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## Full House star speaks Monday

Jodie Sweetin of "Full House" fame has rescheduled the visit to Tech which was canceled when she became ill while touring.

She will speak on Monday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom about her experiences, including her battles with alcohol and meth addition, followed by an autograph session with audience members. This is a free event sponsored by the Student Center Programs Council, Auxiliary Services, and GT SMART.

## Tug starts Greek Week Sunday

Greek Week 2007 begins this Sunday with the Tug competition. The event will last the entire week of March 4 through March 12, finishing up with the Greek Sing event.

For more information or scheduling on Greek Week 2007, contact Ross Mackowski and Christina Morton.

## Professor wins Cancer Scholar

Ravi Bellamkonda, a professor in The Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University, is one of 13 scientists named as a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar for 2007.

He will receive \$150,000 in funding annually for five years to support his research efforts. The coalition selects scientists engaged in the most promising areas of cancer research. Bellamkonda's area of interest is nanotechnology for cancer imaging and therapy.

## Tech faces security breach

By Vivas Kaul  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 21, 3000 letters and notices were sent to several former and current Tech employees. The notices warned that a massive security breach had taken place, and that sensitive data including social security information could have been compromised.

Much of the information that is known about the incident was within a press release issued by Tech's Public Affairs Office. Currently, the investigation is ongoing and as a result much of what is known about the case is not being talked about. However, there are a few specifics that are known in addition to the information present in the

press briefing. The breach was first noticed

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**Matt Nagel**  
Media Relations  
Specialist ICPA

by OIT on Feb. 13, but this was before the true scope of the secu-

rity violation was known. Matt Nagel, media relations specialist for ICPA, said, "Basically the reason that the information was released when it was, instead of late Feb. 13, is because it was an ongoing investigation and Tech had to determine the scope of the information in the computer account that had been breached."

On Feb. 21 in addition to sending out those notices Tech also contacted the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Nagel stated that a breach of Tech's computer system occurred from off campus. The thieves managed to gain access to names, address, social security

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By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Something's burning:** The Klaus Advanced Computer Science Building was evacuated Wednesday afternoon after a jacket was left on a radiator and caught on fire in a lab.

## CSA creates new Asian Awareness Week

By Dhanya Edoo  
Contributing Writer

Asian Awareness Week has come to Tech. The event was created to promote an understanding and a dialogue between various ethnic groups on campus and to create an awareness about how many Asians are on campus and the fact that there are different types of Asians. The event is designed to bring people past the stereotypes and learn about the realities of Asian culture.

The event started with Culture Night, which took place Wednesday Night in the Student Services Building. Several other events will be taking place during this next week.

The event was created when Stephanie Ray, associate dean of students, approached Daranh

Hun, president of the Chinese Student Association (CSA), about creating such an event. The event was planned to foster understanding between the student body and the various cultural communities on campus.

Initially, the event was supposed to be held in January, not February. The event was postponed when a guest speaker had to cancel due to the birth of a child.

The new date was chosen to associate the event with the Chinese New Year, which fell on Feb. 18. Another setback occurred when the funding bill presented before the Student Government Association (SGA) was postponed from Nov. to Jan. The postponement created a delay

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## SGA applications available online

By Amanda Dugan  
Editor-in-Chief

Students interested in representing their peers as part of the 84th Student Government Association (SGA) next year must turn in their candidate application by March 16 at 5 p.m. There are 57 representative positions available in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) as well as executive vice president and undergraduate student body president up for grabs, but the only way to be considered for any one of those positions is to fill out an application.

Alison Graab, undergraduate student body president, said she encourages each and every student to run for a SGA position and to promote the opportunity to friends. "The best way you can impact the future Student Government is to run for an office today. It is important to keep in mind that every office in SGA, from the President to the Freshman Representative, is an important one," Graab said.

Candidate applications are due in the SGA office, across from Einstein's Bagels, on Friday, March 16 at 5 p.m., and can be found on the SGA website at [sga.gatech.edu](http://sga.gatech.edu).

The UHR meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 117 of the Student Services building during the fall and spring terms. All students are welcome to attend, but only representatives may vote.

"SGA works all year to represent the student voice whether it is hosting the GT Night at Six Flags or bringing Maya Angelou to campus for Finding Common Ground. The greatest strength of SGA is our ability to truly debate the issues that matter to everyone using input from many sectors of campus. Only then can we truly represent your voice," Graab said.

UHR's elections committee oversees the entire elections process. "Elections are a good way for students to get involved and find out what is going on around campus. It is a good time for people to hear from who is going to be their leaders and find out how they plan to make things better," said Will Welch, a fourth-year International Affairs major and this year's elections committee chair.

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By Blake Israel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

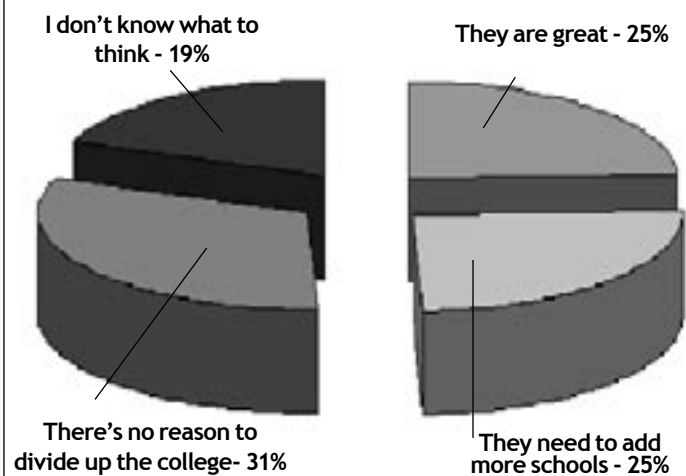
Costume of a dragon highlights the Asian Awareness Culture night that took place Wednesday. This is the first annual Asian Awareness Week at Tech.



## TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 68 responses.

How do you feel about the new CoC schools?



By Kyle Thomason / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What do you think about the upcoming SGA elections?

Tell us at [www.nique.net](http://www.nique.net)



From the files of the GTPD...

## Campus Crime

### Larceny-Theft

2/21/2007 17:00:00 hrs.

Location: Peters Parking Deck

Incident: Report of stolen CD tape adapter.

2/22/2007 21:00:00 hrs.

Location: Dalney Street Lot

Incident: Report of a stolen sunglasses, currency and bag.

2/23/2007 23:30:00 hrs.

Location: Perry Matheson Building

Incident: Report of stolen picture from the building.

### Dispute

2/22/2007 23:05:00 hrs.

Location: O'Keefe Building

Incident: Report of a verbal altercation.

### Information

2/21/2007 12:54:00 hrs.

Location: Delta Tau Delta

Incident: Report of a transformer problem.

### Wanted Person

2/21/2007 14:30:00 hrs.

Location: Barnes and Noble

Incident: Offender wanted by Dekalb County was arrested and transported to Fulton County Jail.

### Health and Safety

2/22/2007 3:08:00 hrs.

Location: Third Street Tunnel

Incident: Report of a sick person transported to Grady Hospital

## sliver

[www.nique.net/sliver](http://www.nique.net/sliver)

Professor Liu said a combination of "right" and "is that right" on 2/19/07.

Professor Liu said "Is that Right?" 105 times on February 19th, surpassing his previous total by over 40

I'm embracing my inner hobbit...

I want a license plate that says "I <3 critical hits"

ATTN Two Bits Woman: everyone knows the first law of comedy is women aren't funny provided they aren't lesbians or fat black woman

that's the great thing about the nose, no KY needed-- it's self-lubricating college republicans were handing out condoms? news to me.

As much as I hate to admit it, I don't have enough time for a relationship...

so me lady, doth thouest glance upon thy innermost cavern or art thou too timid

Maybe Jodie Sweetin was too doped up on crack to speak getting a new sorority does not imply more girls, it implies there will be a new hiding place for our precious few

ATTNPROFDELLAERT: tests and projects on the same day is NOT COOL!!!

Thanks College Democrats for making a miserable day more embarrassing by reminding me just how lonely I am.

Thanks Technique staff by further emphasizing my inadequacies to me in print when I had almost forgotten about them days later.

The day I find an attractive and single tech girl who hasn't contracted TBS is the day I date a Tech girl.

the law of OM prevails a new sorority sounds great! we can put their house on 4th floor of van leer

there are two major drawbacks to adding another sorority 1) it's just one more place for chicks to hide and 2) it'll decrease the number of sad chicks after rush

What kind of society do we live in where people don't return the things that they find?... Where's two bits man?

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Graduate Student Senate

# Senate funds six bills, postpones two

By James Stephenson  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate met Tuesday. Six bills were passed and two were postponed.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Table Tennis Association. The bill was back from conference committee where the differences between the senate and the house versions of the bill were settled. The bill passed by unanimous acclamation.

The second bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to Culture Tech. This bill was also returning from conference committee and it, too, passed by unanimous acclamation.

The third bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to AIAA. They were requesting money to help fund a National event in Savannah. The bill was amended to match the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy for travel expenses and number of students attending. The bill passed.

The fourth bill was the joint allocation to the Student Center. The group was requesting \$70,683.00 to purchase tables for the conference rooms on the third floor. Claudia

## Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to Table Tennis
- Joint Allocation to Culture Tech
- Joint Allocation to AIAA
- Joint Allocation to India Club
- Joint Allocation to Mars Society
- Joint Allocation to Student Planning Association

## Bills postponed

- Joint Allocation to Student Center
- Joint Resolution Approving Positions on Student Center Council

Jones, JFC Chair, informed the group that JFC policy would not allow any funding because it was not an emergency expense and could be paid for in a budget. The bill was postponed for one week so the senators could get more information about the bill.

The fifth bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the India Club. The organization was asking for \$995.95 to pay for a broadcasting of the World Cup

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## Undergraduate House of Representatives

# UHR postpones bylaws again

By Emily Chambers  
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) met Tuesday. Seven bills were passed, two were tabled and one bill was withdrawn. Within the bills presented to the UHR was the Amendments to the Bylaws that had been tabled from the week before.

The first bill brought before the House Feb. 27 was the joint allocation to the Table tennis association, which had been sent to committee after the House and Senate passed it in different versions. After no discussion, the bill passed unanimously.

The second bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to Culture Tech, which had also been sent to committee. Again, the bill required no discussion and passed unanimously with 34 votes.

The third bill presented was the joint allocation to the AIAA, or the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics. They were requesting money to help fund a National event in Savannah.

The bill was amended to match JFC policy for travel expenses and number of students attending. The final format of the bill, after one failed amendment to increase the amount allotted, was \$1,430.20. The bill passed with 28 yays, 3 nays, and 3 abstentions.

The next bill on the agenda was the amendments to the bylaws, but a motion passed to move them six bills down in the agenda. As such, the fourth bill brought before the house was the Joint allocation to the Student Center.

The group was requesting \$70,683.00 to purchase tables for the conference rooms on the third floor. Claudia Jones, JFC Chair, informed the group that JFC policy would not allow any funding for



By Robert Combier / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Undergraduate House of Representatives spent over an hour and a half debating the bylaws before postponing the bill one week.

this, as "Non-emergency capital expenditures are things that can be planned for in advance and paid for with budgetary rollovers over time."

There was a motion to ignore JFC policy and amend the bill down to \$43,000. After debate, the bill was tabled.

The fifth bill presented was the Joint allocation to the India club for \$995.95 to pay for a broadcasting of the World Cup cricket Match. JFC recommended that the bill be amended down to \$695.95 as the group indicated \$300 from fundraising. The bill passed with 23 votes in favor, eight votes opposed and zero

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## Bills passed

- Joint Allocation to AIAA
- Joint Allocation to Culture Tech
- Joint Allocation to India Club
- Joint Allocation to Table Tennis
- Joint Allocation to Mars Society
- Joint Allocation to Student Planning Association

## Bills withdrawn

- Joint Resolution Approving Positions on Student Center Council

## Bills tabled

- Joint Allocation to Student Center
- Amendments to the Bylaws

## sliver

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...Give me back my USB flashdrive!  
...GIVE ME BACK MY USB FLASHDRIVE!  
Snuggle bunnies are the best  
HONEY BEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!! xoxo  
Bethoven is the best!  
Where is my Bethoven?  
the dead mouse on ULC steps is now the squished mouse  
seeing erin in her hot pink pants every morning makes my day  
lindsay could be a virgin if she wasn't a ho...  
gah, network usage security policy  
my roommate will NOT leave the room & it's driving me nuts  
student housing shortage  
Resist providing hospitality to those who borrow money for ever!  
uhh i really hate people who talk loudly in the library. library is definitely not a hang out place.  
So why are there so many weird people at tech? aka CS majors.... I just do not understand. Where's the normal population at tech? Day after day, this population is decreasing.... RAPIDLY!  
So why are most boys at tech so cheap? It bothers me. just a bit.  
Nicolina... you're the love of my life! Marry me! - your lesbian lover.  
Why's facebook so addicting?  
poke me!  
::having a blonde moment::  
eww sorority girls. they make me sick.  
GaTech: where a 53 = B  
These walls are paper thin  
And everyone hears every little sound  
I was nice and accomodating and people still sucked; I'm gonna try mean and selfish.  
The I 85/75 bridge is coincidentally close to the freshman part of campus, isn't it?  
Can anyone give me a rough estimate of the percentage of AEs that went to space camp? It would explain a lot.  
Why is the quiet side of the library louder at night?  
I can hear the bed squeaking

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## Women's Awareness Month 2007 Presents



Until the Violence Stops

March 8, 9, and 10  
Music Listening Room  
Student Center  
7 p.m. nightly

Tickets on sale at  
<http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wam>  
\$10/Students, \$15/Faculty and Staff, \$20/Community  
Proceeds benefit the Partnership Against Domestic Violence



# OHR restructures organization

By Corbin Pon  
Staff Writer

The Office of Human Resources (OHR) has begun a restructuring process to improve their efficiency and to develop a better understanding about the ways to serve Tech's employee base. The restructuring will focus on adding critical talents and skills to OHR that will allow them to implement the professional level services under their strategic plan.

"We needed to change our focus from a transactional organization to one that is a proactive organization," said Chuck Donbaugh, associate vice-president of human resources.

As part of a series of retreats over the last three to four years, OHR, with the Division of Administration and Finance, identified the areas where OHR performed well and the areas where improvement was warranted. The context under which these conversations were held focused on transforming OHR from a "good" organization to a "great" organization said Donbaugh.

"The realization was that [OHR] did a really good job with the transactional, everyday human resources [duties]. We got people on the payroll. We got people promoted. We got them paid... In terms of looking at the broader ramifications of an employment relationship, there were a number of things we needed to do much better," Donbaugh said.

A more aggressive stance toward recruitment and the creation of

metrics to determine whether Tech was attracting and retaining the right people were areas identified as needing improvement. These needs extended both domestically and internationally as a better understanding of the international employment issues was also an important highlighted topic.

"As part of becoming a more proactive organization, we needed

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**Chuck Donbaugh**

**Associate Vice President of Human Resources**

to recognize that foreign nationals, both employees and students, were a desirable and important part of our workforce. We needed to be more experienced and more efficient in how we assist those people," Donbaugh said.

One of the visible changes to come out of the restructuring that intends to improve services for all employees will be the creation of a customer service center to become the one-stop-shop to handle all work related problems.

"If the student has a problem with payroll, if [foreign national employees] have issues with a tax treaty or any other work related problem, they can come to the customer service center and someone will be there to assist them. They won't have to go from place to place to find out an answer," Donbaugh said.

A big part of this process was to make sure OHR became a more professional and efficient human resource organization said Donbaugh. OHR is raising questions about how to recruit in the 21st century, how to maintain a presence in China, South Korea, Singapore, Ireland, etc. Understanding different employment rules and conditions become vitally important as the need to work with these countries increases.

