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Tech earns low campus sustainability grade



Scott Medway/ Student Publications

The Klaus Advanced Computing Building is currently the pinnacle of sustainable, green building on campus. Tech scored high in green building, but lost ground on the issues of financial management and shareholding.

By James Stephenson
News Editor

In a study conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute of 100 of the nation's leading colleges and universities, Tech received a "C" grade on overall sustainability of the institute.

The grade was broken down into seven categories: Administration, Climate Change and Energy, Food and Recycling, Green Building, Endowment Transparency, Investment Priorities and Shareholder Engagement. While the report assigns grades for each indicator, the final cumulative sustainability grade distribution is as follows: Four schools earned level "A" grades, 22 earned level "B" grades, 54 earned level "C" grades, and 20 earned level "D" grades.

For the administration indicator, Tech received a "B". According to the report, "Tech has made several public commitments to sustainability, including

explicitly stated goals to reduce hydrocarbon emissions, material consumption, water runoff, and the use of natural resources.

The Institute for Sustainable Technology and Development works on both curriculum and campus initiatives to promote sustainability. Green building efforts have produced a LEED Silver-certified building and more are expected."

For the climate change and energy indicator, Tech also received a "B". According to the report, "The Institute's Operations Department has embraced sustainability, applying a multitude of energy conservation efforts, a comprehensive recycling program, and alternative transportation endeavors. Researchers are developing higher-efficiency solar panels, alternative fuels, and an offshore wind farm."

For the food and recycling indicator, Tech received a "B".

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Committee chooses Sakai over WebCT

By Craig Tabita
Assistant News Editor

The way students interact with their courses online at Tech is changing, with WebCT soon being dropped in favor of a new open-source course tools system called Sakai. It will begin a pilot run in the summer and begin full implementation in the fall.

"It will be a change so people will have to get acclimated to a new system, but I think it offers great potential and I'm really excited," said Donna Llewellyn, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL). "People always want to collaborate online, and this provides a really nice platform. It has discussion forums, chats, wikis, email, as well as course management tools, so I'm hoping the campus likes it."

Tech's license for the Campus Edition of WebCT, which was part of a University System-wide contract through the Board of Regents, is set to expire in December 2007, necessitating a search to find a replacement. The decision came down to Sakai and WebCT's upgraded Vista edition.

"We got an extension to stay on the WebCT Campus Edition while we evaluated what we were doing," Llewellyn said. "We had a committee that evaluated over the summer whether or not to go with Vista, and since we're already paying for WebCT we didn't want to go with another licensed, proprietary solution because they're all pretty much the same. There's really only one other large open source solution, called Moodle, but we decided it wasn't ready."

"All accounts are that Vista is not user friendly and not stable, so the decision was to go with the open source solution Sakai," she said. When the license expires in December, WebCT will cease to be available for live teaching, though it will be archived for a period of time, according to Llewellyn.

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AA changes season tickets

By Randy Darnowsky
Contributing Writer

The second phase of the Athletic Association's (AA) plan to prevent the organization's bankruptcy was announced Tuesday. The AA is creating a Tech Fund in which certain season-ticket holders would be required to give an annual donation in order to keep their seats.

"Right now, our ticket holders and donors are giving on an annual basis to Alexander Tharpe fund. That's our annual giving mechanism. What we hope to do is not ask for those gifts any longer. All annual money coming in will be based on the number of seats and locations

of those seats in the football stadium and basketball arena. We looked and we said that it's

Components of Financial Strategy

- Tech Athletics: Fiscal responsibility.
- The Tech Fund: Donor-based premium seat program.
- Institutional Support: Appropriate annual financial investment
- Student support: Generate funds consistent with peer schools.

much more of a constant stream of revenue with that mechanism as opposed to annual giving,"

said Dan Radakovich, director of Athletics.

According to Radakovich, the plan is to reach a larger group of people.

"By utilizing only 18,000 seats in the football stadium and somewhere around 4500-4600 seats in the basketball arena, based on ticket sales from 2005, we will make more money in that way than continuing with an annual giving program, the way it is today. That will free up the Alexander Tharpe fund to do things on a large scale, for example, facility gifts, endowments and building our endowment base, which will be important for us to

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Robert Combier / Student Publications

The stadium is near empty prior to the Tech-Duke game played Nov. 18 at Bobby Dodd Stadium. By making donations mandatory, the AA could potentially drive away season-ticket holders.

AASU conducts trivia challenge

The Tech Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) in association with the African American Student Union (AASU) is conducting a campus-wide Black History Trivia Competition throughout February. A different black history trivia question is mailed out each weekday together with answers to the previous day's question. To join go to <http://lists.gatech.edu> and subscribe to the list blackhistorytrivia.

BGSA hosts [GT]² symposium

Graduate students across the country are invited to attend the Tech Graduate Technical Symposium, also known as [GT]², hosted by the Tech Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA). This national research conference assembles diverse graduate students from across the country and will be held March 15-16. More than 2700 dollars in prize money will be offered.

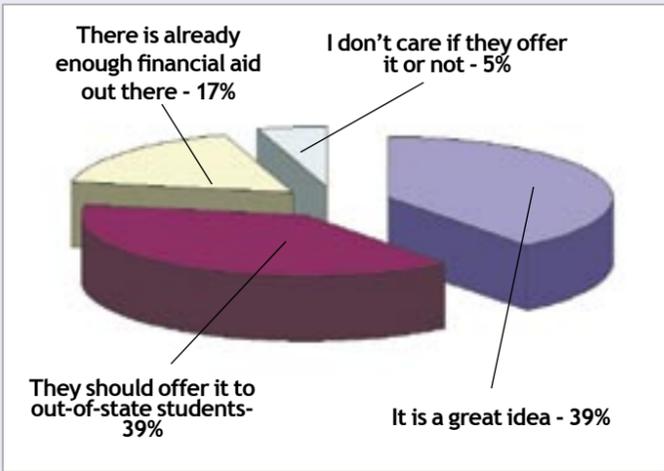
Free shuttle runs to Ga. Dome

Free Student Shuttles will run to the Tech-UConn basketball game at Georgia Dome before tip-off at 1 p.m. Student Shuttles will pick up students at the Student Center bus stop on Ferst Drive and drop off at the Georgia Dome, where students will enter through Lower Gate C. Shuttle runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 93 responses.

What are your thoughts on the Tech Promise program?



By Hillary Lipko / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What should the AA do with the Coliseum's name?

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Dude, I'm getting a Dell

An officer responded to a burglary report Jan. 8 at Caldwell Residence Hall.

The victim stated that he left his room with his roommate at 8 a.m. that morning and returned at 3:30 p.m.

When he entered the room, he discovered that both his and his roommate's Dell laptops had been stolen. The first laptop, a silver Dell Precision Notebook, was valued at about 3,000 dollars while the second, a silver Dell Latitude Notebook, was valued at about 2,000 dollars. The laptops have not been recovered.

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

Tech Football is on fire

At 12:55 a.m. Jan. 15, an officer responded to a fire alarm at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

After checking the location, the officer declared it a false alarm. He succeeded in silencing the alarm, but could not reset it.

Cellphone theft ring

An officer took a lost property report from a student Jan. 31. The student stated that her blue and silver LG cell phone was last seen on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Woodruff parking lot. She discovered that her phone was gone at approximately nine the next morning. The estimated value of the phone is 70 dollars.

Busted flower pot

On Jan. 16 between the times of 10:30 and 10:40 p.m., a flower pot in the lobby of Eighth Street Apartments was discovered broken.

