hitting .400 over for the season. Fischer finished fifth on the all-time home run list with 24.

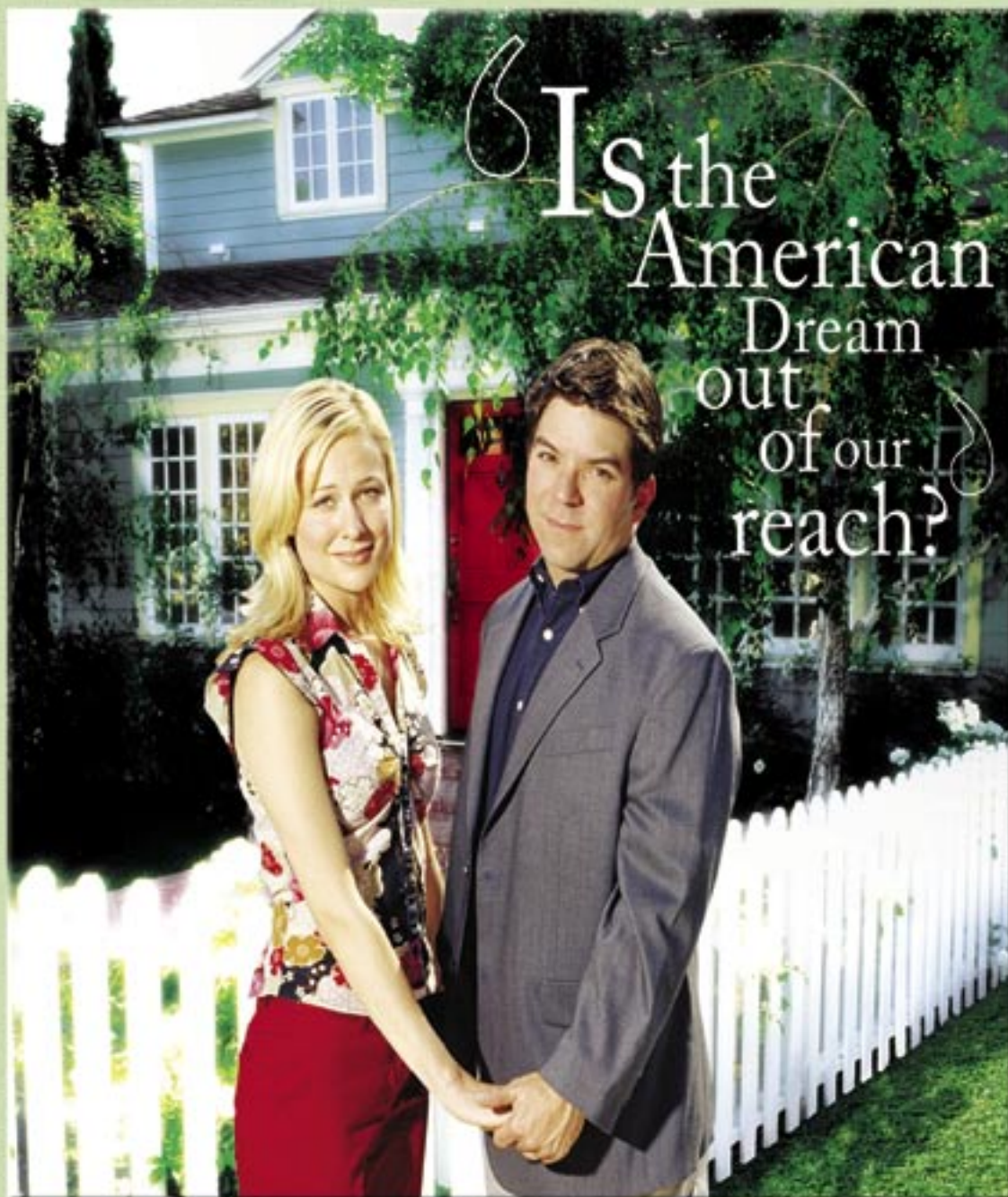
Puggy Blackmon (1982-95) is a former golf coach and brought Tech back into the sport spotlight. Blackmon coached the Jackets to their first ACC championship and would win an additional four under the coach.

