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“The opponents will be mesmerized by the intimidating Tech students. ACC football powers beware!” said a shaking Georgia Tech president Wayne Clough. The new student seating area, which is actually on the Bobby Dodd sidelines, will put students right on top of the ACC football action. An on-site medical facility will be created to help students who are injured.

# Tech students to sit on football field at home games

By Jason Burt  
Contributing Writer

Georgia Tech Athletic Director David Braine announced yesterday plans to put students on the field at the renovated Bobby Dodd Stadium.

“I think we have something that will rip through the very fabric of the college football world,” said an enthusiastic Braine. “I’m ready, and I think Tech is ready,

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on students sitting on the field

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Braine thought up the idea after the success the court-side student seats have had at basketball games in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Both fans and players have been big supports of the plan at the Coliseum.

“I love having the students in

the other teams’ faces,” said basketball forward Clarence Moore.

Plans presented at an athletic association meeting show students standing just inches from the out of bounds area on all sides of the football field.

“The opponents will be mesmerized by the intimidating Tech students. ACC football powers beware!” yelled a sweating and panting Wayne Clough after seeing the quicktime video presentation.

Junior computer science major Mark Kindler knows he will arrive hours before the game to get the chance to stand a few inches away from his gridiron heroes.

“I can’t think of anything better than having a 275 pound Florida State lineman run into me as he

tackles little [Kelley] Rhino,” said Kindler. “I’ll be taking home more than memories. I’ll be taking home a boney body covered in a conglomerate of bruises.”

Aging football announcer Keith Jackson fears this could change the game.

“Nestled between Atlanta’s towering skyscrapers sits Bobby Dodd Stadium at historic Grant Field. Will the upstart Jackets un-

seat Florida State as the preemptive football power in the ACC? Maybe next year will tell,” boomed Jackson.

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on students sitting on the field

facilities for fans will be available for the frequent and massive injuries expected.

The on-field seats will remain free for students and will also open up room for paying fans in the old student seats. Braine also said on-site medical



Photo by Daniel Uhlig, Photo Illustration by Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS  
**Paul Hewitt, shown in a file photo, has assumed a new and loftier status in the Georgia Tech athletic program. Hewitt is now dictator for life.**

# Paul Hewitt proclaims self basketball dictator for life

*By Rob Hoffman*  
*Contributing Writer*

After two surprising seasons at Tech, including the Associated Press' award for Coach of the Year for the 2000-01 ACC season, head men's basketball coach Paul Hewitt declared himself Georgia Tech Men's Basketball dictator-for-life.

"I look down upon thee today a new man, a greater man," proclaimed Hewitt while standing on the middle of the basketball court with the Alexander Memorial lights dimmed. "The time of vengeance is upon us. We will prevail."

Fans and critics alike have been very supportive of the second-year coach at Georgia Tech. After securing a birth to the NCAA tournament in his first season as coach in a year that many analysts thought would land Tech near the bottom of the ACC, Hewitt signed a long-term deal to coach at Tech. This past season Hewitt's squad finished

a game below .500, but the squad was the youngest in the ACC and played extremely well in the last

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**Paul Hewitt**  
on his new status

half of the season. Next year Hewitt brings in a highly-praised recruiting class that features Chris Bosh, a

McDonald's All-American.

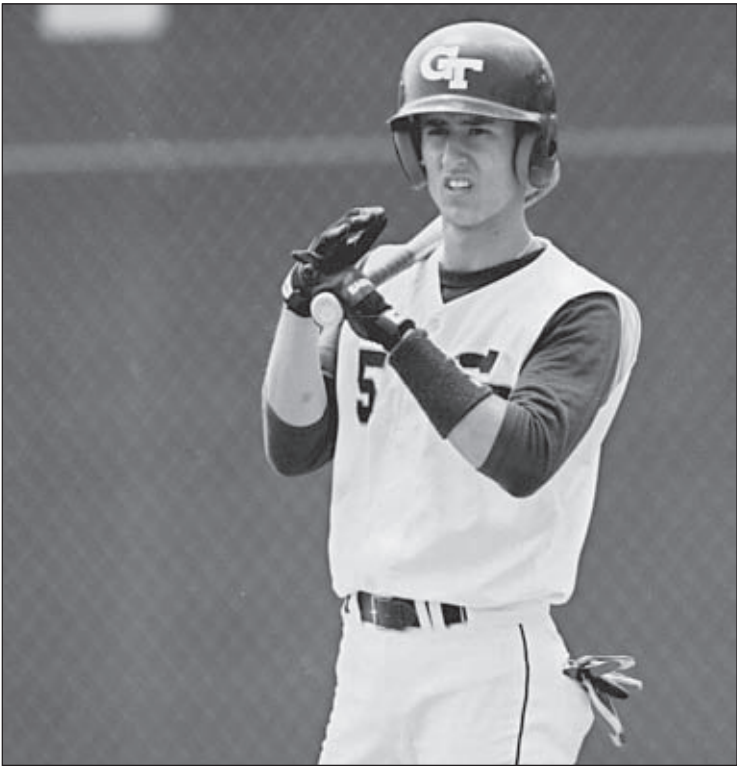
"I care about this team's future, its past, and the present," said Hewitt. "I am calling for this nation to stand behind me. Those who don't will face the iron fist of Tech's basketball program."