The value of the missing pot is unknown. There are no suspects at this time.

Cellphone theft ring strikes again

On Jan. 22, a student filed a report for a lost cell phone. The student was in a meeting at the College of Management since 12 p.m. and noticed his phone missing around 3 p.m.

This week's campus crime information written by Kenneth Baskett

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Hurricane Katrina left 70% of the houses in the city of Pearlinton uninhabitable. Since there was never a Habitat for Humanity organization set up in Mississippi, several non-profit groups have collaborated to begin rebuilding homes for those most in need. This Spring Break, we will be working with a local organization called One House at A Time in one of the poorest areas in Mississippi. As a community we will be giving people places to call home.



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ONE HOUSE AT A TIME

Corrections

In last issue's front page article "GTCR Pro-life display missing" it was stated that the display was stolen during Monday night. In fact, the display was stolen Tuesday during the day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Additionally, the College Republican Campus Activism Coordinator's name was incorrect. The correct spelling of his name is David Hotle.

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If you're against the fee increase you're not a yellow jacket...
 ...if you're not a Yellow Jacket, you're not human!
 Build a dome atop TECH and heat all of campus!!! It's TOO cold!!!
 did ANYONE notice that clough's response to the "office park campus" question was void of any kind of real answer?
 The Office is the greatest show of all time!
 That's what she said...
 Remember NFL: for great justice, move more Calvin.
 There is no boy or girl Buzz; Buzz is a real bee.
 I really really want to say something right now, but I shouldn't.
 Ack! My printer is jammed!
 Pineapples!
 Coach! Coooaach! I can't play no more! I got the wind knocked outta me!
 Now Nick can go back to leading his boring, meaningless existence
 e.d. at such a young age = TOOL
 To Robert -- I have a crush on you. -Secret
 girl who sits to my left in calc - you're beautiful.
 psst. the gov't wastes money, I know because I work for the man!
 Pro sports 2 -> Moms 0
 You can't spell "Truth" without "Ruth"
 Seriously, tone it down.
 I can't wait to get a windmill tattoo on my thigh!
 I am so freakin sick of you in-state, HOPE scholarship-beneficiaries crying about a fee increase. Good lord! Look at how much
 See page 3 for more Slivers!

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.

Undergraduate House of Representatives

UHR votes for spring concert funding

By Emily Chambers
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) meeting was Tuesday. Six bills were passed, as well as one resolution from the floor.

The first bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Student Center Programs Council Concert Committee. The committee was requesting funding for this year's Sting Break concert, where they hope to have The Killers perform. The bill passed in full, with 32 of the representatives casting votes in favor, and only two votes in opposition.

The second bill was the appointment of council representatives. This bill passed by unanimous acclamation. After the bill passed the four representatives were sworn in by Vice President Paul Byrne.

The third bill brought before the house was the joint allocation to the Equestrian Team. They were requesting funding for new helmets, saddles, boots, and competition shirts for new members to the team who did not yet have the proper equipment. The bill passed.

The fourth bill brought before the

Bills passed

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- Joint Allocation to Equestrian Team
- Appointment of Council Representatives
- Joint Allocation to African American Student Union (I)
- Joint Allocation to African American Student Union (II)
- Joint Allocation to Medical Students Association
- Resolution to Reform Wellness Elective

house was the first of two brought by the African American Student's Union. This bill was requesting 1,118.50 dollars to help fund the Onyx Ball at the end of African American History month. The house amended the bill, which had allowed for only 500 dollars for the Ballroom rental, to include the full cost of renting the Biltmore Ballroom, as there appeared to be no cheaper locations

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Graduate Student Senate

Senate passes two AASU bills

By James Stephenson
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) met Tuesday. Five bills were passed and nothing failed.

The first bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Equestrian Club. The organization was asking for funds for new riding equipment for the club.

Among the pieces of equipment were helmets and boots for the riders.

A question came up in the senate as to whether or not the helmet and boots would be considered personal items because it is difficult to share those items because of varying head and foot sizes.

A motion was made to pass by unanimous acclamation, but the motion failed because of the concerns about the helmet and boots. Ultimately, the bill was brought to a vote and passed the senate.

The second bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the African American Student Union. The organization was asking for funds for its annual Onyx Ball to be held in the Biltmore Hotel.

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommended amending the bill down to 1,118.50 dollars to reflect the prices currently available on campus for the items in the bill.

The major point of contention was that the JFC recommended lowering the venue cost to 500 dollars, which is the cost to rent the Student Center Ballroom.

The organizational representative said that they tried to book the Student Center Ballroom, but were not able to. Also, the organization wanted to hold the event in someplace 'fancier' than the Student Center. The bill was amended according to the JFC recommendation. A motion



By Simon Zhu / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senators discuss a bill during a meeting in this stock photo. During Tuesday's meeting, the senate passed every bill they voted on.

was made to restore the full amount of the requested funds for the venue, but the motion failed. The bill passed the senate.

The third bill brought before the senate was also the joint allocation to the African American Student Union. In this bill, the organization was asking for funds for its Black Leadership Conference.

The requested funds were to provide for the speaker fees for Calvin Mackie, Robert Green, and Sonya Sanchez. According to JFC recommendation, the bill was amended to 11,413.75 dollars and passed the senate.

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Tenn. to tour the Vanderbilt Medical School.

The JFC recommended reducing the bill to 697.20 dollars in accordance with JFC policy on

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Why was there so much old news in the technique last week?
fanaticism...as opposed to mediocrity??? no thank you.
that's right, i said it, you have e.d., you tool
Boys from West Palm are hot.
Thanks for untripling the dorms. oh wait, they never should have been tripled in the first place.
People who know origami know everything.
3 shots of gobble, yes please
lets get naked
it it raining outside
will peyton choke again
i love poop
at least Patrick Nix is gone
thats better then nothing
did you take my A card
i'm gonna get some
You should have made it in the shape of a cute little bunny that can eat you.
jena rocks my socks
Matthew had a girlfriend. Once.
I can't help girls hold on too much
James change the poll
I went to the High to get High on art, but they only had one Rembrandt and a little Raphael sketch. boo
Princess snacks are delicious
Wikipedia, will you marry me?
I thought all the High was open till midnight...it's barely worth \$7 to see a bunch of old sketches by no name artists that were in a dingy basement.
Why are there so many freaking people in my dining hall on a monday night?
my penis can draw better than the Louvre at the High
I thought they were going to play French hip-hop at the High
il n'y avait musique "rap" A "Louvre Atlanta"

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HTS professor appears on NOVA documentary

By Corbin Pon
Staff Writer

Being one of the most renowned chemists of the twentieth century, Percy Julian had his life and accomplishments recognized in the NOVA presentation "Forgotten Genius." It will tell the story of the first African-American Ph.D. scientist to work in industry as a researcher. An award-winning chemist, his career was marked by both breaking the color barrier in science and significant innovations in the area of chemistry.

Willie Pearson, professor at the School of History, Technology and Society, became involved with the NOVA project and was a member of the program's advisory committee. Pearson's research

background is in Sociology of Science, which involves the study of the production of Ph.D.'s in science and engineering. He became interested in African Americans in chemistry prior to the 1950's, and last year published a book on African American chemists Ph.D.'s.

"Given my general background in Sociology of Science, I was contacted by NOVA [asking] if I would be willing to serve on an advisory committee. Particularly, to assist them with their proposal to the National

Endowment for the Humanities," Pearson said.