David Krummenacker (1994, 96-98) was the 1997 and 1998 indoor and outdoor ACC MVP.

He won two NCAA championships in the 800 meter indoors and won a combined 17 all-conference honors in the 800 meters, the 1500 meters and the 4 by 400 meters relay.

Andrea Nachtrieb (1993-96) was an All-ACC performer all four years and won a tournament title with the team in 1994 and two regular season titles in 1994 and 1995. Nachtrieb finished her career at Tech as the all-time assists leader and was selected to the ACC's 50th anniversary volleyball team.

**"Harpring is the latest Tech player to have his jersey number retired. Harpring finished just seven points shy of the career points record"**



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## THE FALL FAILS TO IMPRESS

Based in a 1915 Los Angeles hospital, *The Fall* offers visually pleasing videography, but lacks in story. **Page 9**

## FRIDAY THE 13TH

Signifying the ominous date, entertainment has put together a guide to all 10 Friday the 13th horror films. **Page 9**



## by the numbers

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The number of errors Tech committed on the field against UGA in the regional final in Athens. The Jackets, going into that game were the only team to have not committed an error up to that point.

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Georgia scored 26 runs against Tech in two games in the NCAA tournament after scoring just eight runs in the three regular season games against the Jackets. UGA also held Tech to six runs in the two games—with all of the runs coming in the second game.

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Tech athletes that will participate in the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Drake University in Iowa. For the women, Kimery Hern, Shantia Moss and Jacqua Williams will participate. For the men, Steve Marcell, Andy Powlen, James Lemons II and Alphonso Jordan will take part.

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Number of top-three finishes the Jackets had at the NCAA Regionals. Sophomore Steve Marcell finished third in the men's shot put with a distance of 61 feet. Sophomore Alphonso Jordan finished second in the men's triple jump with a personal best distance of 52 feet, 9.5 inches. Senior Shantia Moss finished third in the women's 100-meter hurdles.

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Number of individual wins by Amanda McDowell during the 2007-08 season. Tech's first women's singles title winner in school history, McDowell took over the distinction in the semi-finals of the NCAA singles tournament with a win over Auburn's Fani Chifchieva for her 44th victory and Baylor's Zuzana Zemenova for the 45th.

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## UGA eliminates Tech in NCAA Regional

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The Jackets baseball team was blanked in the final two games of the NCAA Athens regional against state rival UGA and has been eliminated from the NCAA tournament. In the two games, the Jackets were out hit, out pitched and looked overmatched at times.

In Sunday's game, the Jackets' bats fell short and the pitching staff was incapable of stopping the opponent from scoring. Tech managed just four hits while striking out nine times.

"I just hope that Nick Montgomery can't pitch tomorrow. He's pitched against us twice, he's their Deck McGuire. We haven't been able to do anything with him," said Danny Hall, head coach of the Jackets.

The Bulldogs pounded a two-run homer in the third inning. Then in the fourth, Eddie Burns escaped from a bases loaded situation, allowing only one runner to score. The Bulldogs hit two more home runs during the game. Georgia scored eight runs to Tech's zero in the rout.

"I felt like we came out tonight, a little flat. I want to give [Montgomery] a lot of credit, he threw very well against us," said Charlie Blackmon the Jackets' right fielder.

Blackmon led the Jackets with



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Andrew Robinson allowed four runs in 4.2 innings in the NCAA tournament. Robinson's performance was a microcosm of Tech in the NCAA tournament as they fluctuated on a game-by-game basis.

two hits. Tech seemed to be on top of a rally in the third with a lead-off single by Thomas Nichols. The team managed to get two runners in scoring position but a strike-out by Jeff Rowland stopped the rally.