Hewitt has commissioned his warlords, headed by power forward Ed Nelson, to begin enforcement of the "Iron Fist Directive". According to Warlord Nelson, Hewitt also plans on creating a shrine to himself.

"Dictator Hewitt would like to, at this moment, announce to the architecture department his intentions of fashioning a shrine that will last longer than all of us will be on this earth," proclaimed Nelson. "Also, it's a great opportunity for architecture students to gain real world experience."

Warlord Ed Nelson is believed to be Dictator Hewitt's second in command after garnering the ACC Rookie of the Year award.

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Nomar Garciaparra, shown here during his career as a Yellow Jacket, is expected to help boast the offensive lineup of head coach Danny Hall.

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level.”  
Its been rumored that the team will be a unanimous No. 1 pick by all three collegiate baseball rankings. Last time they were honored so, which was last season, they choked. “It will be interesting to see how the our chemistry will come together. I for one have never like the Red Sox. I’m full-fledged New York Yankee” declared a current Tech team member that wished to remain anonymous.

Texiera will replace current third base starter Matthew Boggs, who at times has had fielding problems, and Nomar will take over for Victor Menocal at shortstop who will most likely move to second base. The three players first games back will be for next weekend’s home series.

Returning Players	
Player	Position
Kevin Brown	P
Nomar Garciaparra	SS
Mark Texiera	3B

## Buzz

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quality cog,” said Gailey.  
When asked what team he would like to play for, Buzz didn’t give any clues. The Charlotte Hornets, who are rumored to be looking for young blood to enter their struggling franchise, would seem to be the perfect fit for Buzz.  
“I want to be a professional. That’s it. Plain and simple. I don’t care where I land,” said Buzz.  
Buzz’s agent, Atlanta-based Lonnie Cooper, is very confident Buzz can be a long-term component of a team’s master plan.

“What we are looking at here is the perfect product to market. Cool. Athletic. Fun. A real winner. Who

wouldn’t want this guy on their squad?” said Cooper in a telephone interview.  
Tech AD David Braine didn’t elaborate on possible replacements, but there is some feeling that the Jackets should contact the Georgia Bulldog mascot.  
“There are certain times where we have to drop personal feelings,” said Braine. “I want to pursue all leads.”  
Clough and Braine have established a nation-wide search committee responsible for the placement of a new Tech mascot. Braine also plans to consult with other long-standing mascots, including the Stanford Tree, the Fighting Irishman of Notre Dame, Sparty the Michigan State Spartan, and the Syracuse Orangeman.

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**Lonnie Cooper**  
Athlete Agent



# 'ORTS

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## Students swarm field

Students will now be on the sidelines of all home Tech football games after the success of the new basketball seating. **Page 30**