On the advisory committee, Pearson partnered with chemists and historians to uncover and contextualize Julian's impact on science, history and society.

"There have been very few writings on Percy Julian, when you consider [he] was a very successful chemist, regardless of his race. He owned his own chemistry company, headquartered in both Chicago and Mexico City, and was a generous philanthropist," Pearson said.

Many of the areas where Julian was successful can still be seen today. He worked with developing the foam used to put out fires and made contributions to the steroid cortisone. Some of his later work also involved using soybeans to create synthetic hormones, including estrogen and testosterone, in industrial sized quantities.

"What was very interesting was that he employed minorities and especially African Americans. During that time, African Americans and other minority groups could not work in scientific jobs. So you can imagine, here he is hiring people with degrees from respectable institutions, and they're getting a chance to do their

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Professor, School of History, Technology and Society



Scott Medway/ Student Publications

Willie Pearson, who will appear in NOVA's documentary "Forgotten Genius", consulted the NOVA team as part of its advisory board.

science," Pearson said.

Julian graduated from DePaul University in Indiana in 1920 as part of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society, and received his M.S. from Harvard University in 1923. He would graduate at the top of his class, but ended up pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Vienna, instead of Harvard, because of discrimination.

"[Julian's] life away from science was interesting, fascinating and beset with challenges. He had to deal with issues of race and racism," Pearson said. Even though Julian garnered success and award for his accomplishments, he was not immune from racial struggle. He had his house firebombed, just because he lived in a white neighborhood.

"One of the problems with finding information on some of the African American scientists is the lack of papers that have been left and locating the information left by other people," Pearson said.

"It's ironic that there has been no formal biography written about [Julian], but there is a lot of stuff written about Booker T. Washington... who didn't have a Ph.D. Here is [Julian] with a Ph.D in chemistry, who published in the main chemistry journals of his time," Pearson said.

"Overall I think [NOVA] did a magnificent job from a technical point of view and from a writing point of view. In the end, the fact that his story is finally being told, after all these years, is just remarkable," Pearson said.

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that could accommodate the event. After this amendment the bill was passed with 33 votes for, three votes against, and two abstentions.

The fifth bill, also brought by the AASU, was for 11,413.75 dollars to help fund the Black Leadership Conference. The requested funds were to provide for the speaker fees for Calvin Mackie, Robert Green, and Sonya Sanchez. There was an attempt to amend the bill to remove 300 dollars, as the AASU revealed that they had potentially raised enough money to cover that portion of the costs. However, chair of Joint Finance Committee Claudia Jones reminded everyone that any additional money could be returned to the SGA after the event, and the amendment failed. After this, the bill passed with 35 votes for, two votes against, and one abstention.

The final bill from old business that was brought before the house was the bill from the Medical Student Association. They had originally requested 1,600 dollars to travel to Nashville and tour Vanderbilt Medical School, but based on previous SGA policy about travel expenses the bill was amended to 697.20 dollars. This bill passed with 28 votes in favor, nine votes against, and no abstentions.

The final bill dealt with was a resolution from the floor. A bill was presented to form a committee to evaluate the creation of a mandatory physical fitness class. The proposed class was presented as a potential addendum to or modification of the current HPS 1040 wellness requirement. With 24 votes in favor, nine votes against, and three abstentions, the bill passed the house.



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According to the report, "The Institute composts yard waste and has an award-winning recycling program, which includes a regional recycling day, during which over 74 tons of used equipment were collected in 2005; an annual student move-in/move-out collection and re-use program; and the publication of 'The Green Purchasing Guide.' Georgia Tech encourages its food service provider to purchase products locally."

For the green building indicator, Tech received a "B". According to the report, "The Institute relies on the principles of sustainability in its campus strategic plan and its campus and landscape master plans. The new management building is LEED Silver-certified, a new construction project is seeking LEED Silver certification, and 10 other buildings were designed following LEED standards."

The goal of the Tech Master Plan is to have the entire campus composed of sustainable, green buildings as well as eco-friendly growth.

For the endowment transparency indicator, the report gave Tech an "F". According to the report, "The

Institute has no known policy of disclosure of endowment holdings or its shareholder voting record."

For the investment priorities, the report gave Tech a "C". According to the report, "The Institute prioritizes investing to maximize profit and has not made any public statements about investigating or investing in renewable energy funds or community development loan funds."

In the last category, shareholder engagement, Tech scored an "F". The reason for this grade, according to the report, is that "the Institute has not made any public statements about active ownership or a proxy voting policy."

The data in the report was compiled by independent studies as well as through a campus sustainability policy survey.

The Cambridge-based research institute announced that the report's highest cumulative sustainability grade of "A-", was received by Harvard University, Stanford University, Dartmouth College, and Williams College.

The study indicates that some leading schools are taking proactive steps on both campus and endowment sustainability initiatives. Other schools are shown to have a less consistent commitment.



Jamie Howell / Student Publications

Tech square is a part of the sustainable growth in the Master Plan. The Management Building at Tech Square is LEED silver-certified.

Sustainability Report Card

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|---------------------------|---|
| Administration | B |
| Climate Change and Energy | B |
| Food and Recycling | B |
| Green Building | B |
| Endowment Transparency | F |
| Investment Priorities | C |
| Shareholder Engagement | F |

Courtesy of the Sustainability Endowments Institute

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travel expenses. The bill passed the senate.

The fifth bill brought before the senate was the joint allocation to the Student Center Programs Council. The organization was asking for funding of its Sting Break event this spring.

The organization has tentatively booked the Killers to perform on campus for the student body. JFC recommended funding the bill in full and the bill passed the senate.

In his report of the president, Mitch Keller, graduate student body president, said that the parking fee will be going up for the fall semester.

The announcement received a negative reaction from the senate who feel that the fees are already too high.

Keller also announced that the search for an OMBUDs person, a type of representative of the graduate students within the administration is going well. Keller said that he would be meeting with Charles Liotta, the vice-president of research and the dean of graduate studies, to discuss possible candidates for the position.

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OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Income matters

For some time, the Tech community has been aware of the Athletic Association (AA)'s dire financial situation. The AA has been accruing debt to the tune of \$3 million a year, and Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich has started to take steps to remedy the situation. Starting next year, season ticket holders will have to make a donation to the Tech Fund under the AA. Just as the flat fee increase was the better solution for the mandatory student athletic fee, this choice is better for season ticket holders than a flat ticket price increase would be, as the donation is tax-deductible.

While this decision may upset season ticket holders, it will be good for Tech in the long run as it helps keep the AA financially afloat. Currently, long-term donors keep prime season ticket seats without further donations, and it is difficult for the AA to get additional income through them. This way, the AA will have a constant source of annual income. At the same time, the AA should be careful to not alienate the alumni fan-base, as it may keep them from purchasing season tickets in the future. After all, there is a fine line between maintaining financial stability and keeping fans happy.

While the student fans may not be happy with their recent fee increase, at least this move will leave them feeling reassured that the students are not the only fans the AA is asking for money. The AA is sending a clear message that raising the student fee was not a quick fix but rather part of a larger, long-term solution.

Increasing costs for alumni and student fans is not the only solution the AA is investigating, however. They have brought up the possibility of finding a new sponsor for the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Retaining the Coliseum's name as a tribute to the great coach of the 1920s to '40s is important. Still, the AA needs the money badly enough to seriously consider adding a new sponsor's name to the Coliseum.