"In a very generic sense, what we are trying to do is to find better ways to deliver top notch human resource services. We are looking at technology to make us more efficient... We are also trying to look at all of the work-life issues that affect how well people can do their jobs. For example, these can include dealing with the issue of childcare," Donbaugh said.

In the new model being adapted by OHR, they looked at corporate models and also the model being used by Duke. The use of an industrial model is unique said Donbaugh. The only other university with a similar basis for human resources was the aforementioned Duke.

Students can find out more information by contacting Donbaugh and OHR.



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Rock me Amadeus:** The Music Department held a symphony performance Tuesday night in the First Center for the Arts.



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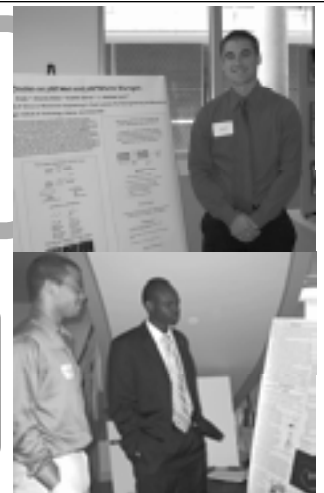
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# IFC wins eight regional awards

By James Stephenson  
News Editor

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) was impressive during the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference winning eight awards, more than double of any other college attending the conference.

The eight awards were the Fraternal Excellence Award, the Outstanding Academic Achievement and Scholarship Award, the Outstanding Campus & Community Relations Award, the Outstanding Community Service & Philanthropy Award, the Outstanding Website Award, the Outstanding Publications Award, the Outstanding Service Project Award and the Outstanding Educational Programming Award.

"These merits mark Tech's IFC as the best IFC in the Southeast, taking

home more awards than any other IFC. In announcing each award, the SEIFC executive board mentioned

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**Jonathan Sangster**  
Interfraternity Council President

several of our projects initiated last year that earned these awards," said Jonathan Sangster, IFC president.

The main project mentioned at the conference was the Habitat for Humanity house that was built in the fall. The magnitude and the scope of the project was mentioned during the presentation of four of the awards the IFC won.

Winning this number of awards is unusual for the IFC, who has seen some dry spells over the past few years.

"Never has IFC won this many awards and hasn't won any at the past several conferences. This truly marks an era of change, and we want to say thanks to all of you who have had a part in helping us succeed in all of our endeavors," Sangster said.

According to Sangster, the IFC plans to set up an advertisement in an upcoming issue of the newspaper to publicly thank everyone who helped the IFC achieve the awards.

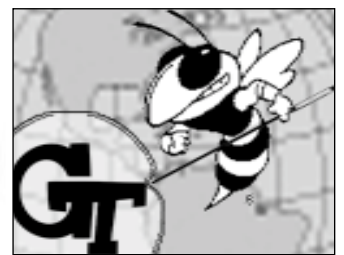


By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Amazing acrobats:** Peking Acrobats wowed audiences in the Ferst Center last Saturday night with stunts, such as flips, and scenery that displayed their heritage and showed off their talent.

## 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.



### McCain announces entry into campaign

Republican Sen. John McCain will officially enter the presidential race with a formal announcement in early April.

The Arizona senator disclosed the timing of the long-expected announcement in a taping for the "Late Show With David Letterman" on CBS for airing Wednesday night.

"I am announcing that I will be a candidate for president of the United States," the senator told the talk show host and then added he would give a formal speech to that effect in early April.

According to **ABCNews.com**, There was no doubt that McCain would eventually become a full-fledged White House candidate, and he had been expected to make his candidacy official in the spring.

### Iran joins in Iraq security conference

The top Iranian national security official, Ali Larijani, indicated Wednesday that Iranian officials would probably take part in a regional security conference on Iraq next month, which would include the first high-level diplomatic contacts between American and Iranian officials in two years, according to **NYTimes.com**.

The Iraqi prime minister, Nuri Kamal al-Maliki, set a date on Wednesday for the conference. It is to be held March 10 in Baghdad.

### Sunglased women rob Bank of America

Georgia authorities Wednesday were searching for two young women, possibly teenagers, who robbed a supermarket bank branch, laughing as they held up a teller with nothing but sunglasses to disguise their faces.

According to **CNN.com**, the two handed a Bank of America branch teller a note demanding cash, smiled as they waited and then walked out with stolen money Tuesday, police said.

It wasn't clear if they had a weapon, police said.

Their images, captured on bank surveillance video during the 12:15 p.m. robbery Tuesday, were released by police and already had led to several tips, Cobb County police spokesman officer Wayne Delk said.

Authorities have not said how much money was taken, but Delk said it is "considerable."

Police said the two could be as young as 16. Witnesses were unable to tell investigators whether they left in a car.

The store is in a strip mall in an upscale west Cobb residential neighborhood, about 28 miles north of Atlanta.

Delk said one of the girls appears to be laughing in a bank surveillance camera image -- as though "it's all fun and games to them."

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if you kick that door just once more, or hover over one more comuter, the mob that will form cannot be held responsible for its actions  
alexi murdoch = the new damien rice  
How did Phi Mu get all the hot girls?  
I'm like a POW, they only permit me to sleep a couple hours at a time.

Leah Mia!!!!

Junior's Grill beats the hell out of dining halls  
less than a month til St. Patrick's Day!!!

I think I was preemptively rejected. Ouch

i'm a go getta

Angus the dog rocks my socks! (And sniffs my pants)

why isn't there an atl trance station

one trance nation

Am I the only one experiencing burn out? Damn you, Tech!

there's a reason you don't have friends, you evil wench

Parking, Kiss My Ass

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## Weekly Activities



### OPTIONS MINI SERIES

#### Bellydancing & Cooking

Tuesday, March 6  
11:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m  
Commons Stage

Enjoy two free "mini" classes as two Options instructors spend 45 minutes each teaching you how to belly-dance like the best, or cook a healthy meal in less than 30 minutes.

### FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL

Wednesday, March 7 -  
Friday, March 9

March 7 - Maria Full of Grace

March 8 - Life is Beautiful

March 9 - Volver

All shows start @ 8:00 p.m.

Student Center Theater

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### COMEDY SHOW

**Lewis Black**

Opening Act: John Bowman

Tuesday, March 27

Doors Open 8:00 p.m., Show  
Starts 8:30 p.m. Ferst Center  
Tickets on sale February 27th for  
Tech students, 4 tickets per person  
with BuzzCard.

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**GSS**

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cricket Match. JFC recommended that the bill be amended down to \$695.95 as the group indicated \$300 from fundraising. The bill passed with only two negative votes.

The next bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Mars Society. The funding was for travel and equipment shipping to the Mars desert research Center. The group requested \$3,070. The travel expenses in the bill were amended to \$805.14 in compliance with JFC travel expense policy, the JFC also recommended striking all other funding in the bill. The senate went against policy and kept the rest of

the funding in the bill and passed the bill in that form.

The next bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Student Planning Association. They were requesting \$3,000 in travel and miscellaneous expenses for 19 students to attend a conference in Philadelphia in April. JFC recommended amending the bill up to \$3,021. The senate passed the friendly amendment and passed the bill.

The final bill brought before the senate was the joint resolution approving the creation of Student Center positions. The organization requested the bill be postponed for one week, and the senate complied with the request.

**Security**

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numbers, and 400 state purchasing card numbers.

The 3000 people affected by the breach are predominantly from the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He does however state that some students may also have been affected. "Students could be involved if they were employees of the department," Nagel said.

The 3000 people affected have been told to take the proper precautions with their credit reporting agencies to make sure that it is known that their personal information may have been compromised and could be used in a fraudulent fashion.

Currently, the FBI is in charge

of the investigation and details are not forthcoming as the investigation is ongoing. Despite the change in jurisdiction over the case, Tech is doing all that it can to aid the federal investigation into the matter. James Fetig, associate vice president of Institute Communications and Public Affairs, stated in the press release, "Tech regrets that this potential loss of data occurred and will work with the affected individuals to mitigate their exposure."

He then went on to say "Our investigation is continuing, and we apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause."

ICPA was reluctant to give any more information because the matter is an ongoing investigation with the FBI.



By Parker McGee / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Replaying the past:** The African American Student Union in collaboration with DramaTech put on a performance of Ms. Ever's Boys in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night for a full house.

**Elections**

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The elections code, which contains all of the rules governing this year's elections, is included in the Elections Packet, available on the SGA website. The elections committee will hear any violations cases filed against candidates and ensure that the elections process runs smoothly. Campaigning begins March 26 and ends April 11. Students can vote on-

line once elections open April 9 until they close April 11 at 4 p.m. Graab said it is important for all students to be involved in the elections process, whether they run or not.

"Tech is fortunate to have exceptional students with innovative ideas. If you are passionate about Tech, care about the students around you, and want to make a difference with your time at Tech, run for office in SGA. If you choose not to run for office, make the most of

your vote, by being educated about the candidates running and their strengths," Graab said.

In addition to the elected positions there are many other options available to students after the elections who still want to be in SGA. Students can apply to be committee chairs, an appointed Vice President, run for member at large in the fall, serve on a committee or apply to be on the Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet.

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- Responsible for acquiring funding for meetings
- Plans annual retreat and Townhall meetings
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this bball season will be a failure if we dont go dancing LEW is absolutely amazing and beautiful!!!

So the GTCRs can't do anything without being criticized. It's a free country, right liberals? I guess freedom of speech is only for one party.

um, last time I checked, criticism = speech, too.

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dissertations should write themselves

steppin on the beach do do do do

whatever happened to "by the numbers" in the sports section?

Paul F is...bugger?

I'm with stupid ^

hey winnie you need to wake up and ask me out before you lose me to someone else

I don't want a boyfriend...just an attractive boy who will take me out to romantic and trendy restaurants.

Gary: thanks for reminding me that everything is going to be ok.

This place is slowly killing my soul. I die a little inside everytime I come here.

The Office makes Thursday the bet day of the week.

greek kids lack individuality all girls that get hurt dating a jerk deserve what they got. i think their shirt with greek letters is reason enough to cut off their \*cozones\*

I mean, glowsticks AND zhen zhu nai cha....You totall made my life.

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## UHR

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abstentions.

The sixth bill bought before the House was the Joint allocation to the Mars Society. The funding was for travel and equipment shipping to the Mars desert research Center. The group requested \$3,070, but the bill was amended to \$805.14 in compliance with JFC travel expense policy. The bill passed unanimously with 31 votes in favor.

The seventh bill brought before the House was the joint allocation to the Student Planning Association.

They were requesting \$3,000 in travel and miscellaneous expenses for 19 students to attend a conference in Philadelphia in April. JFC recommended amending the bill up to \$3,021, and it passed with 31 votes for, 3 votes against, and no abstentions.

The eighth bill discussed was the amendments to the bylaws introduced last week. Tim Gallagher presented the amendments agreed upon by the ad-hoc committee created after last week's two-hour discussion.

The amendments covered such topics as the veto power of the president, and emergency legislation. As there are currently 43 members in the house, the bill required 29 votes in favor, or a 2/3 vote to pass.

A couple representatives proposed

several changes to the amendments to the bylaws. A debate took place for over an hour about the changes to the bill. On many occasions, attempts were made to table the bill until next week when more representatives were present to vote on the bill.

Alison Graab, the undergraduate student body president, attempted to make a motion to table the bill, but was denied the motion because she was the author of the bill and unfriendly amendments had already been made to the bill.

In the face of potential failure of the bill, several representatives threatened to stage a walk-out of the meeting in order to intentionally lose quorum and delay a vote on the bill. A vote was finally passed to table the bill.

The ninth bill presented was the resolution on the Articles of Impeachment for Steven Hardy, a Senior IE representative. As put by Vice President Paul Byrne, this bill was not the actual impeachment, but was "essentially the arraignment", of Hardy, a decision by the house as to whether or not to begin impeachment proceedings.

The bill had to pass by a 3/5 vote of the House, and with a vote of 29 yays, two nays and three abstentions, it passed.

The final bill of the night, the resolution approving the creation of Student Center Positions, was withdrawn.

Association, Global Ambassadors, Auxiliary Services and the different Asian organizations on campus. According to Daranh Hun all of campus is invited in hope to not only promote understanding among non-Asians of what Asian culture, but to also dispel myths different Asian groups have of one another.

# Theta Xi wins 50,000 dollars

By Randy Darnowski  
Contributing Writer

Security guards, darkness, graveyards and several homeless people did not scare away six Tech undergraduates from winning a jackpot. On Feb. 20 around 3:30 am, several members of Theta Xi fraternity celebrated on finding a gold-colored coin in the Dr. Pepper "Hunt For More" sweepstakes. The grand prize is worth \$50,000.

John Carroll began the expedition in search of the gold coin when the idea struck him as he was drinking an ice-cold Dr. Pepper beverage.

"At first it was just me drinking Dr. Pepper and entering new codes online. Once I realized that it was in Atlanta, I started getting a little more serious about it. At first, the clues were kinda easy, but it was also a lot of fun too," said John Carroll, the organizer of the team.

Contestants received an online code with every soft drink. Once the contestant entered the code online, a new cryptic puzzle was released daily at 3:30 am.

The cryptic message gave an opportunity for the contestant to deduce in which city and precise location the coin is hidden.

All in all, 23 coins were hidden across the US and Canada for the sweepstakes.

John Carroll brought on the task to his fellow fraternity brothers for their help. Tom Steiner, Parker Hancock, Danny Ritchie, Matt Peters and Chris Cho jumped on the bandwagon to aid Carroll.

"All of the clues were genuinely hard. I think everyone one of us had to solve at least one of them," said Parker Hancock, a brother of the

Theta Xi fraternity.

Once the contestants had narrowed down the city district, it was their job to physically search and retrieve the hidden coin.

"We narrowed it down to the Martin Luther King Historic Dis-

**"Once I realized it was in Atlanta, I started getting... more serious about it."**

**John Carroll**

**Fourth-Year BMED Student**

trict, an area called Sweet Auburn. One night, one of the clues pointed us to the [MLK] Memorial, and we had to explain to the security guards at 4 o'clock in the morning. The final clue pointed us to the John

**"[The hunt] was definitely a good history lesson for us."**

**Danny Ritchie**

**Third-Year CE Student**

Wesley Dobbs Memorial," said Tom Steiner, a brother of the Theta Xi fraternity.

Chris Cho stayed at the house on the computer and talked the other members through their search.

The coin was located in the Dobbs Plaza in the historic Sweet Auburn District. John Wesley Dobbs was the mayor of the Auburn District of Atlanta. The Dobbs Memorial is located at the corner of Auburn Avenue and Fort Street. The puzzle hunters had earlier tried to find the coin in the Historic Oakland Cemetery.

The gold coin was being hunted by other parties on the same night. John Carroll grabbed the coin before anyone else could claim it.

"John was looking at one point in the wall and the other guy was looking at the other side. So, John found the coin about 30 seconds before the other guy would have," Parker said.

Some of the clues cited the CSA, Stone Mountain, Martin Luther King, "Georgia On Your Mind" and 1-285.

"One of the clues actually said 'If you hear a buzz southward trek, the clue is to avoid a wreck'. We freaking out at that point. [The hunt] was definitely a good history lesson for us," said Danny Ritchie, a brother of Theta Xi fraternity.

The group plans on donating a tenth of their earnings to the charity organization Josiah Feed the Hungry. The group estimates that each member will be paid roughly six to eight thousand dollars after taxes and the charity donation have been accounted.

The members plan on investing some of their earnings and paying student debts. Danny Ritchie definitely plans on buying something special for his special someone.

More information about the competition and the winners can be found at the Dr. Pepper website.

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*"Education...has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading."*  
 —G.M. Trevelyan

## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

### Delaying bylaws

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) has once again postponed the vote on amending the UHR bylaws. With all the discussion surrounding the proposed changes, it is obvious that some sort of amendment is necessary, and UHR needs to move forward with the process. If UHR expects the bill to be failed, they should go ahead and fail it instead of continually postponing the vote. This way, they would be able to introduce a new version and restart the process.