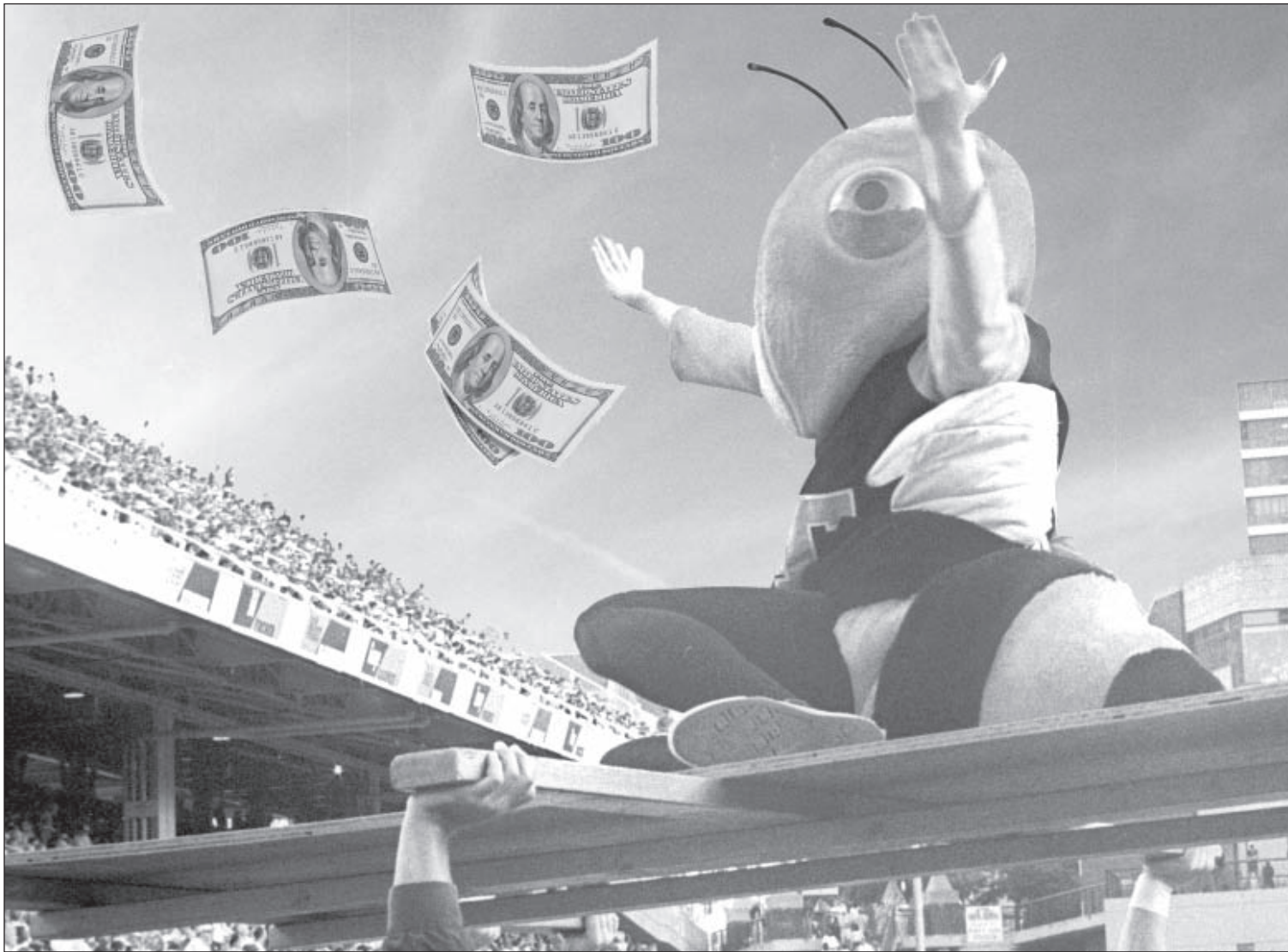
## Clough on Broadway

Multi-talented Tech President Wayne Clough will leave his post at GT to perform as the "Phantom of the Opera". **Page 21**



## Buzz leaves: A campus in shock

# Buzz to forego final year, go pro



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Buzz, shown here asking for praise from the Georgia Tech student body, has decided to leave Tech for the money that a professional mascot can demand. "I have nothing but positives to say about the school, the fans and the athletic teams," said Buzz in a news conference held at 2 p.m.**

*By Ron Jeremy  
Sports Editor*

Buzz, the famous mascot of Georgia Tech, announced at a 2 p.m. news conference that he will be foregoing his final year of college eligibility to enter the professional draft.

"I have nothing but positives to say about the school, the fans and the athletic teams," said Buzz. "I entered Georgia Tech with the dream of becoming a professional one day. That day has finally come."

Buzz has long been rumored to have aspirations of leaving school early. The fabled Tech icon has won the mascot of the year the last two years and will be going for his third-straight this weekend. According to Buzz and Michelle Cherwa, Dean

of Tech Cheerleading, Buzz will still compete for the title next week.

Tech administrators moved quickly to restore order to the campus after the announcement which devastated many students and Tech faithful. The Student Center Post Office, which was overrun by upset students, moved into lockdown mode at approximately 3 p.m.