If the AA could find such a sponsor, they would have to donate much more than the previous \$5.5 million McDonalds donated over 10 years, because the AA is obviously desperate for money—Radakovich leases out his personal box, which is meant to be used to entertain possible donors, for most football games at Bobby Dodd Stadium. Such extreme measures may serve only to further worry an already wavering fan-base.

Tech's fan-base is often fickle, but instead of condemning the AA for its attempts to bring the budget back into the black, it should support them in their efforts. Perhaps this year's excellent recruiting class will give fans even more cause to support Tech athletics.

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By David Chen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Grade skipping has drawbacks

Public education is a bureaucracy known for its red tape. Between entrance requirements, student records, standardized testing, curriculum guidelines, assessment standards and much more, today's public education policies seem to be built on a foundation of paper—and lots of it. That is why it was so surprising to find out Georgia's third largest school system, Dekalb County, has just started to flesh out procedures for students to skip a grade—or accelerate, as educators call it.

Not that Dekalb has not allowed students to accelerate in the past; it was just a difficult process that had to be parent-initiated. Dekalb should be commended for fleshing out a grade skipping policy that is fair across all of its schools, but they and other educators need to consider whether they are advocating acceleration because it is the best thing for bright students or because it is the easiest, cheapest option for school administrators.

Currently Georgia education policy is governed by the national "No Child Left Behind Act," (a policy that has certainly added to that paperwork nightmare), which requires school systems to develop standards for core subjects and to test how well students meet these standards. Public schools have gone to great lengths because of this law to improve the services they offer to at-risk and low-performing students, but in return services to high-achieving and gifted students are sometimes lost. To be fair, with a limited budget it is hard to justify funding a robotics team over a tutoring program for students who can't read. Still, should schools allocate more or different resources to gifted students than they currently provide?

Proponents of gifted education argue that although it is important for no child to be left behind, reaching the needs of the top students is



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Amanda Dugan
 Editor-in-Chief

just as important. Of the 1,553,437 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the state of Georgia for the 2004 to 2005 school year, almost 10 percent were enrolled in some type of gifted education. However, of the \$14,363,970,000 dollars allocated for education in Georgia that same year, less than one percent went toward gifted education. Like grade skipping, not all gifted services have to cost a lot of money, but some options certainly do.

According to the Georgia Department of Education, the type of programs that are provided to meet the needs of gifted students in Georgia range from completely separate schools to pullout enrichment activities for as little as an hour a week. Obviously, a separate school is going to be expensive, but even enrichment programs, which help foster creativity, are expensive compared to just moving a student forward in school. At the high school levels, most other gifted education programs are dropped completely by the eleventh grade with Advanced Placement (AP) courses or college courses being the only services offered, both of which are examples of single subject acceleration.

AP classes are a great option, but they do not meet all the needs of gifted students. Single subject acceleration does recognize that a student may be advanced in one or several subject areas, but not all. Dekalb administrators should remember that being gifted doesn't

mean being gifted at everything as they put the finishing touches on grade skipping policies. Because grade skipping is cheap (all the school has to do is move the student up to the next set of teachers), it could be easy for money- and time-crunched educators to push acceleration as the method to help gifted students, even though it may not be the best option to provide them academic challenge and continuous progress in their talent area, as well as to foster creativity.

The reason I am concerned about Dekalb and other school systems standardizing grade skipping is not that the policy itself is bad but that the policy might be overused. Georgia constantly earns high gifted education services rankings. Programs to identify gifted students and provide educational services for them are required in 24 states; however only six states, including Georgia, fully fund gifted programming at the state level.

This state has had a gifted education program since 1958 and defines "gifted" based on multiple criteria besides achievement on intelligence tests, as has historically been the case in the United States. Though things seem to be improving, the state is still near or at the bottom for most education rankings. It would be a shame to progress quickly and broadly with grade skipping programs that may jeopardize one of the few areas of education where we are recognized as the cream of the crop.

One four-letter word can change world

Joy of joys, I realize that that pink, red and white day is fast approaching—Valentine’s Day, which annually manages to inspire more anxiety, plotting and division around the country than the average political campaign does.

Those without significant others either dash around scheduling dates with the hitherto-unacceptable-now-suddenly-interesting guy or girl or stage solitary sit-ins and strikes with friends in varying shades of despondent pessimism and outward, devil-may-care bravado. Even those with significant others are not without their own share of worries.

The purported day of romance has the dismaying side effect of bringing up uncomfortable questions a couple may not be ready for, all of which revolve around that powerful little four-letter word: love.

Are we in love? Do I have to say it? What if I am and he or she is not? What if I don’t know how I feel yet? What is he or she expecting?

And of course, the ever-popular “crap, what is this going to cost me?” When hearts are on the line, the cost could be far more than the price of roses and chocolate.

All of this interpersonal stress and conflict is a far cry from the



“When hearts are on the line, the cost could be far more than the price of roses and chocolate.”

Jenny Zhang
Focus Editor

original intent of Valentine’s Day, which has its beginnings in both Roman and Catholic traditions. The day’s direct historical connection is to a mysterious patron saint named Valentine or Valentinus, who, according to one story, was a priest during the third century in Rome.

Legend goes that Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men, believing that single men would make better soldiers than wedded men. Acting against the injustice of this decree, Valentine performed marriages for young lovers in secret. He was discovered and put to death, reportedly on the date of Feb. 14.

The Catholic Church later canonized Valentine to sainthood for his heroism and commemorated a feast day in his name.

Somehow, this evolved into the circus of pastel candy

hearts etched with sugary terms of endearment and all the incessant worrying and/or bitterness associated with that.

Maybe it is time to put away whatever sniping and griping we may have about Valentine’s Day and remember why we celebrate it in the first place, most notably by following St. Valentine’s example. Valentine lived a life of love, putting himself on the line and making the ultimate sacrifice for the good of others.

His love did not take the form of heart-shaped balloons or generic messages such as “Be mine” but embodied the true spirit of love that Valentine’s Day is meant to celebrate—selfless love that is practiced through service instead of whispered in thoughtless sweet nothings.

The world could probably use more of this spirit of love instead of the narrow, rancorous I-don’t-have-a-date or he-didn’t-take-me-somewhere-nice

mind-set. No evil emperors have outlawed marriage, but there are still grave injustices and wrongs everywhere you look.

Violence and drug-related homicides have returned to the hurricane-devastated and increasingly neglected city of New Orleans, dubbed by the *New York Times* as “the nation’s per capita murder capital.” Codes of silence reign in neighborhoods where murderers run free in the streets, taking the lives of teenagers and youth in a relentless cycle of anger, hatred and killing that the ill-equipped police are helpless to stop. According to the Metropolitan Crime Commission, as little as 12 percent of homicide arrests end in jail sentences there.

In war-ravaged Lebanon, an estimated one million unexploded sub-munitions, or cluster bombs, left over from last summer’s conflict between Israel and Hezbollah continue to kill and maim hapless citizens who have found the innocent-looking objects in their gardens, houses, streets and orchards.

Despite restrictions requiring warring states to refrain from endangering civilians in their munitions usage (translation: people, don’t bomb innocents), at least 30 people have died and

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OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



Tennis love

We all know that the women’s tennis team boasts some of the most attractive women at Tech—and apparently some of the most talented too. Not only did they take their first indoor title recently at the UTSA/ITA National Indoor Team Championship, but they also became the first ever Tech women’s team to claim a No. 1 national ranking. Now if that’s not hot, then we don’t know what is.