With the loss, Monday night's game became a winner-take-all elimination match for a trip to the Super Regional round against N.C. State.

The game began with a free-fall of hitting from both teams. In fact, the Jackets mustered five hits and

five runs in a long, drawn-out first inning. Both starting pitchers were relieved of their duties in the first as well. Reliever Brandon Cumpston could not keep the Bulldogs' offense in check and allowed the opponent to take the lead in a three run second that followed Georgia's three run first.

"We didn't play a championship level of play tonight; I take full responsibility for that...I'm very proud of my team and everything we went through this year," Hall said.

As the Bulldogs continue to score more runs throughout the game, the Jackets attempted to keep up to speed. Jeff Rowland scored in the fourth after reaching on fielder's choice, stealing for the 22nd time of the season and taking advantage of a throwing error. That was the last time a Jacket would cross home plate.

Much of the Bulldogs' 18 runs can be attributed to the six errors committed by the visiting team.

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## McDowell wins NCAA tennis title, Honda Award



By Michael Schneider/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Amanda McDowell waits to return a shot. She captured the first NCAA individual title in Tech tennis history last weekend in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Amanda McDowell followed up last season's team title with the schools first tennis individual title, defeating Zuzana Zemenova of Baylor in the finals in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3. The sophomore set a school record for wins in a season with 45, eclipsing teammate Kristi Miller's previous record of 43.

"I thought it was a really good match. I don't think the score really reflects how quality the match was. I think we were really toe-to-toe

for a little bit in the first set," said McDowell after the match, "I played her backhand a little more today than her forehand. She had a pretty good forehand that she could use to attack me. I thought I stepped up pretty well on her serve today. At the beginning, I thought my first serve percentage was a little low but I got it together and started winning a lot of service points on my first serve. I was pretty happy with my match today."

The Women's tennis team found their season over after losing in the NCAA tournament on May 17th to Florida. Individually, though,

it was not over as the singles and doubles tournaments began. Five of Tech's players earned bids to the 2008 NCAA singles tournament, the most in school history. Only sophomore Amanda McDowell and Senior Kristi Miller made it past the first round.

The first round began on May 21 in Tulsa as seventh seeded McDowell was able to pull out a three-set victory over Vanderbilt's Amanda Taylor after dropping her first set 1-6 and then winning the next two 7-6, 6-1. The other top-16 ranked player in the tournament, Miller, overtook Arizona's Danielle Steinberg in the first round with a 6-3, 6-3 victory. The other three players that earned bid to the singles tournament were not able to advance. Sophomore Kirsten Flower dropped her match to Fresno State's Melanie Gloria 6-3, 6-0, freshman Maya Johansson lost to Michigan's Chisako Sugiyama 6-3, 6-4, and senior Whitney McCray lost in the third set to Marshall's Kellie Schmitt 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

The doubles tournament began on the following day as Miller and McCray played their last doubles match of each others collegiate career together. They dropped their match

in the first round to TCU's Macall Harkins and Anna Sydorska 6-1, 7-6 (3). The second round of singles was that same day as Miller finished with a loss to California's Claire Ilcinkas 7-5, 0-6, 6-4. Miller had finished her career with Tech with 151 wins over the last four years. Miller now holds Tech's career records in singles wins

and winning percentage. In addition, she was tabbed to the CoSIDA Academic All-District III First Team that same day for her off-the-court accomplishments after earning her degree in History, Technology and Society with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

McDowell continued to stay alive in the tournament, with a win over South Carolina's Gira Schofield in the third set 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. On Friday, McDowell advanced to the championship quarterfinals after her third-round victory over UCLA's Tracy Lin 6-4, 6-2. On May 24, McDowell became the first women's tennis player in school history to reach the semifinals of the NCAA Singles Championship. In the quarterfinals, McDowell defeated Baylor's Lenka Broosova 6-3, 6-2 to advance in addition to

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