"Students overturned the recycled paper bin and started hurling the paper at the post office workers," said a distraught Thomas Heller, director of the Tech post office. "We have stopped all incoming mail services for 24 hours in respect for the safety of the U.S. Postal Service delivery staff."

Rumors that the College Television Network, which has televisions

placed all over the Tech campus, had been taken over by a student group called "BuzzcangotoHell" have been deemed false by Georgia Tech Cable Network's Scott Sargent.

"The station did go down for around 15 minutes, but that is pretty much normal for a weekday," said Sargent.

Buzz is scheduled to appear on GTCN Friday to calm students. Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough will also address the students during the announcement, scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

While the campus reels at the news of Buzz's departure, Buzz himself is busy preparing for the upcoming mascot combine scheduled April 15-17.

"People seem to have doubts

about my strength even after all those pushups I did at the Navy game," said Buzz, referring to the football team's record-setting bashing of Navy. "I am determined to show the sceptics that I am more than a loveable toy."

Despite his small stature, many analysts feel that Buzz can succeed at the professional level.

"He'll be a mid first round draft pick this summer," said ESPN's Mel Kiper. "I like his energy, his mannerisms, and there is no doubting his national titles."

Incoming football coach Chan Gailey was upset he won't get the chance to work with Buzz.

"I really saw him [Buzz] as a

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# Tech alums return to finish eligibility

*By Pablo  
Staff Writer*

Many students are upset over the recently announced departure of their lovable mascot, Buzz. However, they will not be sad for too long. Due to a small loophole in the college eligibility rules, past Tech stars Kevin Brown, Nomar Garciaparra and Mark Texiera will all be returning for the remainder of this season. They all want to help the Jackets reach the College World Series in Omaha and bring the Championship home for the first time in Tech's history.

No details were given as to the exact loophole that will allow the

professionals to return. Some believe that Coach Danny Hall has some incriminating pictures of the NCAA president with a male swimming team. Most people do not care why they will be returning. Randal Britsnoft, an avid Tech baseball fan, was so excited upon hearing the news that he immediately went to a tattoo parlor to get his face permanently covered in yellow and blue.

The majority of the team is more sedated than Randal but is still greatly in favor of these new additions. "As long as Jason Varitek doesn't return," said catcher Tyler Parker, "and as long as it will help us win, I could care less."

However, some feel otherwise. Redshirt Sophomore John Berthelson said, "I don't like them coming here, especially Kevin Brown, because my playing time will be cut." (No record could be found that he is actually a member of the team.)

Head coach Danny Hall will have a hard time controlling the two older players. "I still have supreme control over Mark Texiera," said Hall. "He's only been to the minor leagues and am not worried about a big head or anything. Garciaparra and Brown both may be an ego problem though. I'm just hoping Brown's body isn't too old to compete at this

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## Football ticket prices skyrocket

Student ticket prices for home games next fall will raise over 300 percent. The increase in ticket cost will be used to help fund the renovations of Bobby Dodd Stadium. Athletic Director David Braine said, "I hope the increased price will not affect student attendance, but it is necessary in order to complete the construction on the stadium."

The tickets will increase an additional 150 percent for the 2003 season. Away game prices will remain the same.

## O'Keefe damaged by Bush-led party

Wednesday's 'speech' by Bush escalated into a fullout kegger in the O'Keefe Gymnasium. The invitation-only event destroyed the ground level floor and left the gym in shambles. Beer and alcohol were found covering the floor along with immense amounts of trash. All practices of the volleyball team and meetings of the bar bell club have been cancelled until everything can be fixed.

## Student to join Tech QB race

Tech senior Justin Tham is proclaimed yesterday to his friends that he could easily win the quarterback competition for next year's football squad.

"We were eating at dinner, talking about football, and then he starts going on about the quarterbacks next year," said Mark Quills, a senior Industrial Engineering major. "Justin isn't really the joking type, and when he said it we all just kind of stopped eating."

Tham, a native of Richmond, Va. told his friends that he played varsity football, varsity baseball, and varsity basketball in high school. However, few of his friends actually believe he played any sports in high school.

"Yeah, I could see him playing intramurals," said Sarah Jennis, a junior chemical engineering major. "But he seems more of a fan. You know?"