Unfortunately, postponing the vote is not the only way in which UHR has been wasting time with the bill to amend the bylaws. They have also made several amendments to the bill throughout the process; if UHR will ultimately fail the bill, the amendments are a waste of time.

Considering that part of the reason the vote has been postponed is to ensure that enough representatives in favor of the bill will be present to vote, it is evident that some representatives should be taking their jobs more seriously. As obvious as it may seem, the student body elects its representatives to represent them in UHR sessions. Representatives need to attend meetings for this to happen.

Not only that, but the younger members should find their voices and stop allowing a smaller number of upperclassmen to dominate UHR. It seems that just a few seniors are standing in the way of amending the bylaws; they should not be able to use their seniority to sway younger representatives, who should instead make their own decisions so that the student body as a whole is better represented.

As students continue to watch UHR deliberating over the amendments, they should keep the upcoming Student Government Association (SGA) application deadline, March 16, in mind. SGA can always use new members with fresh ideas and dedication to the process. Every semester, there are majors with representative seats still open and others for which the same representative runs uncontested term after term.

Getting involved with SGA is a great way for any student to get involved on campus and make a positive impact. While voting to pass the bill to amend the UHR bylaws may not seem like a huge change for the Institute, but these changes will affect things like the mandatory Student Activity Fee allocation policies. Tech needs those changes to ensure fairness for all organizations requesting money from SGA.

Not only that, SGA also sponsors events such as GT Night at Six Flags, Finding Common Ground, and One Night Stand. Through funding decisions and programs, SGA affects every student.

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By David Chen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Abstain from abstinence-only sex ed

Do your parents know what you do on weekends? For a fairly large proportion of the student body, the answer to this question is "No, and thank God they don't!"

As college students, we've honed our skills at avoiding certain lines of questioning, thereby hiding the myriad activities our parents would not approve of.

Still, one would think that most students' parents aren't utterly clueless enough to not be able to figure out there's something they've not been told when their son or daughter shows up at home at 5 a.m. and staggers to bed every week. How is it, then, that students are able to continue their deception for years, even though in many cases they don't hide it well at all?

In my experience, students have an unexpected ally in keeping parents uninformed about the poor decisions they may be making: the parents themselves. Parental naiveté has become a bulwark of life both for American college students and, increasingly, younger people as well.

The parental insistence on ignoring the pot smoking, binge drinking, Free Love bacchanalia of their little angels has led to a variety of repercussions. Luckily, most of these do not have wider societal implications; rather, these include parents being comically surprised by unwanted pregnancies or by having to pick their son or daughter up from the hospital after an emergency medical intervention.

One particular result of this parental naiveté has had wide-ranging effects on almost all aspects of an American child's upbringing, however: abstinence-only sex education.

Abstinence-only sex education is essentially the teaching of refraining from sex as the only method for avoiding pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases (STDs), while



**"[P]arents continue to... believe their own children remain daisy-fresh while their neighbors raise...trollops."**

**Arcadiy Kantor**  
 Senior Editor

explicitly not instructing students on safe sex and the use of contraceptives. It's a major issue because a vast proportion of federal education funding is tied to the teaching of this castrated version of sex ed.

The most fascinating aspect of the tie of money for education to abstinence programs is that these programs have been repeatedly shown to fail at their stated goals. The government explicitly funds programs that advocate saving sex for marriage, and despite their increasing prevalence the average age at which Americans first have sex has held steady at 17.

The average age for marriage, on the other hand, remains at 25 years old for women and 27 years old for men, according to information from the Guttmacher Institute. Indeed, according to a 2003 study presented at the American Psychological Society (APS)'s annual meeting, over 60 percent of students who had pledged virginity in middle or high school failed to keep their vow to remain sex-free until marriage.

Furthermore, there are increasing concerns that abstinence-only sex education programs leave teenagers more, not less, vulnerable to STDs. Because they do not teach about the use of condoms or other methods for having safe sex, and because the teenagers are having sex anyway, they can find themselves more at risk.

The issue is complicated even further by the fact that the American insistence on abstinence has created

a massive false dichotomy between vaginal penetration and other sexual acts like oral or anal sex. A survey conducted by *Seventeen* magazine in 2003 found that more than half of 15- to 17-year-olds believed that having oral sex did not mean breaking a vow of abstinence, and the APS study reported that students who pledged abstinence were no more likely to refrain from types of sex other than vaginal.

And these programs have resulted in disturbing statistics, such as 62 percent of males having sex before they were ever shown how to put on a condom, according to a 2002 study.

The body of evidence supporting the superiority of comprehensive sex education that includes a thorough explanation of contraceptives and their effectiveness is extensive. So why is it that the president, a fair proportion of the Senate, and vast numbers of parents support the less effective programs?

The only explanation I can come up with is that despite all the evidence to the contrary, parents continue to blindly believe their own children remain daisy-fresh while their neighbors raise a brood of trollops. Well, dear parents of America, it's time to accept it—your children are having sex, and they're doing it at much earlier ages than you seem to believe.

Now, if children are going to be

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# Well-informed students make best voters

As any typical student does, I tend to cruise through Facebook from time to time when I should really be doing my homework. The other day as I was doing my usual rounds, I noticed a group that is political in nature. I won't say which side it supported, but either way the group was extreme in its views.

The creation of the group is not what disturbed me. Rather, I was disturbed by how wrong they had gotten the facts. It was not even close. So I began to think of all the misleading that goes on, not just on Facebook, but on the internet and in our daily lives. It's all around us, and more and more of this information is being forced into our lives.

The scariest part of it all is that most of this misinformation is geared toward the college crowd. We are young and impressionable with a new right to vote. Each side sees this as an opportunity to make us commit to their side, so that they can garner votes for the next few elections. All parties know that the college campus is sometimes the battlefield in elections. Plus, they feel if you sway one, then maybe their friends will follow suit and their popularity will grow exponentially.

So as intelligent twenty-somethings, we need to know that sometimes everything we read and everything we hear is not



"Life is all about shades of gray, not black and white, and politics is no different."

**Matthew Winkler**  
Managing Editor

for our own benefit but rather for the benefit of a particular party.

I believe the right to vote is one of the most significant ways the common man can contribute to his government. Everyone has something at stake when it comes to picking his or her government, and every vote counts, as the 2000 election showed.

This year is not an election year, but many candidates are already jockeying for position in the upcoming presidential race. So prepare yourself for a plethora of information and misinformation that is about to flood your consciousness. Each side will praise one while condemning the other and the young voter will have to decide "Who is the best choice for me?"

And if your principles swing toward one party more than the other, it is perfectly acceptable.

Just be informed as much as possible and don't go blindly into the voting booth. The worst-case scenario is supporting a candidate and their platform just because he or she has an R or a D beside the name, not because you agree with his or her ideals.

The best way to ensure you're voting for who you want is to educate yourself. Research the candidates and check out their voting records. Watch C-SPAN if you can manage to stay awake. Watch multiple news affiliates. Listen to both sides, not just one lambasting the other. If your most reliable source is Michael Moore or Rush Limbaugh, then you probably need to investigate why. It's dangerous to listen to one argument while not presenting yourself with a counter argument.

The greatest trick any politician ever pulled was convincing anyone that not agreeing with him or her made you a bad person

who was uneducated. No issue is that simple, and supporting one over the other doesn't make you a bad person. Life is all about shades of gray, not black and white, and politics is no different. It's all about picking the shade of gray that best suits your needs.

So when listening to politically-driven speeches and platforms, don't believe it just because it came from someone who looks trustworthy. Examine the topics for yourself and let you be the one who decides rather than someone else telling you how to decide.

Buddha once said, "Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense." This advice can be used when thinking of which candidate or even which party you decide to support.

All our lives we have heard about the next generation deciding how the world is shaped. Now we are that generation. We decide how this world is shaped. So it is up to us to individually examine what party and what platform we support.

It may not seem like it now, but making a clear, conscious decision in the polls weighs just as heavily as anything we will ever do.

## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

### HOT- or -NOT



#### X marks the spot

Several brothers from Theta Xi scored themselves some major cash in the Dr. Pepper Hunt for More Sweepstakes. Their treasure-hunting abilities would make Jack Sparrow, Long John Silver and the rest proud. Even Mother Teresa would be impressed with the brothers' plan to donate a fraction of the \$50,000 to charity. As for the rest of us, we can't help feeling a bit envious.



#### Breached

It was just like something you would hear in one of those amusing commercials warning of how easy it would be to have your identity stolen without the right company's protection. We never imagined something as huge as having 3000 accounts hacked into from off campus could happen at a school as technologically advanced as ours. At least we have the right company working for us now—thanks, FBI.



#### Asian awareness

It seems there's nothing Tech students enjoy more than getting together and celebrating our differences. Asian Awareness Week has been added to Tech's yearly calendar, coinciding with other awareness celebrations. Asian cultures are not all fortune cookies and rice, and we look forward to learning more about them.



#### Piss on 'em

While we feel any of the No. 6 women's tennis team's losses as a blow, a loss to Georgia is especially painful. Despite noble efforts by Kristi Miller and Natalie Frazier, the Jackets couldn't quite sting the No. 12 Bulldogs. Perhaps the No. 13 Clemson Tigers will provide less difficult competition tomorrow.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Media misrepresents Afghans

I want to thank the *Technique* for publishing an article on the subject of Afghan women in the post-Taliban era. I applaud Ms. Shoiab for her interest in Afghanistan and her desire to underline the difference between the religion of Islam and the inhumane rules that the Taliban forced on the Afghan people in the name of Islam. The article, however, inaccurately lists the "Pathans" as "Afghan natives." "Pathan" is the Indian/Pakistani name for a member of the Pashtun ethnic group, which is just one of many native ethnic groups in Afghanistan.

With the media emphasis on any topic except for the war in Afghanistan, there is consequently very little discussion on the plight of the Afghan people. This critical lack of focus bothers me, as an Afghan-American, because I believe that resolving the conflicts within Afghanistan is to the advantage of everyone,

not only the Afghan people.

The terrorist activities of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, much of which are planned and organized within neighboring Pakistan, disrupt the daily lives of both Afghan women and men as they struggle to build a society from scratch.

Though religious intolerance, racism and sexism did not start with the Taliban, they institutionalized it as a way of life and government after the model of the regime in Saudi Arabia. The challenges that an Afghan woman encounters in her everyday life have a direct connection to the political decisions that are made without her.

Because both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are allies of the U.S. government, we have a direct stake in how our government interacts with these regimes. If we had more frequent and

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# BUZZ

## Around the Campus

### What did you give up for Lent?



**Sophia Fisher**  
Second-year BIO

"Skipping class to try to be more responsible with the time I've been given."



**Nic Ngoo**  
Third-year ME

"Watching anime to save my time."



**Suzannah Yates**  
First-year ISYE

"String cheese because it's my guilty pleasure."



**Carlos Cuadrado**  
First-year BME

"I'm not giving up anything. I am going to pray and study more."

Photos by Gilbert Cha

# Options abound for filling dropped class time this spring

Drop day is today. If you want to drop any classes, then you should stop reading this column and get rid of any classes you no longer want immediately. Please come back and finish it though.

Now that most of you have a few extra hours of free time every week since you got rid of half of your schedule on a whim, it's time to look around Tech and find out how else you can spend your time.

If you want to run for student body president, now is your time. If you want to be in Student Government at all, the time to fill out your application is now, or at least some time between now and the deadline of March 16.

This past weekend, I was in Tallahassee at Florida A&M University for a mock trial invitational (Tech won) and realized just how crazy student government elections can be. Candidates for class representative positions had advertisements on major radio stations.

People had their friends holding up signs on every corner. Billboards of the candidates stood on the side of the road. One candidate had



**"Tuesday night, the SGA tabled a bill about tables. If you laughed at that, you really should run for office."**

**Kyle Thomason**  
Columnist

even acquired a massive, flashing sign generally reserved for DOT work to spread the word about his candidacy.

I'm not going to lie; I'm pretty jealous about that last one. I mean, who knew that you could actually do that?

Anyway, at Tech, there are all sorts of rules with elections that you do not have to spend a billion dollars to win, like they do at FAMU.

Of course, they could have a spending limit as well, and if this is the case, I need to start going to buy everything I want to own in Tallahassee at ridiculously low prices. But I digress.

SGA is a great way to know what

is going on, and it can always benefit from students who simply care about the school and care about how all of the money in student activity fees is spent. Of course, you can also enjoy ironical things, as well; for example, this Tuesday night, the SGA tabled a bill about tables. If you laughed at that, you really should run for office.

One of the topics SGA has been debating—the student athletic fee—helps provide another great way to stay away from homeworking when it's just too nice out to be anywhere else. In fact, Tech has four spring sports teams ranked in the Top 25 in the country.

If you mentally went through

women's tennis, baseball, softball and golf when trying to figure that list out, good job. Now, you should go put your athletic fees to good use and watch them play.

While everyone seems to be fairly aware of the basketball team's uneven play this year, and most of the world seems to be in tune with the football team (which does practice a few weeks in the spring if you just can't get enough), it's impressive how strong of an overall athletic program that Tech is building.

However, the times I have dropped by a tennis match or a softball game, there never seem to be nearly enough fans present for the top-flight teams we field.

The softball team has made it to the NCAA Tournament for five consecutive years, yet I know few students that could tell me where to go for a game—it's over at the intersection of 14th and Mccaslin, in case you were curious.

Women's tennis is currently ranked No. 6 in the entire country, and they have been ranked No. 1 this year. To win the National Indoor Championship, the team

defeated Stanford, a team that had won 89 matches in a row prior to Tech's big win.

These are exceptionally good teams that provide great entertainment. Go watch a game or two.

Even the golf team, who often plays in faraway locales, will be in Alpharetta for the United States Collegiate Championship in April and the NCAA East Regional in May.

The other three ranked teams that don't Yellow Jacket gear—baseball, softball and tennis—are right on or next to campus, and if you schedule it right, you can even catch all three in one day; I actually did this last year, and it was an incredibly good time.

Give it a try on March 31; there's a women's tennis match against North Carolina at noon, the second game of a softball doubleheader against UNC at 3 p.m. and after dinner, there's a baseball game against Maryland at 7.

So remember, check to make sure you aren't registered for any classes you have never actually attended, and then enjoy the opportunities the spring brings.

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accurate discussion of the political situation in Afghanistan, it could make the difference in halting the ongoing war there or preventing another 9/11.

A poem by the Pakistani poet Iqbal sums up the situation: "If Asia

was a body of water and clay, / The Afghan nation would be the heart in that body, / Its prosperity brings the prosperity of Asia, / Its decay brings the decay of Asia."

Donna Sammender  
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## Sex from page 8

having sex regardless, aren't they better off if schools educate them on all of the possible ways they can protect themselves, rather than making sex ed the religious or morality section of health class? I think if parents could get over the initial mental block of

believing, they would agree that they want their children to know about all the different ways to keep themselves safe.

So what can be done to convince parents that they are wearing blinders? Well, as long as it's left up to us college students, nothing at all will be done, because we happen to like

our parents assuming we're exemplar little humans. Perhaps, however, we should be altruistic and, for the benefit of future generations, have that belated conversation about the birds and the bees.

After all, it seems that our parents are really the ones in need of "sex education."

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# FOCUS

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## WOMEN CONTINUE TO WIN

Women's basketball won their last two games against Longwood and Virginia. Next, they face Miami in the ACC tournament. **Page 25**

## FAMOUS ACOUSTIC AT FERST

Jazz pianist Bela Fleck and banjo player Chick Corea played a sold out acoustic show at the Ferst Center for the Arts last Friday, Feb. 23. **Page 15**



# Missing a step: DanceTech faces troubles

By Aileen Li  
Staff Writer

Tech has a reputation for being one of the best and most challenging engineering schools in the nation, but its students can bust a move as well as solve differential equations.