Another headache

Maybe we just like to complain, and course tools systems are one of our favorite topics. We hate WebCT, we hate BuzzPort and we don’t expect to feel differently about Sakai. CETL has been piloting the system in a number of classes for two semesters, and the number of unresolved issues remains formidable. We just want something that is easy to use—is that really so much to ask?



A little pick-me-up

Tech will host the NCAA Final Four this spring. CBS needs to get ready, so men’s basketball will play UConn at the Georgia Dome this Sunday. Students won’t be stranded on campus, however, as there will be a shuttle to the Dome. Hopefully fans will take advantage of the free ride to cheer on their Jackets.



C for sustainability

Yes, we do know that sustainability starts with an S, but Tech’s report card read “C” in a recent study by the Sustainable Endowments Institute. The grade was largely a result of Tech’s financial mismanagement. We would hope the Institute could set a better example of financial responsibility to its future alumni.

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government must avoid legislating morality

I am writing in response to the incident involving the theft of the College Republicans’ abortion awareness display.

I do not condone the theft of the display, but I would like to present a perspective that the College Republicans and other like-minded students may not have considered.

My husband and I are expecting our first child next June. I believe abortion is immoral and I cannot imagine how any woman could do it. That being said, abortion should not be a political issue.

First of all, I do not believe in legislating morality, although my personal morals probably closely agree with those of the College Republicans.

Secondly, what are the consequences of making abortion illegal? By giving an unborn baby (medically, a fetus) rights, are we taking away the mother’s rights? Ideally, the best interest of

the mother is also the best interest of the unborn child, but we all know that the world will never be ideal. If my unborn child’s rights trump my own, who makes the medical decisions regarding my pregnancy?

It so happens that Georgia is one of about 25 states that does not have a licensing system in place for direct entry midwives (these midwives attend home births).

There is currently a bill floating around in the Georgia legislature addressing this, and during the committee meetings, I listened to several over-zealous doctors talk about how women should be forced to birth in hospitals.

Obstetricians do not like babies to be born at home (they can’t make money if they don’t have patients). Obstetricians have more political power than midwives.

If the law makes it illegal to abort a fetus, that law is effectively

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Around the Campus

What is your favorite book?



Michael Nolan
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“*Origins of War.*”



Carlin Bright
Second-year AE

“*100 Years of Solitude.*”



Mike Smith
First-year ChBE

“*Lamb.*”



Patrick Linton
Second-year AE

“*The Book of Acts.*”

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giving the fetus rights, which will effectively give obstetricians all the decision making power during a woman's pregnancy.

I believe it is imperative that women retain their right to control their bodies. If some women use that right to have an abortion, that is better than the alternative: taking away the rights of all other pregnant women to make their own decisions regarding their pregnancies.

Please consider the external ramifications of making abortion illegal before supporting it just because you agree that morally, fetuses should not be aborted. Mixing morals, especially those regarding personal freedoms, with the law, can be dangerous.

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Alcohol bill will not benefit all Georgians

Though I can understand the opinion of the editor not wanting Governor Perdue making decisions on his behalf ("Perdue misuses

electd position," Feb. 2, 2007), I challenge that if one were to look at Senate Bill 26 in its entirety, SB26 is not in the best interest of all Georgians.

This bill only includes beer and wine sales, not all alcohol, which on any other day of the week is legal to sell.

In the state of Georgia, grocery stores are only allowed to sell beer and wine; they are not allowed to sell liquor. Most liquor stores are mom-and-pop shops that already have trouble competing with larger grocery store conglomerates.

If SB26 were to pass as it is written now, it would negatively affect these independent stores. The sale of beer and wine alone would not be enough business to warrant these stores being open on Sunday. SB26 leans heavily in favor of big businesses here in Georgia.

Furthermore, regardless of Sonny's opinion on the bill, the Legislature can overrule an executive veto; therefore if SB26 manages to make its way out of both Chambers, Sonny cannot single-handedly make the decision on behalf of the citizens of Georgia, as Mr. Clarke seems to believe.

I urge the students of Tech to not take everything they read from local

newspapers to heart and do some research of their own before blindly forming their opinion, especially in the case of the article written by Mr. Clarke.

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Display theft reflects poorly on Tech

Tech is supposed to be an Institute of intelligence and diversity. We are a configuration of many cultures, backgrounds and orientations. With this, there will be personal conflict, but it is our tolerance and acceptance that make our situation above most others.

When something like the theft of the pro-life display happens, it is an insult to everyone in this Institution. Whoever has done such a thing should be ashamed. The only thing that this individual has accomplished is caused an outrage and more conflict within the student community on already a sensitive issue.

The GTCR and its supporters will not stand for such injustice. However, they will not fall to the same level. If there is an issue they feel

strongly about, they will not destroy displays. Rather, they will engage in adult political discussion.

In lieu of all this, I would like to commend the GTCR for their class in handling this situation. Most other student organizations would fight and be fickle and demand retribution, taking it too far.

I am sorry that such a situation has happened, and I hope that we, as a collected body of students, can make sure this is the last incident like this we will ever see.

Tallulah Passyn
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Technique should run terrorism advertisement

It has come to my attention that the *Technique's* editorial board recently refused to print an advertisement from the Terrorism Awareness Project, a national organization dedicated to educating college students about the terror threats we face (<http://www.terrorismawareness.org>).

I have reviewed the ad and concluded that it contains many important facts and allows readers

to arrive at their own conclusions. Tech students are wise enough to be able to review the information included in the ad and make their own judgments about its content, without the need for someone to censor any material that is viewed as objectionable by a select few.

Furthermore, the ad is very relevant as it relates to a vital issue in modern America. Violent Islamic extremists present a real threat to the American way of life, and Tech students are not immune to this threat.

The *Technique's* action of censoring this ad exhibits a lack of commitment to free speech, and worse, an implicit defense of Islamic Jihad and their goals and methods. The ad is not hateful, and the only individuals that would take offense to the ad are violent extremists.

This ad presents significant information that will enliven discussion on campus as we examine the salient challenges of our world. I urge the *Technique* to reconsider its decision and allow the ad to run for the sake of free speech and open expression.

Chris Dempsey
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Love from page 9

180 have been injured by a cluster bomb situation in southern Lebanon that a United Nations Mine Action Service manager calls "the worst I've ever seen. [It's] unprecedented and unbelievable."

There are, of course, no easy

answers to these and other terrible situations.

The U.S. is still struggling to move out of a radically unstable and dangerous Iraq, as the "sectarian violence" there approaches civil war (38 more people were killed in a rash of bombings across Baghdad this past Monday) and the death

toll of American soldiers continues to rise.

Closer to home, cities and states are looking for answers to high rates of poverty and homelessness and dwindling funds for education, health care and welfare programs.

It would be far too simplistic and naïve to suggest that the world's

problems could be solved by love, but it certainly couldn't hurt to try either.

If we entered into the difficult problems, issues and relationships in our world with the same spirit of love that St. Valentine showed—instead of acting out of bitterness, intolerance, bigotry, hatred, partisanship or

spite—those same problems, issues and relationships might just become that much less difficult.

Perhaps for this Valentine's Day, instead of just sending cards or dining out, we could honor the day and its martyred saint by actually practicing in our lives more of the love we are trying to celebrate.

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CRY presents benefit play



By Parker McGee / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Actors dance and sing with bottles on their heads in a scene from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

By Randy Darnowsky
Contributing Writer

The much-beloved character of Tevye the milkman and his fiddling on the roof antics delighted audiences in a charity performance that was held at the North Atlanta High School last weekend.