According to Tham, his 4.5 speed and strong arm could be of service to coach Chan Gailey.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Mark Texiera, shown here batting at NC State, is expected to provide even more pop at homeplate upon his return from the minor leagues.**



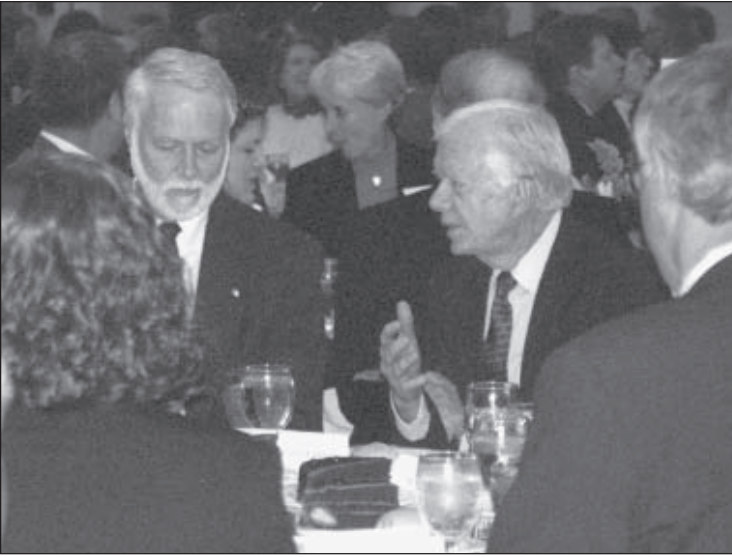
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pitched decently, giving up seven hits and five runs, only three of them earned, and walking only one and striking out four; but he still picked up his second loss of the season. Led by a trio of hitters with multiple hits and a two run homer, Georgia ran away with the game after the fifth inning. The Bulldogs' Brandon Moorhead pitched a long four innings of relief to secure teammate Jason Fellows' first win and his fourth save of the season. The silver lining for the Jackets was that Menocal picked up a hit to tie his career-best 20-game hitting streak.

Although Menocal has his hitting streak and Perry was wonderful against Gardner Webb, I have to give this week's Player of the Week honors to Kyle Bakker. Statistically one could that Goodman pitched better this week but Bakker has yet to pitch a bad game this season and his SO/BB ratio is impressive for his kind of power. Hence, I had to give the nod to Bakker, otherwise he just might become the Susan Lucci of this award. His line for the week: 7 innings-pitched, eight hits, 1 earned run, 2 walks, and six strikeouts.

The baseball season is nearing its halfway point but it's hard to determine just how good Tech is. There have been pleasant surprises in guys like Patterson and Clifton Remole, and Bakker is really maturing into the team ace that Tech will need for any College World Series aspirations. But question marks linger. Every quality opponent that Tech has played, they have lost to and although their performance at home has been perfect, it has been against weak opposition and their road performance has been far from great. April should answer all these questions, as the Jackets will fighting for conference supremacy and facing decent out of conference opposition in teams like Georgia Southern and Auburn. I still don't buy GT's ranking, this team is still too young.

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By Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

President Wayne Clough dines with former U.S. President and Tech alumnus Jimmy Carter at the Ivan Allen College Founder's Day luncheon.

"When I put in my mind or heart my list of my attachments or my sentiments, Georgia Tech has always been at the top."

Carter then began his keynote address, which was open to the entire Georgia Tech community. Though he was given the topic "An Open Society in an Age of Terrorism," Carter openly deviated from the assigned thesis.

"I would not have chosen this topic for myself," said Carter in the opening of his address.

Indeed, Carter made only a small number of observations related specifically to terrorism. First Carter urged the crowd and all Americans to exercise caution when using terms like "terrorism."

"It's not easy for human beings to refrain from the total condemnation of those with whom we disagree or whom we fear or whom we cannot understand," said Carter.

"I really feel uneasy when President Bush brands an entire nation or an entire people as evil."

Carter then transitioned into his main argument—that fighting terrorism requires aiding the poor.

"I will tell you that the greatest challenge that we face is the growing chasm between the rich and the poor."

According to Carter, the U.S. provides less foreign aid than other industrialized nations, which he sees as a question facing Americans.

"What is an 'open society?' Is it a rich society encapsulated in self-congratulations and intensive commitments to security and the exclusion of others or the reluctance to be responsible for the lives of others? I think that's counterproductive," said Carter.

"How do you combat terrorism? Maybe one way is to give people hope," said Carter in his close.