There are currently several dance-oriented clubs on campus such as the Ballroom Dance Club, the Salsa Club and DanceTech.

Unfortunately, DanceTech is currently facing serious troubles due to various problems, including a lack of student participation.

Founded in 2003, DanceTech is a non-exclusive, stu-

dent-based dance club that seeks to bring dance and movement to Tech.

It is composed of an executive board and an ensemble, which includes dancers and choreographers.

DanceTech offers weekly dance workshops in ballet, jazz, modern dance and hip hop and produces a show every semester. There are no limits to how many classes a member can take, and all shows are open to Tech students, faculty and family.

"DanceTech is a performing dance organization. We focus more on show choreography and production, and each semester choreographers announce what skill

level their dance is

tailored to and what type of dance it will be," said Kristie DeLiso, second-year

Chemical Engineering major and vice president of DanceTech.

"DanceTech brought in a few very talented ballet-trained freshmen, but we also have an old-time shim sham dance and capoeira [a Brazilian martial arts style that is centered around dance]," DeLiso said.

Although DanceTech has planned a bright future for Tech's dancers, it is now facing significant problems in making that future a reality.

"Our main challenge right now is building a strong base of choreographers, dancers and leaders that are committed to putting on a great show and ensuring the financial and membership aspects of DanceTech," DeLiso said.

One of the major issues DanceTech is facing is the lack of a dedicated team and financial support.

"The members we have right now are great. But most club members just want to dance and not lend a hand in helping to run the club [or do things] like fundraising. Since the CRC started charging for studio space, we are at a loss for good practice rooms,"

DeLiso said.

However, the DanceTech team is working together to find solutions to these problems so the club can continue on campus.

"We are holding more regular teaching workshops to try to increase the diversity of our dances and interest in DanceTech from beginner dancers," DeLiso said.

DeLiso outlined other plans to improve the organization's situation.

"To raise money and increase attendance at our shows, we plan on holding raffles at our shows and better publicizing our club," she said.

Many DanceTech members think it is absolutely crucial to have the organization around on campus. They say that dancing is not only fun, but it is a great way to relax and get away from books and labs.

"I think that creativity is the basis for innovation, so why not start with the most creative outlets there are? [Being creative] helps build rounded and cultured people who are aware of the importance of every aspect of life," said Joanna Futral, a second-year Applied Mathematics major.

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By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A modern ensemble dances for a DanceTech production. The club's new show is in April.



By Julia Bunch / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

DanceTech members perform a fun, vibrant Latin dance at the Student Center ballroom.

## Math contest recruits for future

By Giles Santomauro  
Contributing Writer

Find the units digit of the following expression:  $2007^{2007^{2007}}$ .

Finalists had two minutes to solve this problem in the decisive tiebreaker round of the 2007 Tech High School Math Competition, which was held this past Saturday in the Instructional Center (for the mathematically-minded, the answer to the tiebreaker is seven).

More than 270 talented high school and eighth grade students from seven states competed in a series of math tests for trophies, bragging rights and, most notably, a total of \$10,000 in scholarships to Tech.

This year's event was hosted by Pi Mu Epsilon, Club Math and the School of Mathematics, and was meant in part as a recruitment tool to attract high-quality students to Tech and its math department.

Besides the stipulation that the awarded scholarships can only be used if the recipients matriculate at Tech, the event organizers also offered campus tours and admissions information for students who were not yet convinced that Tech is the right school for them.

First held in the fifties, the competition has changed significantly. Back then, the top prize was a brand new television set; last week, it was a \$2,500 individual scholarship.

What has stayed constant over the



By Amanda Thomas / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Chinua Shaw, a student from Sculley Academy, ponders a problem during the ciphering round of Tech's High School Math Competition.

years, however, has been the caliber of the contestants.

Harrison Brown, a junior at Centennial High School, won the top individual prize for the varsity competition, but only after grueling practice and preparation for the long day of testing.

Brown had to arrive at eight in the morning, take two hour-and-a-half long exams before being posted as a semifinalist and endure another

rigorous, two-hour, proof-based exam afterwards to be declared the winner.

"[However, it] was well worth the experience and the scholarship," Brown said.

Not surprisingly, Brown's high school also won the first place team award, besting the efforts of top contenders Rockdale Magnet and

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## Students work on Blue Planet Run for clean water

By Siwan Liu  
Contributing Writer

For every problem there is a solution, and in a world where problems seem to increase exponentially, solutions are hard to come by. So what if someone told you that a cure for the world's single largest cause of human sickness and death had been discovered, and that 25,000 people a day, 400 children an hour, could be saved?

The problem: water is essential to life and supply is scarce. The solution here is the Blue Planet Run, an international relay event developed by the Blue Planet Foundation.

"Awareness is the biggest problem with this issue right now, because we have a solution. We have the ability to solve the problem, but in order to solve the problem we need funds, and you don't get funds unless people

know about it," said Patricia Breed, a former Tech student who now works as communications coordinator for ignition Inc., the experimental marketing agency hired to market and produce the Blue Planet Run, which will raise money and awareness for the water issue.

**"Awareness is the biggest problem with this issue right now, because we have a solution."**

**Patricia Breed**  
Communications Coordinator, ignition Inc.

The Blue Planet Foundation itself is a non-profit whose main goal is to provide clean, sustainable water to third-world countries. It transports drinking water to areas in need through a structure called the Pure Water Exchange, which works with small, local non-governmental organizations as well as larger ones.

These organizations facilitate getting the water out to villages that pass the application process and are then reviewed on a yearly

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# Tech celebrates Chinese New Year with gala

By Shikha Choudhury  
Contributing Writer

Although New Year's celebrations may be over in the Western world, the parties are just beginning in much of the Eastern hemisphere. Chinese New Year, which is based on the lunar calendar, started Feb. 18 this year and lasts until the Lantern Festival two weeks after.

Also called the Lunar New Year or Spring Festival, it is also celebrated in Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Nepal, Bhutan, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Tech students took a break from their rigorous coursework to usher in the new year, Asian-style, at the celebratory gala held in the Student



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dancers perform at the Chinese New Year



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A pianist plays at the gala celebrating the Chinese New Year which was held in the Student Center Theater last Saturday evening.

Center Theater last Saturday.

"For the Chinese, the celebration is as extravagant and important as Christmas is to Christians," said Changshi Lao, a fifth-year Material Sciences Engineering graduate student and current president of the Chinese Friendship Association, which organized the gala.

According to the Chinese

zodiac, this year marks the Year of the Pig, which means that it will be a year of business, wealth and prosperity. Lao vividly described how in China, the streets are adorned with lanterns of exotic shapes and paraded by lion dancers while the skies are set ablaze with firecrackers during the New Year.

Tech's gala was meant to bring a taste of this celebratory flavor to campus. The gala featured a number of traditional Chinese dance and musical performances.

Daranhdara Hun, a fourth-year

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## Dance

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Futral joined DanceTech not long ago. Before coming to Tech, she was a part of Augusta Ballet's second company.

"[Dance] can be used simply to keep in shape in an interesting way, or it can be used to create something to express meaning," Futral said of her love for dance.

"I was a part of a dance team last year, but didn't find it as fulfilling as using dance to create an emotion... I think [DanceTech] has amazing potential, but it is hard to get people who want to commit time and effort to a dance group," Futral said.

DanceTech's upcoming spring performance, themed "A Blast from the Past," is free of charge to all Tech students and will be held April 20 in the Ferst Center for the Arts.

"I think the best thing that the student body can do to help is to show up to the performance and participate in the raffles. More than 80 percent of campus doesn't even know we exist," Futral said.

"If we can get over 500 people at our show in the Ferst Center we have a better chance of getting future SGA funding for renting out the Ferst Center. We just want the student body to know that we welcome everybody's membership, and it is never too late to join," DeLiso said.

To find out more about DanceTech, visit [www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/dancetech](http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/dancetech) or e-mail Kristie DeLiso at [k.deliso@gatech.edu](mailto:k.deliso@gatech.edu).

## Math

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Athens Academy.

Professors and students from the School of Mathematics volunteered for the event, helping to grade the proof-based exams.

In addition, Club Math's Brian Benson, a second-year Applied Math major, put on a special presentation about collegiate-level math for the contestants while they anxiously awaited competition results.

Benson discovered his passion for mathematics while finishing his first bachelor's degree at Kennesaw State University. He drew from personal experience as he stressed the importance of considering a math degree to the competition's high schoolers.

"The idea is to get [these kids] to think about a major in math be-

cause so many of them gloss over it and don't realize its opportunities," Benson said.

Throughout the presentation, students were shown examples of graph theory, topics of current

**"The idea is to get [these kids] to think about a major in math..."**

**Brian Benson**  
Second-year Applied Math

research and the broad range of career paths a math major has to choose from.

"A lot of students who excel in math see engineering as the only

practical outlet of their ability," Benson said.

He encouraged the students to explore the many opportunities that a degree in mathematics provides, such as pathways to graduate studies in law, finance and other sciences as well as engineering.

Has Tech's recruitment efforts toward these students paid off?

In some cases, that seems so. Jonathon Joe, a senior at Mount de Sales Academy, will be attending Tech next fall.

"The undergraduate discrete mathematics ranking of seventh in the nation made my decision especially easy since I plan on that being one of my dual majors," Joe said.

Participants spoke of other things that attracted them to Tech.

"I like the atmosphere, the people and its academics," said Emilio Saladar, a Centennial High School

junior, as he balanced a trophy in one hand and a notebook full of math work in the other.

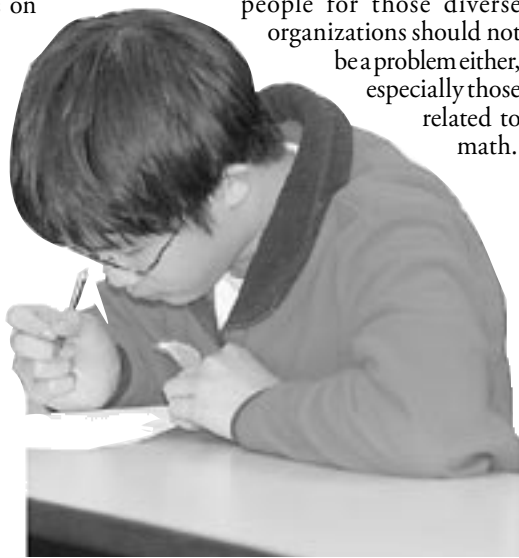
Saladar was impressed by the event and now plans on joining Club Math.

Other students said they are looking for a college that has a large diversity of organizations and clubs that can meet all of their individual interests.

At Tech, which offers more than 350 organizations, that should not be a

By Amanda Thomas / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Eric Chang works to solve a difficult problem during the math competition.**



problem. And with events like the Tech High School Math Competition attracting talented students to campus every year, finding enough

people for those diverse organizations should not be a problem either, especially those related to math.

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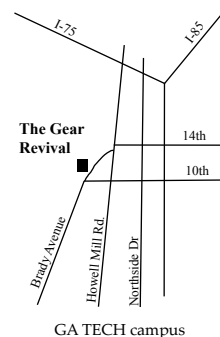
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basis.

Currently, the Blue Planet Foundation is looking into global expansion. With 23 water projects already under its belt, the foundation is trying to set up more programs.

Although the Blue Planet Run itself does not track into Georgia, the foundation is looking for ways to engage the people in the state, especially on college campuses, and it is also looking for people who want to contribute or maybe even start their own local relay for the cause.

The reality of the matter is that thousands of people die every day for lack of something as simple as clean water.

Also because of this, women are locked into roles that require them to walk up to six hours a day to find food and fresh water.

"It's very dangerous. Sometimes these women have to leave late at night or early in the morning, because they can't afford to be late. The water might run out," Swanburg said.

The foundation encourages people to help by donating to its cause. Just 25 dollars has the potential to provide safe drinking water to a person for the rest of his or her life.

"Twenty-five dollars is like going to lunch two days a week, and

**"...if you can sacrifice going out to lunch two days a week to save a life, that's a pretty huge contribution."**

**Vicki Rokhlin**  
Third-year Management

if you can sacrifice going out to lunch two days a week to save a life, that's a pretty huge contribution," said Vicki Rokhlin, a third-year Management major.

Other things, little things, will also help, such as simply turning off

the water when brushing teeth or just telling a friend and spreading the word about the Blue Planet Run.

Last year, Rokhlin was invited to work as an intern on the Blue Planet Run project at Ignition Inc. Immediately after being introduced to it, she realized that this was what she wanted to do.

"It's a dream come true. You only hope that something can be so moving and so inspiring. I never knew you could combine philanthropy with business in such a cohesive way. To feel like what I'm doing, like the hours that I'm putting in, is working towards a common goal that will make a difference in the world is all that I can ask for," Rokhlin said.

So what exactly is the Blue Planet Run, and how does it work towards solving the problem?

The concept of this global relay challenge was devised by the Blue Planet Foundation's founder and chairman, Jin Zidell, who was inspired by the FIFA World Cup to use a sporting event to promote awareness, raise funds and draw people to the cause.

"[Jin] said that running is the



Photo courtesy of Blue Planet Foundation

**Participants in the upcoming Blue Planet Run train for the world relay, which will raise money and awareness for the clean water issue.**

simplest thing. It's actually really symbolic because women spend hours walking to get clean water, so the physical act of running really has something to do with it. Also, running is something someone can relate to on every continent; it's kind of like a universal non-verbal gesture," Rokhlin said.

Starting June 1st of this year in what is to be the first official Blue Planet Run, 20 qualified runners from all walks of life will join together and embark upon a journey that will take them through 16 countries and approximately 14,000 miles around the world in less than 100 days.

"The whole idea behind this project is incredible. The fact that there are people who want to do this, who believe in this, is amazing. [The Blue Planet Run] is something that's never been done before, and it sets the stage for events in the future," said Matt Swanburg, a fifth-year Management major at Tech and an Ignition Inc. intern who is also working on the Blue Planet Run project.

The 20 runners were chosen out of hundreds of applicants from around the world.

The current runners hail from six different continents, and the countries that they will blitz through include the United States, Poland, Belarus, Czechoslovakia, Mongolia, China, Japan and Russia.

Beginning the relay course in New York, the athletes will work their way east, roughly across the

41st parallel.

They will run through countries that are in need of water as well as countries that are not. According to Breed, the relay will essentially include five teams of four runners, and it will operate in an almost leapfrog-like system.

When one team is running, another team will be sleeping, and there will be an entire support force that travels alongside the runners.

The daily routine of the relay will vary slightly. Typically, the runners will get up, have breakfast and run.

Each participant must run for 90 minutes and then will ride in the van for four and a half hours. After the group runs, they will return to the hotel, rest and eat, and by the time they are finished running, the other team will start.

The athletes will run for four days and then rest for one. The course in any given 24 hour period will cover 160 miles, and each team will be responsible for a six-hour block of running every day.

Because of this coordinated system, the support team will always be readily available to any of the participants, and there will be time for sponsor talks, activation and media.

The Blue Planet Foundation is planning to hold the relay every other year for the next 20 years, so this upcoming 2007 Blue Planet Run will be the first of many to come.

To find out more, check out [www.blueplanetrun.org](http://www.blueplanetrun.org).

# GOT WATER?

- One in five people on this planet lack access to safe drinking water
- Water related diseases are the single largest cause (80%) of human sickness and death in the world
- 25,000 die every day due to unsafe water
- 400 children under 5 years old die every hour due to diarrhea
- Many women and children spend up to 6 hours a day fetching water
- Families often spend 25% of their income to purchase water and carry it home




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**The Blue Planet Foundation is an organization that works to provide safe drinking water for people around the world. Millions of people lack access to this simple resource, a situation that creates many physical, social and economic hardships.**

Specifically, the Blue Planet Foundation seeks to improve the efficiency and efficacy of the allocation and distribution of funds to programs that target rural and semi-rural communities that are otherwise overlooked by large drinking water projects.