The play *Fiddler on the Roof* was put on by Saakar, a nonprofit Indian organization, and co-sponsored by the Tech chapter of Children's Rights and You (CRY) in a historic partnership—this year marked the first time in Saakar's four-year history that it teamed up with CRY for the production.

Set in a small Jewish shtetl (town) in turn-of-the-century tsarist Russia, the play tells the story of Tevye's attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions in the face of rapid change in the world around the shtetl.

The theatre was almost completely full. The audience laughed and cheered to show their enjoyment of the performance. The actors performed excellently and without noticeable imperfections, surprising some audience members with their ability to slip into a Yiddish accent and carry out Jewish humor. The actor who played the role of Tevye especially showed great enthusiasm during his performance of the iconic "If I Were a Rich Man" song. The performers, all in all, were exceptional and not shy to show their talent.

However, the play was not simply just an exercise in acting and entertainment.

"What made this play unique was the fact that it was set up by a nonprofit Indian group, Saakar. Money raised went towards production costs and the rest went to charity," said Jelle van de Vall, director of operations of CRY Tech.

The play was sponsored by CRY in order to promote awareness and raise money for the organization.

CRY was started in India 27 years ago and benefits impoverished children in India and America by providing them with shelter, education, disaster relief and healthcare.

"In almost three decades, CRY has enabled more than 2,500 communities across 18 states in India to work towards addressing the root causes of issues like deprivation, adult unemployment, exploitation and abuse—[issues] that constrain the rights of children," said Namit Bhatia, co-leader of CRY Atlanta.

"By mobilizing these communities, CRY, along with its more than 500 NGO [nongovernmental organization] partners, have ensured over 1,500,000 children across India with opportunities they could not dream of. None of these micro-

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Students speak about CRC WORKOUT

By Manu Raghavan
Staff Writer

Chrissy Naples had a very simple, Ebert-and-Roeper-like critique of the Campus Recreation Center (CRC): two thumbs up. Naples, a fifth-year Industrial Design major who uses the indoor track three times a week, said that she found the CRC's long open hours to her convenience since she usually tries to work out in the mornings or evenings.

"I've been working out regularly since my first year and this place has always been packed," Naples said. "[Working out] promotes a healthier lifestyle."

Similarly, Sara Scruggs, a second-year Management major, finds the CRC much to her liking, while Anna Bancroft, a second-year Aerospace Engineering major, enjoys the Center's convenience.

Scruggs and Bancroft, both of whom participate in Georgia Institute of Technology Fitness Program (G.I.T FIT) classes such as Beginner's Bellydancing, said they found living close to the CRC useful when attending their fitness classes regularly.

Built as a venue for the centennial Olympics in 1996, the CRC, which was then known as the Student Athletic Complex (SAC), was converted as a venue for recreation on campus after the Olympics ended.

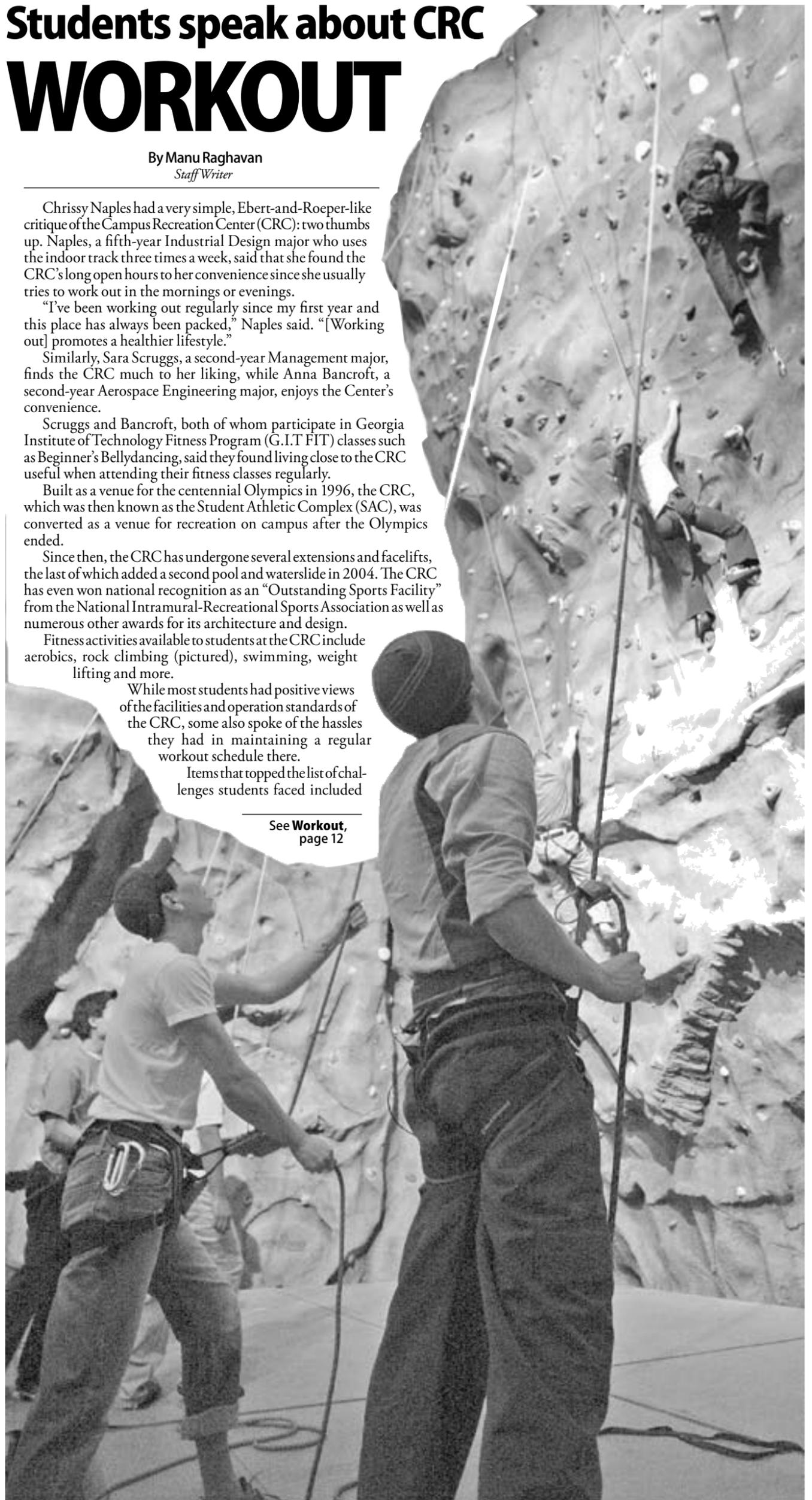
Since then, the CRC has undergone several extensions and facelifts, the last of which added a second pool and waterslide in 2004. The CRC has even won national recognition as an "Outstanding Sports Facility" from the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association as well as numerous other awards for its architecture and design.

Fitness activities available to students at the CRC include aerobics, rock climbing (pictured), swimming, weight lifting and more.

While most students had positive views of the facilities and operation standards of the CRC, some also spoke of the hassles they had in maintaining a regular workout schedule there.

Items that topped the list of challenges students faced included

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miracles would have been possible without the active involvement and support CRY experienced from the more than 150,000 [volunteers] and organizations in India and overseas," Bhatia said.

Currently, there are 26 CRY chapters in America. CRY Atlanta and CRY Tech, which was founded last year with three permanent board members, are new chapters that have dedicated themselves to the mission of the international organization.