The former President's speech capped a day that also included a morning panel that discussed "Civil Liberties in an Age of Terrorism."

CNN anchor Miles O'Brien moderated the panel made up of Honorable Marvin Shoob, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court; Dr. Abdullahi A. An-Na'im, Professor at Emory Law School; and Stefan Aust, Chief Editor of Der Spiegel, a leading German political magazine.

WAM Take Back the Night



By Scoot Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech students marched around campus as part of the WAM "Take Back the Night" event to fight sexual assault last Thursday night.

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event was supposed to be closed to the public, but, when seats did not fill up, an official who was part of the presidential motorcade, and secret service agents stopped to invite students standing along Eighth Street and Fowler. Also, several students, already inside, used cell phones to call and invite friends.

Several of these students even got close enough to shake hands with the president. On the experience Andrew McLain, a fourth-year Management major said, "I thought it was unbelievable that I shook hands with the most powerful man in the world."

Many students received first word of Bush's arrival on Tuesday through a mass email sent to ORGT members, whose O'Keefe facility was shut-down in preparation for the visit. Permit holders for lot A13 received word from the parking department that their cars were to be moved in

preparation for the presidential visit. The majority of campus received word from friends, the local news or from Communications Director Bob Harty's Mega-Mod email.

Among the technologies demonstrated to the president by Tech researchers were a RADAR flashlight that allows first responders to see through walls and doors to find unconscious victims of a chemical attack, and a PDA-based device that can monitor patient vital signs and transmit them over a secure, private wireless network to doctors at a central command post.

Also demonstrated was a shoe-box-sized detection sensor which can identify biological and chemical agents, a PDA-based triage system for victims of bio-terrorism attacks, and a mapping program which helps emergency management officials focus response teams and plan evacuation routes.



# SPORTS

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## Hewitt becomes dictator

Men's basketball coach Paul Hewitt proclaimed himself Tech basketball dictator for life after two solid seasons. **Page 31**

## Buzz to leave Tech

Tech's famous mascot has decided to forego his final year of eligibility and leave the Jackets to pursue a pro career. **Page 34**



## by the numbers

### 0-0

Career record of Georgia freshman Jason Fellows before he faced the No. 6 Jackets on Tuesday in Athens. He allowed only one run in their 7-1 defeat of Tech.

### 1/2

Inches incoming freshmen I-Perfection Harris was short of this year's ACC championship winning jump of 24' 10.5".

### 15

Times Tech slugger Matthew Boggs has reached base without the aid of a hit. He has reached on balls nine times and has been hit by pitches six times.

### 98-243

Three-point field goals made and attempted by Jacket senior Tony Akins. Akins participated in the 3-point competition held on Thursday and will be a player in the NABC Roundball Challenge.

## atlanta thrashers number challenge

hint: '01 Joltin' Jackets and Dogs

### 1-4

Here's the number...what does it represent?

The first person to email [sports@technique.gatech.edu](mailto:sports@technique.gatech.edu) with the correct response to the challenge will receive a pair of tickets to an Atlanta Thrashers home game, where admission is always half-price for select tickets with a student ID. Visit [www.atlantathrashers.com](http://www.atlantathrashers.com) for more info on college nights.

## on deck

Event	Date
SM at NCAA championships	3/29-3/30
BB at NC State	3/29-3/31
SB vs. Virginia*	3/30
TM vs. Virginia	3/30
TW vs. Virginia	3/30
SB vs. Ga Southern*	4/3
TM vs. Clemson	4/3
BB - Baseball, SM - Men's Swimming	
TM - Men's Tennis, TW - Women's Tennis	
SB - Softball, * - Double Header	

## Baseball Notebook: No. 5 Jackets overrated?



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Tech baseball squad, which trounced the Georgia Bulldogs 9-1 Wednesday after losing 7-1 in Athens Tuesday, continued their undefeated record at the new Russ Chandler stadium. The Jackets are 14-0 at home.

## No. 6 GT dominates Dogs 9-1 at home, fall in Athens

By Joseph Jeong  
Staff Writer

It would have been yet another typical week for Tech baseball had it not for the pesky Bulldogs in Athens. Until the 7-1 loss to Georgia, the Jackets had yet to lose to an unranked opponent, with all three prior losses coming to two Carolina teams, South Carolina and Wake Forest. Gardner Webb didn't turn out to be a David, as they dropped both games in a two game weekend series, 9-3 and 6-2 respectively. However, Georgia slung a mighty accurate stone and dropped Tech with a convincing win at Athens.