To raise more awareness and money for its cause, the Foundation is hosting the first ever global relay, the Blue Planet Run, this June with 20 runners.

Just how dire is the global water situation? Check out the facts in the water glass pictured at left. All statistics come from [www.blueplanetrun.org](http://www.blueplanetrun.org).

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## Chinese from page 12

Civil Engineering major who is originally from Cambodia, compared the celebrations here to those at home.

"Obviously, one of the major differences is that back in Cambodia, everyone celebrates the Chinese New Year and it's a holiday. To try and keep that spirit alive in a country which is many miles away from there becomes a challenge, especially in the absence of most of our family during this special festival," Hun said.

Like the other New Year, the Chinese New Year is centered around family and friends.

"This occasion brings us closer as a family. We say prayers for the New Year and make resolutions. Also, we try not to kill anything or be critical of other people on the first day of the year so that our new year is positive and peaceful," Hun said.

Most people share a family dinner on New Year's Eve, when traditional Chinese dishes like dumplings and "yuan xiao," or sticky rice balls, are prepared. Some Chinese houses put up proverbial sayings on their doors, which they refer to as "fook," and

pictures of legendary guardians that will protect the family. Elders give children "hong bao," which are red envelopes that contain money or words of wisdom. Families and close friends also play games like "rittoe," a word game, and spend time telling Chinese folktales and stories and singing traditional songs.

**"This event will...help other communities learn about the importance of the Chinese New Year..."**

**Daranhdara Hun**  
Fourth-year CEE

"One of the Chinese legends that I remember my mother telling me is about why we burn "bian pao," or firecrackers, for the New Year. There used to be a monster that attacked villagers in China and so the villagers would burn the firecrackers to scare the monster away. Ever since then

it has become a part of our custom to celebrate the New Year with firecrackers," Lao said.

Chinese and Asian associations on campus strive to uphold these traditions and celebrate important festivals like this one in order to increase Asian awareness on campus.

"This event will not only bring the Asian community closer, but will also help other communities learn about the importance of the Chinese New Year and many other aspects of Asian culture," Hun said.

Hun, who is president of the Chinese Student Association (CSA), has also been actively organizing events to revive and acknowledge Asian culture on campus as part of CSA's Asian Awareness Week, Feb. 26–March 2, the first one to ever be held at Tech. The events planned out for the week, range from cultural performances like the lion dance to light-hearted stand-up by comedian Eliot Chang.

"[Asian Awareness Week] isn't about just knowing about the existence of Asians, it's about learning more about the different cultures of the Asian community and appreciating them," Hun said.



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Dancers decked out in bright ethnic dresses help to bring an authentic flavor and mood to the recent Chinese New Year celebrations.**



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Color and music swirl together in a traditional Chinese folk dance that was performed by a young woman at the Chinese New Year gala.**



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**A group of young ballerinas link hands to dance in a special performance for Tech's Chinese New Year celebration gala, which was sponsored by the Chinese Friendship Association last Saturday afternoon.**

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## DANCETECH STUMBLES

The student-run dance club is having problems with student participation and finances after only three years. **Page 11**

## WOMEN'S TENNIS LOSES

Wednesday the Women's Tennis team lost to their rival, UGA. They lost 5-2 and fell to 8-3 for the season. **Page 25**

# REFL REVLIEWS

## Gyllenhaal returns to big screen in *Zodiac*

By Daniel Griffin  
Staff Writer

In my opinion, there have only been three music video directors in the last decade who have successfully made the transition to making interesting feature films: Michel Gondry, Spike Jonze and David Fincher.

The former two have since focused their features on dream worlds and bizarre comedies, with both directing Charlie Kaufman-penned films in the recent past.

But Fincher has strayed from the dreamlike quality of music videos and explored the ugly underbelly of human existence with *Se7en*, *The Game*, *Fight Club* and *Panic Room*.

*Zodiac* is Fincher's latest film, and it revisits the genre of one of his most popular films, *Se7en*: the

crime drama.

However, *Zodiac* is developed through the use of not one approach to the overworked genre, but three.

There is an expansive cast here that Fincher takes advantage of by switching the focus of his film multiple times.

The story focuses on the real-life serial killer in San Francisco who named himself Zodiac, but we see the progression of the story through different character angles.

The film jolts along its long running time by skipping chunks of time that are seemingly irrelevant to the story about the Zodiac.

Here the narrative is fixed in a progressive timeline of Zodiac activity, yet the timeline is developed through the use of three connected films.

The first is the story of a newspaper, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, that receives Zodiac's first encoded letter explaining the details of his first murders.

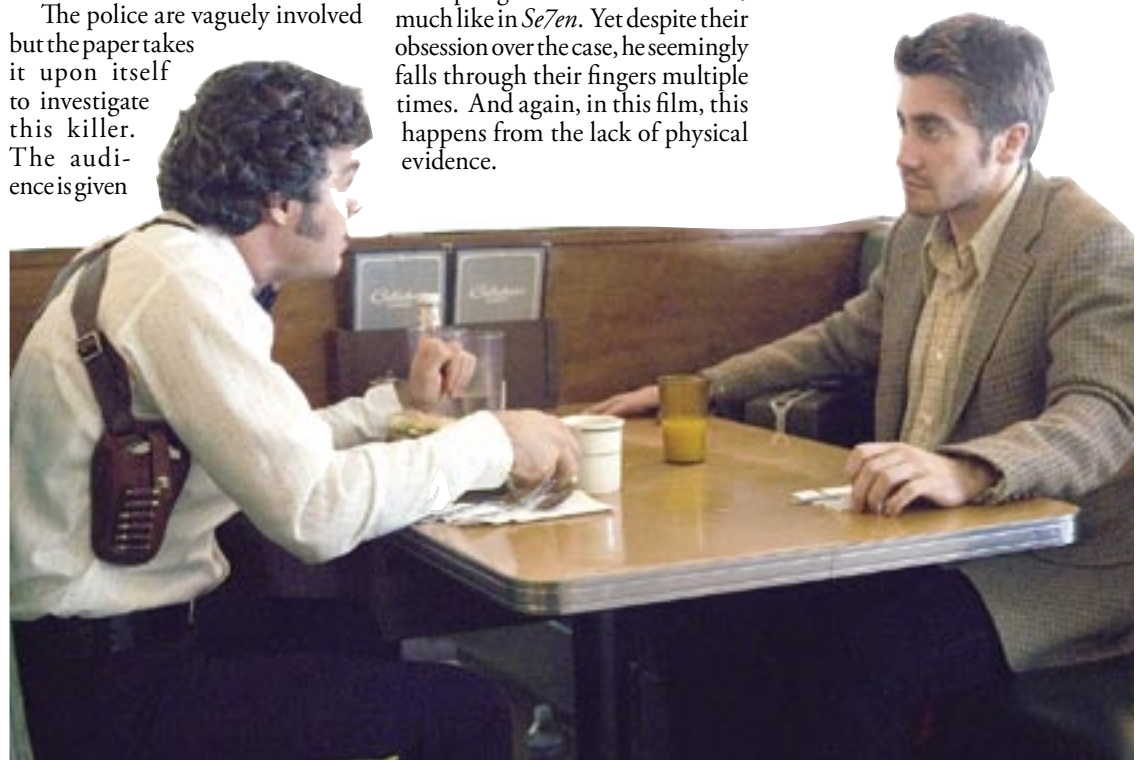
The police are vaguely involved but the paper takes it upon itself to investigate this killer. The audience is given

an entertaining first look at Zodiac's first string of murders.

The second is the detective story. Here are two partnered cops rabidly attempting to track down Zodiac, much like in *Se7en*. Yet despite their obsession over the case, he seemingly falls through their fingers multiple times. And again, in this film, this happens from the lack of physical evidence.

The third is the noir story. Jake Gyllenhaal becomes the noir pro-

See *Zodiac*, page 17



## Béla Fleck, Chick Corea visit campus

By Santiago Hässig  
Contributing Writer

The Ferst Center was host to the comedy and ruse of a dynamic duo that the world has only very recently had the pleasure of seeing together.

The jazz community was proud to see multiple Grammy Award-winning American jazz pianist and composer Chick Corea performing with world renowned virtuoso banjo player Béla Fleck.

Friday Jan. 23 the Ferst Center witnessed a sold-out acoustic set by Béla Fleck and Chick Corea that

reminded fans why it is that these two have been held in such high esteem since their early successes.

Many were surprised to find out that Fleck was not accompanied by the Flecktones: his main front band accompanied by arguably one of the best bassists of our time, Victor Wooten.

On a similar note, Corea has typically performed in the last three decades either as a soloist or with a full band.

However, the leap from their fully instrumented bands to an awkwardly instrumented duo proved unbelievably successful.

At the opening of the concert, Béla Fleck admitted with a tone of admiration, "How can I describe Chick...intimidating."

In fact, Corea's career precedes Fleck's by approximately two decades.

No summary of Corea's accomplishments can capture how great and influential he has been in the music scene for the last four decades.

He has taken the stage with the greatest musicians both in and outside of the jazz community. Some of these include trumpeter Miles Davis, vibraphonist Lionel Hampton, bassist John Patitucci, and now aggregated to the list, banjoist Béla Fleck.

Only someone with the appreciation and talent that Corea has displayed since he took up drums at age 8 could tastefully and successfully blend such eclectic instrumentation into his avant-garde style of jazz.

Fleck's achievements do not fall short of this standard.

Best known for his work with his band Béla Fleck and Flecktones, Fleck began his career with his first solo album in 1979, *Crossing the Tracks*. This was a first step towards the progressive-bluegrass style.

... the duo managed to create and maintain a rhythmic and percussive foundation using any and every object at their disposal to create new and fresh sounds...

He has played and collaborated with several big names such as John Williams, Victor Wooten and Evelyn Glennie and has produced music ranging from classical to jazz to bluegrass.

Fleck's ability to cross over stylistic barriers is not surprising considering Corea is one of his main musical influences along with other great names like Charlie Parker and Earl Scruggs (another prominent banjo player).

But it was the combination of both musical geniuses, Corea and Fleck, that lent itself to an exceptionally pleasing result onstage.

Corea and Fleck gave the audience a taste of a wide array of composition, style, and most certainly delivery.

Their tour's repertoire spans music from Corea's traditional and mellow compositions from the 80s such as "Children's Songs" to the more recent jazz fusion of Brazil in the style of Bossa Nova.

The fusion requires a sound blend of banjo and piano, which ensures an entirely refreshing sound from the dynamic duo.

Despite the aforementioned lack of instrumental accompaniment, the

See *Concert*, page 19



Photo Courtesy of Richard Battaglia

Award-winning banjo player Bela Fleck and jazz pianist and composer Chick Corea sold out the Ferst Center for the Arts Jan. 23.

## WAM opens with Monologues

Women's Awareness Month kicks off this week, and many events are planned to celebrate. Mar. 8, 9 and 10 the Vagina Monologues will be showing in the Music Listening Room, located on the second floor of the Student Center. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for faculty/staff and \$20 for the community. More information is available at [cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wam](http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wam).

## Auto show gears up for next weekend

The 25th Annual Atlanta Journal-Constitution International Auto Show will open Mar. 10 at the Georgia World Congress Center. The show will continue to Mar. 18, and the Honda Accord Coupe concept vehicle and the Ford Shelby Cobra concept vehicle will both be on display at the show.

## DramaTech's Assassins opens

This morbidly hilarious musical takes various presidential assassins and would-be assassins and throws them together in a rather humorous, rather dark arrangement of antinationalism at its most respectable. The show runs through Mar. 10, and student tickets are \$5. Visit [www.dramatech.org](http://www.dramatech.org) for more information.

# NOTEWORTHY

## Post-rock Explosion in the Sky releases quality album

By Philip Poole  
Contributing Writer

I passed through the checkout with two polar opposite CDs this past weekend—Explosion in the Sky's new album *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone* and Meshuggah's 2005 release *Catch Thirty-three*.

As expected, Meshuggah's metal riffs proved to be brutal, but I found myself thinking that Explosions in the Sky's post-rock orchestrating and dynamic shifting would make the more intense live show out of the two.

Their March 13th show at Lenny's Bar is sold out, by the way. Too bad I only got the CD this past weekend, huh? Oops.

Post-rock is an interesting type of music that flies under a lot of peoples' radars. But it can be kind of difficult to explain to someone who isn't already grounded with something similar.

I suppose, in looking for a more well-known band to compare them to, Radiohead works well enough:

not quite their Kid A era electronica tendencies, and certainly not their more structured earlier works, but the moments when they forsake typical rock instrument sounds and go for textures that are a little off-kilter, I mean.

Post-rock is so concerned with the integrity of its sound that it has little respect for preconceived notions on even the most basic of things.

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It tries to make a guitar sound like not a guitar, a bass like not a bass, drums that feel more percussive than

drummy and keyboards that have lots of leeway for experimentation.

That being the key word, experimentation. Even singing is recognized as just another sound to be toyed with. One band, Sigur Rós, famously created its own language to perform with.

Here, Explosions in the Sky doesn't bother with a vocalist. Their

sound is fine without it.

On *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone*, old fans will find more in the same vein as previous

albums. Transitions between songs are smooth, reinforcing the idea of an album that ebbs and flows.

Too much effort has been put into the smallest details of the sound to let arbitrary stops and starts between tracks ruin the mood.

Explosions in the Sky prefers to give the music complete control over such things. But

giving the music so much command also means that the individual songs end only when the music deems it necessary. There are 43 minutes worth of music spanning just six songs, so expect lengthy tracks.

I firmly believe that the best music is more than just a collection of tunes

to play in between trips to Wal-Mart.

The greatest albums are experiences, and yes I know that phrase fills up my cliché quota.