"We try to spread awareness and raise money for the underprivileged. Ten percent goes to the U.S., the rest goes to India. We spread awareness about abuse, the exploitation of poor children and women victims. Some of the money raised by CRY America

also goes to American underprivileged children," de Vall said.

"We harness the support, money, time and skills for millions of Indians worldwide who could provide resources and thousands of dedicated fieldworkers across India struggling to function for lack of them. As such, we are an enabling organization as opposed to an implementing one," Bhatia said.

The leaders of CRY Tech and CRY Atlanta hope to increase support and awareness for their organizations.

Furthermore, they hope to increase membership in local chapters as well as to create more chapters in Atlanta.

"This is the first time in history that CRY Atlanta and CRY Tech have collaborated together with Saakar on such a grand scale. We hope to further increase membership and open new chapters at Emory and

"We spread awareness about abuse, the exploitation of poor children and women victims."

Jelle van de Vall
Director, CRY Tech

Georgia State University," said Aditi Misra, co-leader of CRY Atlanta.

CRY Tech sponsors several events throughout the year to encourage students to pledge money for CRY as well as to support the cause, such as a volleyball and basketball tournament held last semester in conjunction with CRY Atlanta.

Organizers have high hopes in terms of the impact of the play.

"At least 1000 dollars is expected to be raised from ticket sales and donations [from last weekend]. In fact, it takes just 25 dollars to fund a one-year education for an Indian child," said Prerna Bang, president of CRY Tech.

"Another couple of events to spread awareness [that will] occur later this semester include a mini-carnival along Skiles walkway and a huge wall display with pictures about how CRY has helped poor people progress through society and have potential," de Vall said.



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Tzeitel, left, and Hodel, right, two of Tevye's three young daughters, take center stage to speak about their matchmaking prospects.



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The opening scene of *Fiddler on the Roof* features a cast of winning characters. The charity play raised awareness and money for CRY.

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Monthly executive forums advise future entrepreneurs

By Julie Kent
Contributing Writer

Originally founded in the fall of 2005, the Georgia Entrepreneurs Society (GES) has already recruited nearly 600 members. Working with over 120 different companies, the Society is dedicated to providing services and support to help fast-growth entrepreneurs.

In addition to holding golf outings and dinner parties, one of the main features of GES is its monthly executive forums.

This month's forum, which focused primarily on how to attain investment capital, was held last Thursday, Feb. 1.

Over 25 men and women filled the Wardlaw

building for the forum, which featured three very successful and powerful entrepreneurs.

The first, Tony Antoniadis, is the general manager for the Advanced Technology Development Center, a company that helps Georgia entrepreneurs launch and build successful science and technology companies. Ed Rieker, another speaker present at the forum, has founded four companies, most of which are in the medical industry. The third and final speaker, Alan Urech, is a senior executive with over 30 years of management experience. Urech is also the founder of Stoney River Capital Partners.

With a primary concentration on investment capital, the forum discussed techniques and strategies for accruing capital.

Antoniades suggested working from one's own pocket. Another option is to go to friends and family, although the panel stressed that it is necessary to be careful when doing this.

"Tell them it's like a trip to Vegas," Rieker said, half jokingly, but also very seriously. "The chances of all the money disappearing is very likely."

The preparation and presentation of a business plan were also heavily discussed during the forum. While the possibilities of commercial lending and venture capitalism were quickly dismissed by the panel, panel members spoke extensively about angel investors and how to approach them.

As the panelists discussed what they thought investors looked for, common themes of leadership, experience and management emerged.

"Investors are betting on the jockey, not the horse," Antoniadis said, using an illustrative analogy to make his point.

Urech, who actively invests in entrepreneurs, listed the five things he looks for in a business plan: leadership, market opportunity, business strategy,

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Ed Rieker
Speaker, Exec Forum

Tech offers pre-med options



Photo courtesy of Liz Ward

Pre-med student Jack Gardner volunteers with others at an arts and crafts party held at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston. The art party was sponsored by MOVE's Medical Assistance Committee.

By Abhinav Bhatnagar
Contributing Writer

Although Tech is primarily known for its engineering students, there is another breed of caffeine-guzzling, sleep-deprived and late-night-studying academic on campus—the pre-med or pre-health student.

Despite the fact that Tech has no medical school or a formal pre-med major, the school still provides many resources for its significant pre-health student population. The trick is to know where to look and being smart about customizing the regular Tech experience to a pre-health focus.

For instance, the institute's strong background in science and engineering includes rigorous pre-health classes like anatomy and organic chemistry that students

can take to build into their major coursework.

"The pre-med classes here are

"The premed classes here are challenging. They prepare us well for the difficult coursework we'll see in med school."

Shruti Kumar
Second-year PSYC

challenging. They prepare us well for the difficult coursework we'll see in med school," said Shruti Kumar, a second-year Psychology major.

Tech also offers students a pleth-

ora of summer programs which serve as gateways for acquiring knowledge and experience.

Students can spend their summers gaining clinical exposure through volunteering, shadowing, interning and specialized medical courses. Many pre-meds can even choose to spend their summers working in research labs or working abroad.

These programs provide students with experience in the pre-health area, which, as all competitive medical or dental applicants understand, may be the determining factor in their landing an acceptance letter to their chosen school by the time they graduate.

Tech organizations give students numerous opportunities to gain more experience of this kind. Every

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Dr. Liu says "is that right?" or "is that alright" (we cant tell which one it is) 69 times in 50 minutes timespan.
stupid f***ing cow!

Tech students are very boring and very often have unattractive bodies- meow

I know this is difficult for you to believe, but we're not really all that impressed by your every-two-minutes lecture-interrupting "insight" (read: pointless, suck-up comment) on the topic.

Ten 4-star recruits committed and a possibility of two more? Not bad, Chan Gailey.

GT Basketball motto: Home (play great!), Away (suck bad!)

5th years need love too

If they hadn't taken our reactor away - then maybe we could have heated the outdoor areas of campus! It's soo cold

Instead of paying Maya Angelou a ridiculous sum of money, they should have given it all to the athletics department here at Tech.

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Here is your score

When your apologies fail to ring true, so slick with that sarcastic slew, of phrases like, "I thought you knew"

Dane Cook sucks. What the hell is wrong with you people?

you don't like Dane then who do you think is funny. Ryan Seacrest? Hockey Band pwns.

Hey Shondra, on a scale of 1 - 10, how much do you love me?

did anyone ever solve that IF game w/ chickzilla in it? how?

that asian girl i sometimes see on campus... oh my... if only i wasn't so shy... and not married!

so now it's 2 bits woman? it still sucks.

ruth is a sweetheart!

hesitation leads to masturbation.

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what's up with reposting a full page of slivers

and what happened to sliver girl, she's making me horny

blew, blew... no, that's not how you say it.

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customers and revenues or predicted revenues.

"The product is not nearly as important as a good management team," Urech said.

Antoniades gave further advice on how to successfully present a business plan to an investor.

"Understand the business and the market. Show realism and passion. Most importantly, tell a story," Antoniades said.

All of the panelists also stressed the importance of a short business plan, since investors usually have hundreds of business plans to review and do not have time to sift through a million pages. Not only should a business plan be short, it should also be somewhat easy to comprehend. The panel suggested that if an eighth grader could not understand the business plan, it is too technical and complex.

Finally, the panel gave their "absolute no's" in regard to talking to investors.

"Don't ask them to sign non-disclosure agreements," Antoniades said.

"Never say there's no competi-

tion," Urech said.