Tech's ace Kyle Bakker continues to be infallible as he improved to 6-0 with yet another strong outing in the first game against Gardner Webb. In seven innings of work,

he gave up eight hits, a pair of walks and runs but struck out six. Only one of the run was earned. Brian Burks and Victor Menocal came in and finished up the job by pitching an inning each in relief. Gardner Webb hung around for most of the game as Tech's offense couldn't find the offense to put them away until the bottom of the eighth; where led by Jason Perry's 4-5 performance, the Jackets put up 4 runs to almost double their output for the game. Tyler Parker hit is sixth home run of the season and Eric Patterson kept up his pilfering ways to get his ninth stolen base of the season.

Chris Goodman picked up his second win of the season by pitching seven impressive innings in the second game. He gave up seven hits and two runs but walked no one and struck out four. Aside from the

two run homer he gave up to Gardner Webb's Jim Glueckert, Goodman was untouchable on the mound. Menocal had two hits and two runs to led a trio of Jackets who picked up multiple hits. He also pitched a scoreless inning to complete his rounded contribution. Patterson reached double digits in stolen bases but did get busted once on the basepaths. He does have to look over his shoulder as Matt Murton is keeping pace with his wayward ways as Murton picked up his ninth stolen base in this game as well.

The timely offense that helped Tech past Gardner Webb was missing against Georgia. Even though Tech drew first blood in the game, it was the Bulldogs who feasted as they romped the Jackets 7-1. Burks

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## Cheerleaders, Buzz prepare for nationals

The Tech cheerleaders and Buzz, who is gunning for his third-straight national mascot title, head to Daytona Beach, FL. April 3-7 for the National Cheerleaders Association's College National Championships.

Buzz and the cheerleaders will perform their national routine Monday, April 1 from 7-8 p.m. in O'Keefe Gymnasium.

## Football recruit wins national long jump title

I-Perfection Harris, slated to join Chan Gailey's football squad as a defensive back, won the long jump title at the National Scholastic Indoor Championships in New York City with a jump of 24' 10.50". Harris' jump was only half an inch shorter than the ACC indoor champion this season.

Harris, a Staten Island native who carries a 3.5 GPA, was a PrepStars All-American and ranked by SuperPreps as the 24th best skill athlete in the country.

## Maryland Terps stopped by softball squad again

The Tech softball squad swept Maryland Wednesday in their first ACC action of the season 3-0 and 4-0. Lindsey Wood homered twice for the Rambling Wreck.

The Lady Jackets, off to a 27-9 start, advanced to the semifinals of the Buzz Classic last weekend before falling to eventual champion Ohio State 7-0.

The Jackets nipped Maryland 2-1 in eight innings to advance to the quarterfinals. The two squads were scheduled to face off Tuesday but the game was postponed due to rain.

Freshman hurler Jessica Sallinger tied her Tech record of 13 strikeouts in the loss to Ohio State. Sallinger is now 13-4 on the season.

## Tony Akins takes coliseum court for final time

By Derek Haynes  
Sports Editor

His senior year didn't result in the trip to the NCAA tournament that he wanted, but outgoing point guard Tony Akins will get one last chance to impress the home crowd.

Akins will help a team of college all-stars take on the Harlem Globetrotters Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Tickets for the game range from \$15-\$25. Last year's National Association of Basketball Coaches Roundball Challenge saw the Globetrotters beat the NABC All-Stars 75-63 at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Other college stars expected to take on the Globetrotters include Steve Logan of Cincinnati, North Carolina's Jason Capel and Darius

Songaila of Wake Forest.

At 6:30 players from both the Globetrotters and the NABC All-Stars will compete in a slam dunk and shooting competition. During halftime, the Globetrotters Michael "Wild Thing" Wilson will attempt to break his own world record dunk of 12-feet. Several players from the college squad will also try to best Wilson record-setting dunking mark.

### NABC Roundball Challenge

Tony Akins will take the Alexander Memorial Coliseum floor for the final time Friday as a member of the NABC college all-star team.

**When:** Friday, March 29  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Alexander Memorial Coliseum

**Tickets:** \$15-\$25



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Akins looks to drive in Tech's home win over UNC. The senior, who averaged 17.0 ppg and 5.7 apg last season, will play for the NABC All-Stars.