Unfortunately, those of us who enjoy taking the time to listen to music without



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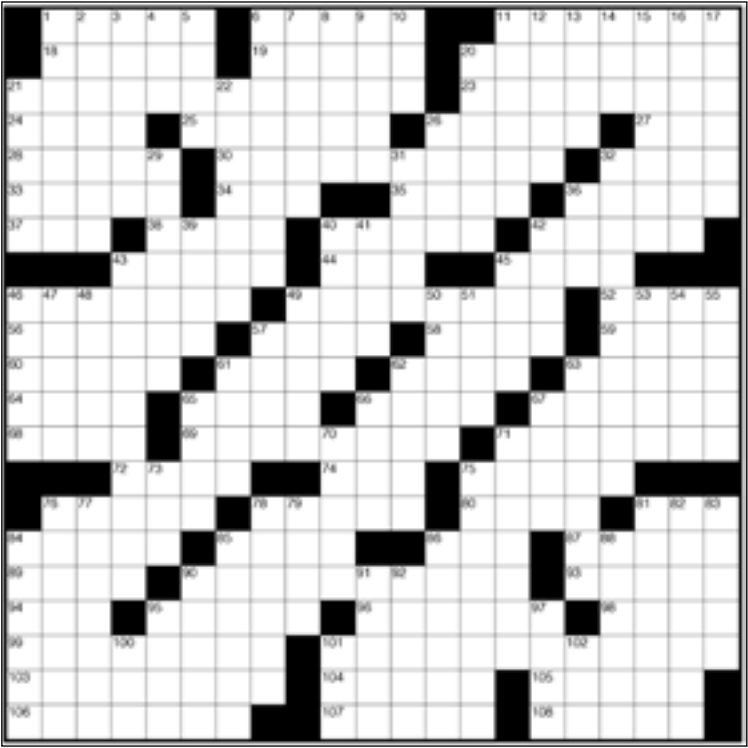
# THEME CROSSWORD: DOGHOUSE

By Robert Zimmerman  
*United Features Syndicate*

ACROSS

1. Goads  
6. Seller's lures  
11. Token, perhaps  
18. Take delight in  
19. Actress Dickinson  
20. Albert Camus, for one  
21. Political movement:  
2 wds.  
23. Harbor cities  
24. A spin for Kwan  
25. At an earlier time  
26. Official orders  
27. Greek T  
28. Washington or Shore  
30. It precedes magnetic storms:  
2 wds  
32. Go out with  
33. Throwback style  
34. Unconscious selves, to Freud  
35. Sprints  
36. Its state flower is the bluebonnet  
37. Tricky curve  
38. California city  
40. Climbers  
42. Expect  
43. \_ Castro  
44. Beaufort or Barents  
45. Heroic prince in Russian epic  
46. Amusement centers  
49. An echinoderm  
52. Ado  
56. Fancy  
headresses  
57. Like some tales  
58. Draftable  
59. Tampico tycoon  
60. Enlighten

61. First-rate  
62. "Divine Comedy" illustrator  
63. Kuwait  
currency  
64. Withered  
65. Yen  
66. Elusive  
Himalayan  
67. Famous VW  
68. Between a walk and a canter  
69. 1983 Pacino role  
71. Quick refreshers  
72. Disney goldfish  
74. Rap-sheet inits.  
75. Like Lady Godiva  
76. Bangkok bankroll  
78. Really awful  
80. Sy Oliver's "\_\_\_ One"  
81. Torpedo boats, informally  
84. Slippers  
85. European capital  
86. Diagnostic process, for short  
87. Twyla of the dance  
89. Special school: abbr.  
90. Measure of length: 2 wds  
93. Sub's "ears"  
94. Part of an Internet address  
95. Angoras  
96. Main lines, internally  
98. Mayberry boy  
99. Tavern  
101. Wastebasket, euphemistically: 2 wds  
103. Without law enforcement: 2 wds  
104. Sleek swimmer



105. Grouse  
106. Ate greedily  
107. Unyielding  
108. Fall flower

DOWN

1. Stand-ins  
2. Rues the day  
3. Pertaining to an egg  
4. Tierra \_\_\_ Fuego  
5. Concrete floor  
6. Flower that inspired Wordsworth  
7. Signs up  
8. Mall in Miletus  
9. QEII, e.g.  
10. Harden  
11. Removes  
a forest  
12. Small type  
13. Sales force

14. To's company  
15. Flight service: 2 wds  
16. Sound of gunfire  
17. Follows  
20. Koreans, among others  
21. San Diego ballplayer  
22. Dwells  
26. Chimney  
29. July 4, e.g.  
31. Tuck of Sherwood Forest  
32. Letter opener: 2 wds  
36. Pair  
39. Pindar poems  
40. Basket fiber  
41. Meat for scallophine  
42. Mideast title  
43. Implausible  
45. Words of understanding: 2 wds  
46. Yucca Flat event: 2 wds  
47. Horseman

48. Lorre's "Maltese Falcon" role  
49. More rational  
50. Civil War historian  
51. Crucifix letters  
53. Utah range  
54. Grisly trophy  
55. Painful spots  
57. "Animal House" costume  
61. With a bow, to string players  
62. Dentist's discovery  
63. Can't stand  
65. Does drugs  
66. Chatters  
67. Caspian port  
70. Animal life  
71. Santa Fe is one  
73. Mil. officers  
75. Point of \_ \_  
76. Pastoral  
77. Shaded walkway  
78. Of the pre-Easter period  
79. Smelter deliveries  
81. Primitive wind instrument  
82. Movie appetizer  
83. Bender  
84. Parrots  
85. Prejudiced  
86. "Moon River" lyricist  
88. Go by shank's mare: 2 wds  
90. Jeweler's glass  
91. Bonnie of r&b  
92. Strong suit, figuratively  
95. Get it wrong  
97. Long story  
100. His counterpart  
101. Romaine lettuce  
102. B&O, et al.



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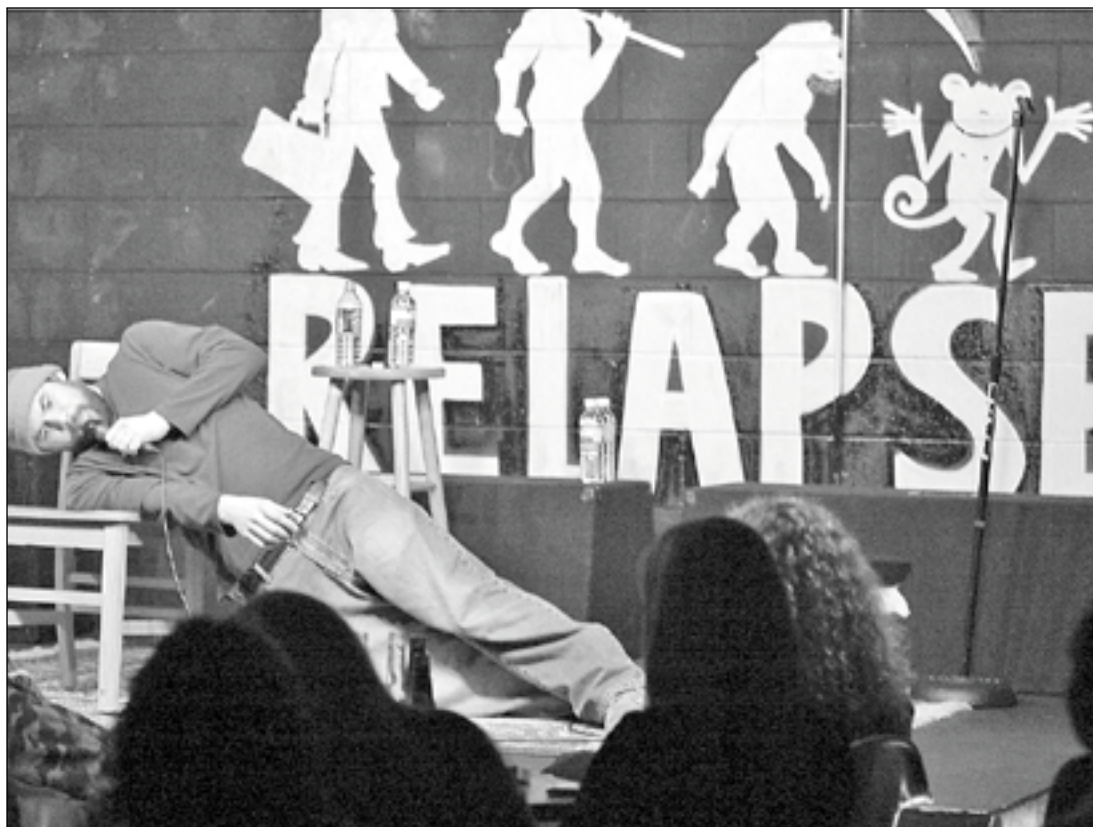
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is cleaning up after yourself really that difficult?  
i hate you boy who always corrects the professor and happens to be in  
3 of my classes....grrrrrr  
why are the janitors so lazy  
one of those janitors even carries a damn laptop  
and uses it  
'Katherine' is such a hot name for a female. Katherines, be mine =D  
you know, I bet chemists deal with buffer overflows too...  
... we are not so different, my love  
happy joint birthday to mr. "baby soft" and my favorite confidant!  
Sliver me timbers!  
spaceship: <=>  
buffer overflows support terrorism  
BEKAH, YOU ARE TEH AWESOMES TOO!! LOVE, DAVID  
CoC and balls (now there are two!)  
"it's my flower! here james, take it!" -matt  
j  
Dear subbies: stop submitting the same sliver more than once. --Sliver  
Girl  
eye's burn...excel  
"wisper words of wisdom"  
who put the sock in the microwave?  
why put a sock in the microwave?  
well, we are outside...b/c of the sock in the microwave  
i hate the rain at 3a.m.  
we might get in trouble for posting these  
Rock on FC  
i want doughnut!  
they should have a course at tech:  
dating 101: hooking up with beautiful chicks at tech  
To Hemphill 306: We do what we want!! if you know how to have fun,  
join us. if not, be lame tech girls.  
Salvia's legal, o snapp!!  
WoW ends relationships

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By Parker McGee / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Comedian teaches how to get ladies:** Tanner Inman, a comedian at Relapse Theatre located on 14th Street demonstrates the 35 degree lean. Inman said that any pick up line works with the lean.

## Sky

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double-tasking (or triple- or quadruple-tasking, Tech kids are pretty damn good at that) are few and far between. So a lot of the better stuff out there, music that requires a bit of time, stands little chance to be appreciated by the general public who may happen to come across it. But in that respect, Explosions in the Sky has sort of a dual-natured potential.

In particular, *All of a Sudden I Miss Everyone* stands up to close criticism while still fitting in great as background music to the world (if the listener wants no more than that). This album contains surprisingly accessible material, which is probably why there is a decent sized indie-crowd following these guys.

Because this CD has the potential for broad appeal, it is an especially good choice for those looking to branch out their tastes or for people simply seeking an album with great replay value.

Although it is a bit of a pain to find. Your best bet with this one is Borders, although I hear there is rumors on the internets that you can find it online, too.

## Concert

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duo managed to create and maintain a rhythmic and percussive foundation using any and every object at their disposal to create new and fresh sounds: the piano's casing and harp, the banjo's shell, the scraping of strings, a block of wood, Corea's keychain, a hand microphone, and most importantly the audience.

The two-minute standing ovation was greatly appreciated by the duo and they returned with a playful encore that required the audience's participation.

Some might argue this last song was a parody of post-modern music, but in effect, the song put a nice conclusion to a great concert, a superb display of musicianship, and left an exceptionally enthusiastic and welcoming audience feeling like their ticket was very-well worth its price, and many times over.

# Sudoku puzzles

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## MCDUFFIE DUTTON KIRSHBAUM TRIO

Saturday, March 3, 8 p.m.

Internationally heralded violinist Robert McDuffie returns with cellist Ralph Kirshbaum, named by The New York Times "one of the outstanding cellists of his generation," and violist Lawrence Dutton, a member of the acclaimed Emerson String Quartet, for a special chamber music concert of string trios. The Trio will perform works by Beethoven, Mozart, and 20th-century Hungarian composer Erno von Dohnanyi.

"His performance was marvelous.... Mr. McDuffie sang eloquently through his instrument, with fine intonation, tight rhythm and an exquisite handling of color..." —The New York Times



## GEORGE WINSTON

Thursday, March 8, 8 p.m.

Renowned worldwide for his live concert performances and his solo piano recordings, George Winston will perform songs from his upcoming CD, *Gulf Coast Blues & Impressions—A Hurricane Relief Benefit*, as well as selections from his seasonal works, played in his melodic folk piano style.

"His exceptional blend of jazz, R&B, and folk elements has drawn audiences for 25 years." —Courier News



"Listening to Leon Redbone is like taking a trip back in time." —All Music Guide

## LEON REDBONE

Friday, March 9, 8 p.m.

During his 30-year, 11-album career, singer Leon Redbone's throaty delivery and guitar-playing prowess have introduced fans to the folk-jazz of bygone days. The crooner's Panama hat, dark glasses, and Groucho Marx moustache make him one of the more distinct characters in popular music. His live show blends performance, comedy and skilled instrumentals.



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ladies, no need to worry about college republicans messing with your vagina, they only like pages.....

it is the college democrats and their cigars that you need to warn about leaving your vagina alone

which of the two CoC schools gets the Super COC

talk about depressing, be on Tech's campus for valentine's day um, still trying to figure out what being poor has to do with uncrossing your legs, seems to me that being poor is all the more reason not to put out

I forgot that poor people need to be told that f#\$@ing makes babies..... maybe we should send Clinton and Rev Jackson as our educational ambassadors, Bob Dole can provide the opening act

why question how many Tech students are getting laid, you know the answer is approaching 0 this time of year

does jerking count as getting laid?

I got some friends that want to share their toothpaste tube with those hungarian chicks from last week's slivers

ok, enough feminist bull, this is crossing the line when Two Bits Man gets replaced with Two Bits Woman....

Two Bits man gets laid all the time....

See page 24 for more Slivers!

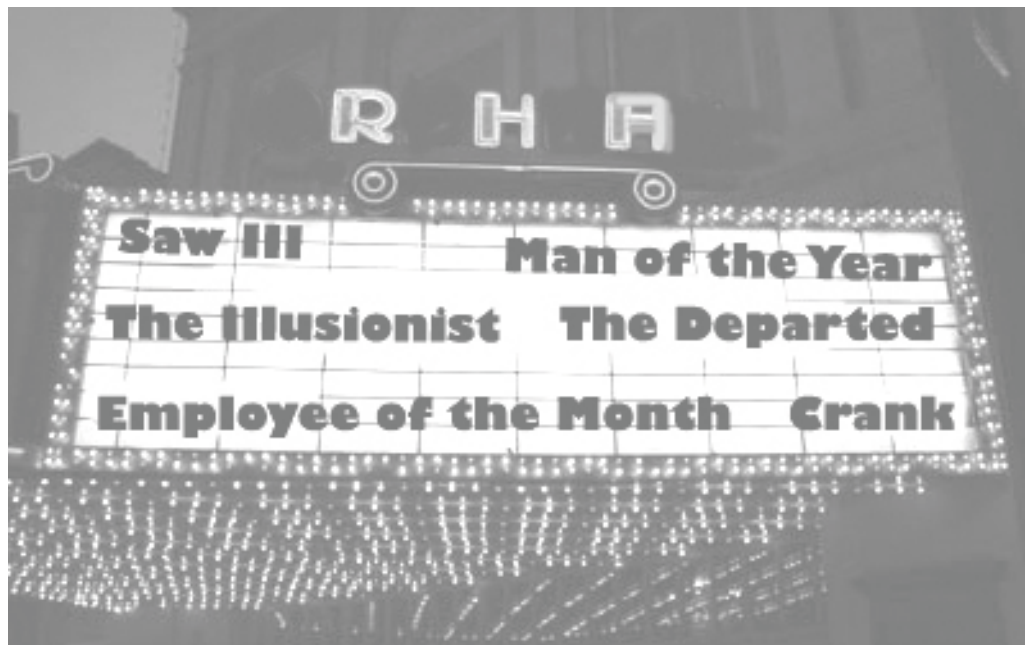
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# What's On?

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12:00	The Illusionist
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5:30	Campus Calendar
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9:00	Man of the Year
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5:30	Campus Calendar
6:00	Women In Charge
7:00	Employee of the Month
9:00	Crank
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12:00	Classic GTCN
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4:30	Sandwiches You Will Like
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9:00	Man of the Year
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### Sat: GT-10, DU-7

The Jackets had to fight a lot harder down the stretch in game two of the series. The Dukes got a run in the first inning on a triple and an RBI ground out and another run in the third inning on back-to-back doubles by Brian Bernardo and Eric Morrison.

Junior center fielder Danny Payne gave Tech its first run in the bottom of the third as he scored on an RBI ground out while freshman Matt Harper, who was making his first collegiate start of his career, gave Tech the lead for good with a two-RBI double in the fourth inning, 3-2.

Leading 5-4 late in the ball game, Tech called upon Payne, originally a center fielder, but also a part-time closer, to try and shutdown the Dukes for the final two innings. Payne did the job in the eighth inning.

Tech grabbed five insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to take a 10-4 lead. Seemingly with the game in hand, Coach Danny Hall relieved Payne back to his center field position and called upon freshman Andrew Robinson, to give the rookie some valuable playing experience in his first collegiate game.

The stint did not go very well as Robinson allowed three runs on two hits in just 2/3 of an inning.

With the score 10-6, runners on base and the game hanging in the balance, Coach Hall recalled Payne to get the final out of the game with the tying run on deck. Payne was able to close out of the game and end the

Dukes scoring threat.

The win gave Tech a 4-3 mark on the season, the first time the Jackets have had a winning record.

### Sun: GT-15, DU-6

The final game of the three game series was not as dramatic as the middle game, but was more like the opener. The Jackets jumped out to an early lead of 5-0 and never looked back.

Murton (4) and Crancer (2) each hit three-run homeruns and sophomore starter Chris Hicks pitched effectively to give Tech a 15-6 victory and a series sweep over Duquesne.

Hicks (1-0, 6.75), who had struggled in his first two outings of the season, pitched well, allowing just one earned run on three hits while walking two and striking out one.

The story in this ball game was Coach Hall's decision swapping the starting positions freshmen Patrick Long and Jeff Ussery. Ussery, who had started at second base all year, played third base, and Long, who had played at third base all year, played second base.

Each committed an error at their new position.

### Tues: WCU-10, GT-7

Tech looked to carry the momentum of a three-game winning streak into their mid-week clash with the Catamounts of Western Carolina. However, as the old baseball saying goes, "Momentum is only as good as your next starting pitcher", and Eddie Burns (0-1, 4.35), struggled for the Jackets.

Burns allowed seven runs on eight hits in four innings of work.



By Michael Schneider/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Tech swept Duquesne over the weekend. The Jackets outscored the Dukes 36-15. Tech will host Rutgers this weekend at Russ Chandler.**

The defense did not help him either, as the Jackets committed two errors behind Burns, allowing four unearned runs to score.

Michael Hutts, Zach Von Tersch and Brad Rulon came on in relief to try to keep Tech in the ball game, but the mountain was too high to climb as Tech fell 10-7.

The Jackets scored six runs in the eighth to cut a 10-1 deficit to just three runs. Representing the tying run in the bottom of the sixth inning, Murton sent a Greg Holland offering a long way to right field. However, it fell into the glove of right fielder Steven Strausbaugh to end the Tech threat.

### Wed: Atlanta- 5, GT-0

On Wednesday afternoon, the team traveled to Florida to play

the Atlanta Braves in an exhibition game. Ryan Langerhahn hit a solo home run to lead off the third inning and score the first run of the game. The Braves would go on to beat the Jackets 5-0.

Wally Crancer and Brad Feltes were the only Jackets to get hits off the Braves pitchers.

The Jackets, fresh off a trip from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. to play against the Atlanta Braves of Major League Baseball at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex, will open up a six-game home stand as they host Rutgers for a three-game series at Russ Chandler Stadium today with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m. on Friday. Saturday's game will get underway at 1 p.m. and Sunday's action will start at 12 noon.

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steals.

On the other side the Cavaliers got balanced scoring from Wright, Sharnee Zoll, and Paulisha Kellum who all scored at least ten points.

Halfway through the first half, the Cavaliers dug deep in hopes of getting the team closer by halftime. Virginia took advantage of Tech turnovers, poor shots and stellar three point shooting by Sharnee Zoll to erase a nine point lead, and go up by two in only three and a half minutes.

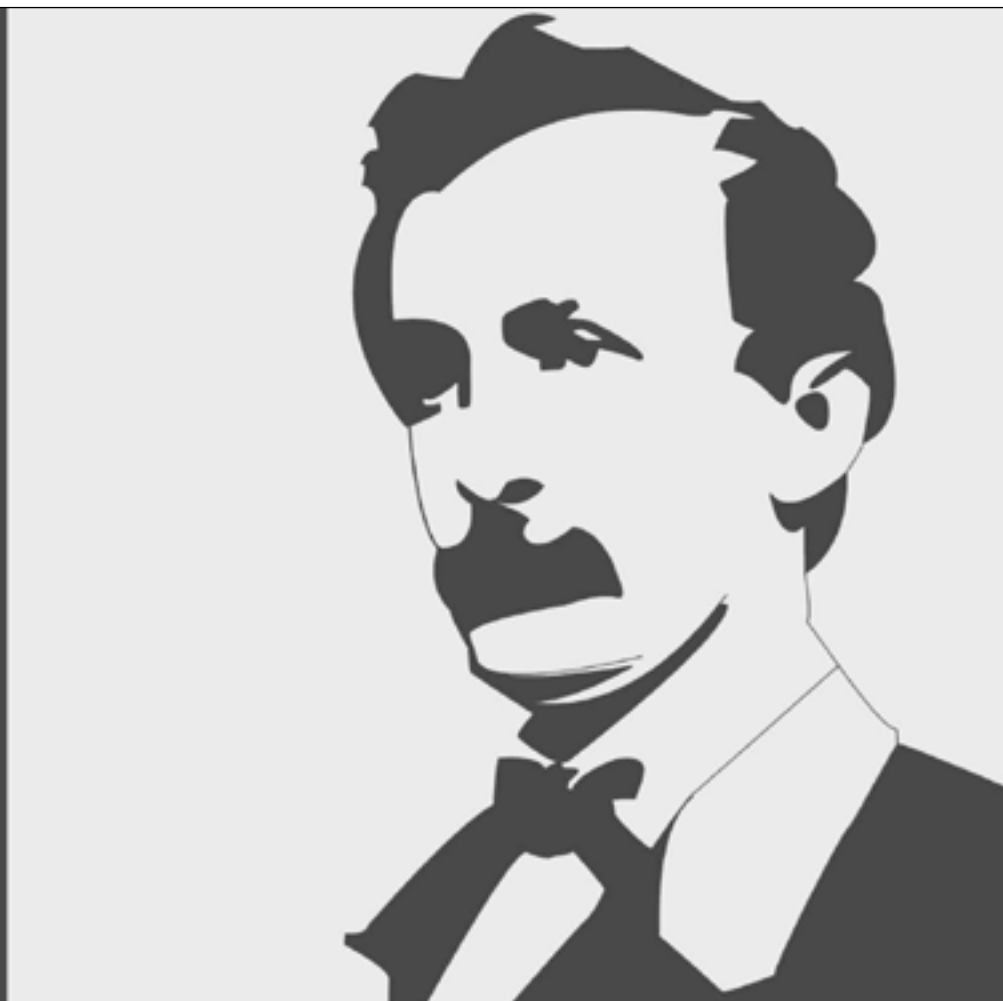
As usual Tech leaned on its big presence inside, Janie Mitchell, to end their slump. Mitchell used her inside prowess to score seven points and grab two offensive rebounds helping the team to recover a 32-28 point lead, before halftime.

Although a team wearing Tech jerseys returned to the court after the break, it wasn't the same that left. Tech drained their first 5 shots from the field. The defense also played inspired, allowing only four points in the first six and a half minutes.

The improved play for Tech added up to a 27 point lead with 5 minutes left to go in the game. A 37-14 point scoring spree coming out of the half, demonstrated what this team is capable of with focus and hard work, something necessary in the upcoming ACC Tournament, and possibly the NCAA Tournament.

The team forced the Cavaliers to shoot 23.9% from the field in the second half, tying for the lowest opponent shooting percentage in any half this season.

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## Stalling from page 28

The design team had to pay special attention to the Georgia Dome, the location where the Final Four will be played this year.

"[The Georgia Dome] was a pretty significant model for us to make because it's so huge," Stalling said.

The team works year round with schools like Tech to create a more authentic experience within the game.

One aspect that is given more attention than others is the mascot, like the Jackets' own Buzz.

"We hired the Memphis Grizzlies mascot. We show him a lot of Buzz's antics, like the ones he performs at half time. He puts those sensors on and we capture them using Maya. We take that into the game and we create high-level character models of all the mascots," said Stalling.

Maya, a program used for digital animation and modeling, is regularly

used by game designers to recreate the motions of the players and the mascots within the game.

"We usually render out artwork from the game and send those to the schools and ask if it looks right or not. It's actually kind of funny because a lot of schools will tell us that it doesn't and we send it back to them and keep working. We definitely don't have a blank check. We really try and get as close to authenticity," Stalling said.

The department must thoroughly research every aspect of the game in order to recreate the experience of actually watching the game inside of each school's stadium.

"We work with the publicity departments of most of the schools and the NCAA, the collegiate licensing company. We go through reference materials.

We have media guides for the past five years for 300 plus basketball teams and we go through those. We have research analysts to contact the school," Stalling said.

While Stalling has been able to live out many of Tech students' dream job by becoming a lead producer on a major video game, he began as just another basketball fan during his time at school.

"I was such a basketball nut at

**"I was such a basketball nut at Tech. I was there during the Lethal Weapon 3 and the first Final Four."**

**Joe Stalling**  
Producer - EA Games

Tech. I was there during the Lethal Weapon 3 and the first Final Four round. I actually asked Brian Oliver if I could come to his dorm room and have him and Kenny Anderson and Dennis Scott sign a jersey for me.

It's one of my most prized possessions. I just ate and breathed college basketball while I was at Tech," said Stalling.

After graduating, Stalling went on to work for another company, but he was unable to stop thinking about pursuing one of his passions: video games.

"I was promoted to vice president of marketing but couldn't shake my love for video games. Much to my wife's chagrin, I left the company as vice president of marketing in 2002 and started my own video game company, an independent company that made sports simulations," Stalling said.

Stalling learned the video game industry and was soon on the EA Sports team helping produce other games like *NFL Head Coach*.

His opportunity to recreate the sport he loved in college came when he was assigned to work in Vancouver on *NCAA March Madness 2007*.

In the technical field of the video game industry, Stalling doesn't have

something that many people think is a prerequisite to getting a job: an engineering or technology based degree. Stalling graduated from Tech with a degree in International Relations.

"I did not [graduate with an engineering degree]. You don't have to have an engineering degree to get into video games," Stalling said.

Still, with the diverse background of people in the video game industry, Stalling stresses that the most important factor in pursuing a job is not the degree, but the motivation.

"For people who are interested in the computer science part of it, if you have any computer science or technology degree from Georgia Tech, you could probably walk right into the front door of EA. It's not just about having a 4.0 and being able to code in C++. There are people here from the art background, design background, cinematography background, software engineering background. It's a really cool industry to work in," Stalling said.

## sliver

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islamic awareness week and higher gas prices, coincidence, I think not....

seriously, probably was a girl taking her frustrations out on that toilet seat in the CoC enough with the sperm donor aids, we are supposed to have Tech women soliciting those donations....

college dems, thanks for the balloons you gave out on valentine's day.....

I bet Two Bits Man is great it the sack

so the chi omega chicks are expanding, what else is new?

I for one hope that our sororities do not expand, most of them are fat enough as it is....

Do not want!

I thought Ali was a vegetable, not a goat....

Steven Colbert on the 2nd Amendment: "By well-regulated militia, the founders clearly meant for me to be able to hunt squirrels with Patriot missiles." Republican Responce to Democrats wanting their vagina's left alone: Ok, fine then leave our guns alone, and our tax cuts friend that or friends who ????

Counter Measure? The republics didn't do anything for valentine's day. <i>Thats</i> pathetic. Atleast the Democrats tried to help a brotha out!

Sliver Tribute: I cant remember what Jessie said.. but it was funny.

I love the dude in Pink on last weeks cover photo...

Damn you Newegg! Faster!

Six Candidates for GA D-10 hmmm....

SGA passing resolutions concerning issues in GA politics -- GREAT!!!

errrr....

Would a 25yo have a shot if they had to run in the special election? Honest opinions, plz.

No! Seriously, I mean the U.S. HoR, not the SGA UHR!!!

Yes, I DOOO mean the US CONGRESS!!!!!!

I'm already out so you've got to get SGA to look at GA HR 72. (It's not HB, my bad).

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# Women lose to UGA, beat Denver



By Blake Israel/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Jackets lost its third match of the season after a loss to UGA. All three losses have been on the road and against ranked opponents.

By Hahnming Lee  
Assistant Sports Editor

No. 6 Tech lost to archrival No. 12 Georgia in Athens on Wednesday, 5-2. The Jackets are just 8-3 on the season while the Bulldogs improve to 7-0.

Georgia swept all of the doubles matches to take a 1-0 lead. In singles play, Tech's Amanda McDowell helped tie the score at one each with her straight sets victory over Naoko Ueshima, 6-2, 6-2.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead again after Yvette Hydman beat No. 18

Kirsten Flower, 6-4, 6-3 and Alison Silverio fell to Darya Ivanov, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

While the three remaining flights remained close, Georgia clinched the victory when Monika Danevic beat Christy Striplin in three sets.

In another one of the last three matches, No. 10 Kristi Miller played against No. 11 Natalie Frazier in a match that saw two sets go to tiebreaker.

While Miller took the first set, 6-4, Frazier won the next two, taking the second set after an 11-9 tiebreaker. Frazier won the next set and the match after a 10-5 tiebreaker.

Before dropping the match against Georgia, Tech had won the last two contests between the two teams. Last season, the Jackets beat the Bulldogs 6-1 at home. Georgia leads the overall series with 15 wins to the Jackets two.

Earlier in the week, Tech beat No. 51 Denver at the Bill Moore Tennis Center, 6-1. Tech won all but one singles match, with Flower falling to Ute Schnoy, 0-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Alison Silverio led the victory with a straight set shut out of Marisa Mechem, 6-0, 6-0.

Amanda McDowell, Christy Striplin, Whitney McCray and Kristi Miller all won their singles matches.

In doubles, the No. 18 Miller and McCray won their match, 8-3. Amanda Craddock and Flower helped secure the doubles point with their victory, 8-4.

The Jackets will play the No. 13 Clemson Tigers on Saturday. The game will be at Clemson at 1:30 p.m.



By Robert Combier/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech closed out their regular season with a home victory over Longwood. They next play Miami in the ACC tournament on March 1st.

# Jackets blow out Lancers 75-46

By Jason Boral  
Contributing Writer

Sunday's game marked the end of the regular season for the women's basketball team. They defeated Longwood 75-46 on senior day.

The two seniors, Stephanie Higgs and Kentrina Wilson, led their team and made their final game at Alexander Memorial Coliseum a memorable one. Both of them even came close to recording triple doubles by the end of the contest.

Higgs led with 17 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, while Wilson grabbed eight steals and added 11 points. It was also Wilson's first game without a full cast on

her wrist.

For Longwood, with an overall record of 8-20, the list of accolades was short.

Anna Steg managed a double-double, with 10 points and 10 rebounds, and was the Lancers' most consistent performer.

The game was never in doubt for the Lady Jackets, as the team led from the opening tip and brought a 44-20 lead into the locker room.

The win gave the Jackets 19 for the season, the third most victories for the team at the Division I level. Both the 1992 and 2003 teams won 20 games, which Tech could surpass in the ACC and NCAA Tournaments.

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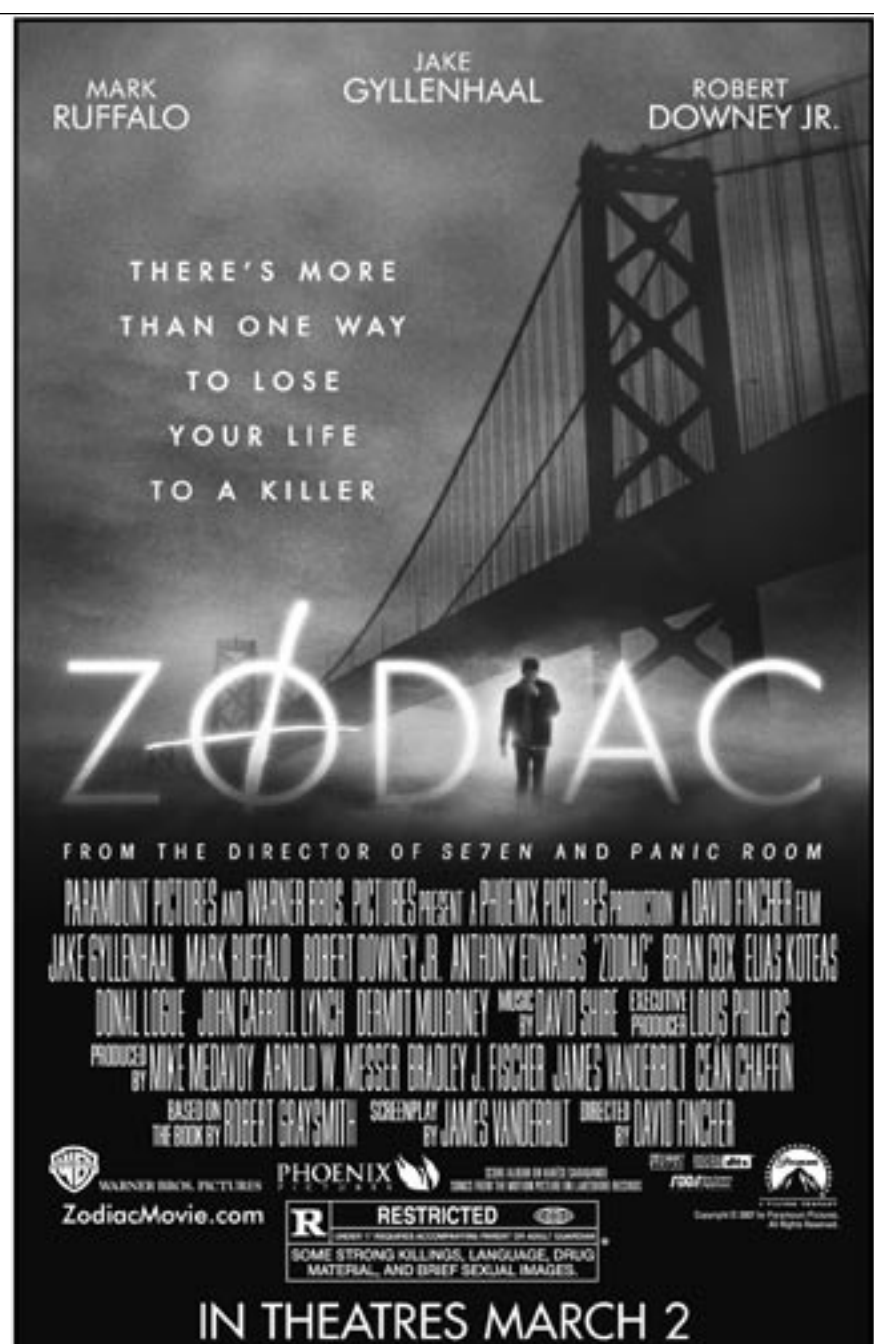
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## NFCA from page 28

performance for her, and a two RBI double by catcher Savannah Brown. The score stood at 3-1 in Tech's favor until Baylor tied the game in the fifth on a bunt single down the third base line by left fielder Tiffany Wesley and a sacrifice fly by first baseman Ashley Monceaux.

The game broke out in a big way when the Jackets put up seven in the sixth inning on the strength of a three run home run by Caitlin Lever and several RBI singles on the way to capitalizing on six hits and two errors to give Tech a 10-3 lead. Baylor did rally in the seventh to close the score to 10-7, but it would not be enough as pitcher Lacey Richardson came in to slam the door shut and record the final out with a pop out to the shortstop.

### Fri: GT-8, Depaul-3

The Jackets took the lead early against the Blue Demons by putting up four runs in the first two innings, giving starter Sarah Wood a 4-2 lead to work with. Unfortunately for

her, she was unable to get through the third inning even though she only gave up one earned run in her nearly three innings of work. Reliever Tiffany Johnson came in the third inning and stopped the bleeding for Tech, allowing no more DePaul batters to cross the plate. In fact, she went to pitch the remaining four innings and only gave up one hit. The game was sealed up for good in the fifth inning when the Jackets plated three runs to make the score 7-3 with the help of a Brittany Barnes three-run home run. Tech would score one more in the sixth to make the final score 8-3.

### Sat: GT-3, UMASS-0

After going 2-for-2 on Friday, Tech started out their Saturday with a game against the No. 24 ranked Minutemen. In the 3-0 shutout victory, Tiffany Johnson tossed a two-hit complete game shutout from the circle, giving her a total of 12 innings of work with just three hits allowed for the season. All of Tech's three runs came in the top of the first when catcher Savannah Brown hit a double to left center field

to clear the bases.

### Sat: UF-5, GT-1

The Jackets only loss of the weekend came against the Gators last Saturday afternoon. The game started out well for the Jackets when they struck first in the first inning with another RBI by Caitlin Lever on a single.

However, Florida starter Stacey Nelson settled down and would only give up five more hits over the next six innings to throw a complete game while the Gators put up four runs in the next three innings to give Florida all the runs they needed to beat the Jackets.

### Sun: GT-4, Tenn. Tech-2

Tech went 3-1 in Friday and Saturday's action, which was good enough to put them into the gold bracket on the final day and in contention for the tournament championship. The Jackets beat the Golden Eagles 4-2, but there was nothing easy about it. Starter Tiffany Johnson threw another complete game, but allowed three runs in the third inning to surrender her first runs in over 14 innings of work.

The Jackets had to use a three-run rally in the top of the seventh to put themselves ahead for good. Third baseman Brittany Barnes led off the inning with a solo bomb to left field that tied the game, while the game-winning run came across on an error by shortstop Beth Boden that allowed Stephanie Butler to score from third. Whitney Haller singled to the left side to pick an insurance run.

The Jackets advanced to the championship game where they would have played against the Michigan Wolverines, but time constraints prevented the two teams from meeting each other. Both teams split the tournament title.

### Tues: GT-14, Oakland-6

The Jackets followed up their NFCA tournament championship with a victory against the Oakland Grizzlies at Glenn Field. In that game, Tech scored nine runs in the



By Blake Israel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Tech defeated Oakland on Tuesday, 14-6. The team scored nine runs in the first two innings, but gave up six runs in the first three innings.**

first two innings to win 14-6 in six innings this past Tuesday. While Tech played well overall, they did allow four errors. After winning five of six in Columbus, and winning against Gardner-Webb this past Tuesday, the Jackets extended their record to 13-2 for the season. Tech also jumps into the top 25, landing as the No. 21 team in the country.

The Jackets picked up another key performance from third baseman Brittany Barnes. In the first inning, she hit a three-run home run and continued the day by finishing 2-for-3 at the plate with two more RBIs to make five for the day. Right fielder Caitlin Lever continued her hot streak by going a perfect 4-for-4, while scoring four times and driving in one.

### Wed: GT-8, UT-Chatt-0

Tech shut down Chattanooga on Wednesday at home, 8-0.

Whitney Humphreys tossed her second complete game of the season, both shutout wins. For the game, the Lady Mocs only collected three hits while striking out three times.

Leading the game by eight runs

going into the sixth inning, the game ended after the mercy rule was invoked.

Whitney Hallar had two hits in the game and 4 RBIs. She hit a home run in the first inning, bringing in three runs.

Hull and Simandle hit two runs each to add to Tech's offensive output. Tech finished with eight hits and no errors.

### Wed: GT-6, UT-Chatt-5

The Jackets came back from a five-run deficit to defeat the Lady Mocs 6-5 and win their fourth straight game.

Tech fell behind to Chattanooga in the second game of their series after Tara Tembley and Brittany Eason hit back-to-back homeruns in the second inning.

After the Lady Mocs scored three more runs, Tech fell behind 5-0 just 3 1/2 innings into the game.

Barnes began Tech's comeback with a two-run home run in the very same inning, cutting Chattanooga's lead to three. Tech capped off the rally in the bottom of the seventh inning by bringing in four runs.



By Blake Israel / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The Jackets won all but one of their games at the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Their only loss came to the Florida Gators on Saturday.**

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# Jackets fail to hold off Cavs



By Scott Meuleners/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Jackets lost to the Cavaliers 75-69. Tech led for much of the second half, but allowed Virginia to end the game with a 13-0 run.

By Hahnming Lee  
Assistant Sports Editor

Tech lost its last road game of the season against then No. 24 Virginia on Sunday, 75-69.

The win helped Virginia keep pace at No. 2 in the ACC conference standings and clinch a first round bye in the ACC tournament.

Virginia can assure a perfect home season with a win against

Virginia Tech.

While the Jackets led by seven with 3:41 to go, the Cavaliers closed out the game on a 13-0 run to edge out the victory.

Tech committed four turnovers during that time and missed all five shots that the team attempted during the stretch.

"I'm not sure we could fight any harder than we did for about 37 or 38 minutes. We just didn't finish

the game. Give them credit. They looked dead in the water with three minutes to go, and they summoned a lot of courage and came back," said basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

During the second half, the Cavaliers had five chances to make a three-point play, and they successfully converted each one.

Before the run, Virginia only led once during the second half, pulling ahead 50-49. The lead would be short-lived as Tech regained control and built a lead before failing to seal the victory in the end.

Virginia guard and leading scorer Mike Singletary shot just seven of 21 from the floor, but still scored 24 points.

Tech's defense allowed Singletary to score four of his points during the game-ending stretch.

The Jackets trailed by as much as 14 in the first half, but battled back and took a four-point lead at the end of the first half.

Freshman Thaddeus Young led his team with 15 points. Javaris Crittenton and Ra'Sean Dickey were the other two Tech players to reach double figures.

As a team, Tech dominated the boards, snatching 35 rebounds to Virginia's 27 rebounds. The team also shot better overall from the field.

Tech's loss assures the Jackets of another woeful season on the road, with no non-conference road wins and just one road victory over all.

The Jackets are now just 1-2 in its last three games after winning four in a row. Almost all of Tech's losses came at the hands of a team ranked sometime this season. The team's only loss to an unranked team came on the road against Wake Forest on Jan. 30.

Tech returned to the Coliseum yesterday in a game against No. 8 North Carolina and will play Boston College on Sunday for Senior Day.



By Robert Combier/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Kentrina Wilson wins the jump ball in a game against Longwood. Tech finished with the third highest win total in team history.

## Women finish ACC season with 10 wins

By Jason Boral  
Contributing Writer

Last Friday night, the Tech women's basketball team made history, earning their best ACC record ever by beating the Virginia Cavaliers 73-49.

Virginia stayed close for most of the first half, and even held a brief lead. Likely ACC Rookie of the Year, Monica Wright, led the charge for much of the first half. However, Wright was unable to keep up her performance through the second half

where the Tech defense stepped up. The Jackets dominated and put the game out of reach early in the half.

Tech's win was built by solid scoring from three players, who each finished with at least 17 points. No one else on the team had more than six.

Janie Mitchell, Chioma Nnamaka, and Stephanie Higgs had 17, 19 and 25 points respectively. Higgs also led the team with a game-high five offensive rebounds and three

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## RPGS TOO SIMPLISTIC?

Ar tonelico introduces a new battle system that attempts to improve upon previous conventions. Page 17

## NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Tech celebrated the Chinese New Year with a gala of events at the Student Center last Saturday. Page 12



## Tech behind EA's March Madness 2007

By Hahnming Lee  
Assistant Sports Editor

While many students tirelessly pursue a degree at Tech, many graduates are putting the skills and knowledge they learned at Tech to good use out in the real world.

Joe Stalling, a graduate of Tech in 1992, has gone on to work for EA Sports and was a producer of the game *NCAA March Madness 2007*. He worked primarily on game design and project management.

The photorealistic game attempts to capture the small elements of Tech's own Coliseum that only true fans would be able to recognize.

"We have recreated Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Tech fans will notice the student sections and where we place them in relation to the court. We usually check with not only Georgia Tech, but all schools for updated models and photos of the venue and then we use those as textures for the venues. The textures of the court will look authentic. We also have the Georgia Tech logos and the banners hanging from the stadium," Stalling said.

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Image Courtesy of Electronic Arts

A screenshot from the game *NCAA March Madness 2007* shows player Jeremis Smith inside the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. *March Madness* was released on the PS2 and the Xbox 360 this past January.

## by the numbers

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The baseball team picked up their fifth loss in 11 games on Tuesday, Feb. 27 against Western Carolina. Last season, the team didn't lose their fifth game until April 1 when the Jackets lost to Maryland 6-3.

4.35

Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson pulled a play out of Deion Sander's playbook when he decided to run at the NFL combine in Indianapolis, Ind. this past weekend. In borrowed shoes, Johnson ran a 4.35 40-yard dash.

He was only expected to take part in the official weigh-in and interviews, but surprised everyone in attendance when he decided to run.

After surprising everyone at the combine, Johnson made the trip down to Orlando, Fla. to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Tech-Braves game on Wednesday.

While Johnson impressed attendees of the combine, teammate Reggie Ball disappointed them. Ball measured in at just over 5-foot-10. He was the shortest quarterback at the combine and ran a 4.8 40-yard dash.

Ball will have another chance to impress scouts when Tech holds Pro Day in the middle of March. The seniors will have an opportunity to showcase their abilities to prospective teams on those days. The event will not be open to the public.

209

Senior Roberto Castro won his first collegiate tournament in Puerto Rico after shooting a 209 in the 54 hole tournament. Castro finished the tournament tied with Stanford's Joseph Bramlett at the top of the leaderboard. As a team, the Jackets finished in eighth place at one-over-par.

## Softball wins NFCA Leadoff Classic title

By William Bretherton  
Senior Staff Writer



By Blake Israel STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The softball team was crowned co-champion of the NFCA Leadoff Classic Sunday. The tournament was held in Columbus, GA.

For the second straight weekend, the No. 24 Tech softball team won a non-conference tournament. In five games at the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga., The Jackets (15-2) won four games defeating the No. 16 ranked Baylor Bears (10-7), DePaul Blue Demons (8-3), University of Massachusetts Minutemen (3-0) and the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (4-2). The Jackets lost just their second game of the season to the No. 19 Florida Gators (5-1).

After coming back from a 2-1 deficit in the seventh inning to beat Tennessee Tech on Sunday, the Jackets split the NFCA Leadoff Classic title with the Michigan Wolverines who defeated the Virginia Tech Hokies 1-0 the same day. Tech and

Michigan shared the tournament championship because they did not face one another due to time constraints.

For her efforts over the weekend, Tech outfielder Caitlin Lever was named Co-ACC Player of the Week. In seven games last week, the senior went 12-for-24 at the plate with two home runs, one double and eight RBIs while walking once.

**Fri: GT-10, Baylor-7**

Tech defeated the No. 16 Bears in a slugfest that started off as a pitching duel. After two innings, Baylor led 1-0 on a RBI single by catcher Chelsi Lake. The Jackets responded in the third with a three spot that came on an RBI single from right fielder Caitlin Lever. This would be the start of what would be a great

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## Baseball sweeps Dukes, loses to WCU

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The Tech baseball team, which dropped under .500 for the third time this season, looked to bounce back last week with a three-game series against the Duquesne Dukes of the Colonial Athletic Association.

**Fri: GT-11, DU-2**

Tech swung the bats early and often, as they jumped out to a 7-1 lead after three innings. Junior catcher Matt Wieters hit a two-run home run, his third of the season, in the bottom of the first inning to give Tech a 2-0 lead. Senior co-captain, Wally Crancer, followed with his third home run to give the Jackets a 3-0 after the first.

In the third inning, the Jackets' bats struck again, as sophomore first baseman Luke Murton smashed a two-run home run, his first dinger of the season. Then, junior Michael Fisher followed with a home run of his own, his second home run of the season, to give Tech a 7-1 lead after three innings.

There is no recollection of the last time Tech hit back-to-back homeruns twice in one game.

Starting pitcher David Duncan (4.50, 2-1) used that offensive firepower to his advantage, giving up just seven hits over five innings and allowing two runs while walking one and striking out four.

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Freshman Patrick Long makes a play against Western Carolina in a home game Tuesday. Tech went on to lose the game, 10-7.

## on deck

Event	Date
MB vs. Boston College	3/4 @ 3p.m.
MB @ ACC Tournament	3/8-11
MT vs. Florida St.	3/4 @ 1 p.m.
WB @ ACC Tournament	3/1-4
BB vs. Rutgers	3/2 @ 4p.m.
BB vs. Rutgers	3/3 @ 1p.m.
BB vs. Rutgers	3/4 @ 12p.m.
MB- Men's Basketball, WB- Women's Basketball, MT- Men's Tennis, BB-Baseball	
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