Last but not least, Rieker dispensed some commonsense wisdom, saying that presenting entrepreneurs should never drop the f-bomb.

The GES has two additional programs for members: the Executive Training Program and the Strategic Business Incubation. The Execu-

"The product [business plan] is not nearly as important as a good management team."

Alan Urech
Founder, Stony River Capital Partners

tive Training Program is designed to assist budding entrepreneurs by holding additional presentations on topics important to starting a business. For example, the program holds sessions on business planning, developing a business plan, designing organizational structure, funding, consumer service, marketing, etc. The Strategic Business Incuba-

tion is more intense, as GES links individuals with highly successful entrepreneurs to help guide the development of their entrepreneurial ventures.

GES feels it is very important to be integrated on a college campus.

"There is a large community of innovative individuals, but they don't necessarily know the process of how to turn their ideas into a successful venture. With GES, they would be able to accomplish those dreams," said JP James, GES managing director.

Currently, there are over 200 undergraduate and 100 graduate students registered as part of GES. There are also over 150 alumni and approximately 20 participating faculty members.

Students who would like to get involved or become a member of GES can sign up at www.gesnow.com. Membership is 35 dollars per year.

As a member, students will be able to attend members-only events, as well as obtain access to business services providers. If interested in the Executive Training Program, there is an additional 45 dollar, one-time fee that will give students lifetime admittance to the courses.

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year, the Tech chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and the GT Pre-dental Society invite representatives from local schools like Emory and Medical College of Georgia to teach students how to build a strong application.

In the spring semester, AMSA and the GT Pre-Dental Society also offer practice Medical College Admission Tests and Dental Admission Tests as well as mock interviews. Additionally, the organizations will offer workshops through which students may improve their application essays.

There are also many ways to volunteer in a pre-health capacity with organizations on campus. The Medical Assistance Committee of the Mobilizing Opportunity for Volunteer Experience (MOVE) organization, HERO and the Tech chapters of Unite for Sight, Engineering World Health and the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children offer many service projects to interested students. These projects are available throughout the year and may take place both locally and abroad.

Students who are seeking more advice and support in their pre-health careers can contact Jennifer Kimble, Tech's first ever pre-health advisor.

Kimble provides students with a number of health-related resources. Through her online mailing list, Kimble periodically notifies students of important news, information and links to more pre-health resources or programs.

Several students have found excellent pre-health opportunities throughout Tech.

"I took a biomedical engineering clinical research practicum course taught by Dr. David Wright, and that involved actually working in the ER [emergency room] at Grady Memorial Hospital. We would conduct real ongoing medical research in the ER, had good interaction with the residents and hospital personnel and even watched actual procedures being done in the ER, such as a spinal tap. [We saw] patients come in from

car accidents and various surgeries being performed on patients," said Dale Han, a fifth-year Electrical and Computer Engineering major.

In addition, many Tech graduates that have become doctors live in the

"We would conduct real ongoing medical research in the ER... and even watched actual procedures being done..."

Dale Han
Fifth-year ECE

Atlanta area and may allow current students to shadow them.

Nikhil Kadle, a first-year Biomedical Engineering student, spoke of the need to seek out shadowing opportunities.

"Get out there and get your hands dirty. Ask doctors if they will let you observe them for a day or even

a week. I shadowed three doctors last summer and found out a lot of things about the career that I wouldn't have known otherwise. All I had to do was ask," Kadle said.

Tech students can even find clinical exposure abroad.

"I plan on studying abroad in a medical mission trip this summer, most likely in Cuba," said Maithri Vangala, a first-year Industrial Engineering major.

Kimble stressed the importance of these types of experiences.

"As pre-health advisor, I find that students with extracurricular activities help students create another realm to their application. Do you think a medical school would rather consider the student who participated in a medical mission abroad and volunteered at Grady, or the student that simply studied 24/7 throughout their college career?" Kimble said.

With coordinated forethought and planning, pre-health students at Tech should be able to have many such rewarding and enriching experiences that will prepare them for their futures.



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Tech student Ajaykumar Patel helps a child play "Pin the Carrot on the Eye" as part of a service project sponsored by Unite for Sight.

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TECH STUDENT RESEARCH

Shoaib discusses Afghan women post-Taliban

By Shikha Choudhury
Contributing Writers

There has been much speculation on the situation of women in Afghanistan, an issue that has been fervently discussed in newspapers, journals, news channels and even at Tech.

Summar Shoaib, a fourth-year International Affairs major, recently conducted a research study on the condition of women in Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban regime.

Her study involved four major subjects in regard to the situation of Afghan women in the war-torn country: education, employment, health and the representation of women in government positions.

Shoaib discovered many interesting things in the course of her research, including a number of underground activities to educate women that were conducted during the oppressive rule of the Taliban.

At the time, women were restricted from seeking either education or employment.

Shoaib spoke of the plight of widowed women and the helplessness of their situation if they did not have a male to support them. According to her, healthcare also suffered in the time of the Taliban.

"Women doctors were no longer allowed to pursue their profession, which resulted in a sharp decline in the number of doctors in the country, thus proving to be a disadvantage to the nation. Female patients were at a disadvantage too and felt uncomfortable discussing certain health issues with male doctors," she said.

Shoaib also discussed one of the other effects of the Taliban's reign: the negative impression that many

non-Islamic people came to have of Islamic principles and teachings.

Shoaib clarified the misconception of Muslim women being forced to wear burkhas, describing how the all-enveloping outer garment was something that Muslim women were actually proud of because it helped them gain an identity in society.

Shoaib explained how her sister had adopted the traditional Muslim wear, as it helped her feel more modest and secure from being accosted by men. It also helped her gain a more distinctive identity in an increasingly multicultural American society. Shoaib's sister believes that by expressing her Muslim identity she not only gains respect for her culture but also succeeds in representing her community's ideals.

Shoaib first became involved in research under the tutelage of Sylvia Maier, an assistant professor in the school of International Affairs. She had taken classes with Maier that deeply influenced her.

"She was my mentor. In spite of being such a busy woman, she took out a lot of time for this project, encouraged me and inspired me to work on it," Shoaib said.

Shoaib felt that her interest in issues pertaining to women in the Middle East dates back to the days when she participated in high school debates which dealt with women's rights and the situation of Middle Eastern women.

Born into a Muslim family in Georgia, Shoaib has

grown up in close proximity to the ideals of the Islamic faith, visiting mosques like the new one constructed at the corner of 14th and Snyder Streets (pictured below).

Shoaib feels that, like any religion, Islam has different interpretations in different nations—be it Saudi Arabia, Tunisia or Pakistan, each country has a unique interpretation of the Quran.

Shoaib said that the Taliban's interpretation was unfair to women, as they inappropriately placed higher priorities on certain restrictions, especially those relating to women and their rights.

One of the most difficult challenges that Shoaib faced while conducting her research was finding enough information, statistical data and specific details about Afghan women after the Taliban's demise.

"Finding enough information about their condition during the Taliban's regime was not as hard, but finding information

on their condition after the Taliban's regime ended was really hard. One could hardly find any valid data or details on it. Most of it was usually

"...finding information on [the condition of women] after the Taliban's regime ended was really hard."

Summar Shoaib
Fourth-year INTA

exaggerated by the media," Shoaib said.

In an effort to obtain accounts of firsthand experiences, Shoaib contacted a few people in Pakistan with the help of her parents and friends.

She spoke with one of her friends who is a Pathan, or Afghan na-

tive. Her friend had interacted with many Afghan refugees and talked to Shoaib about what she learned about them.

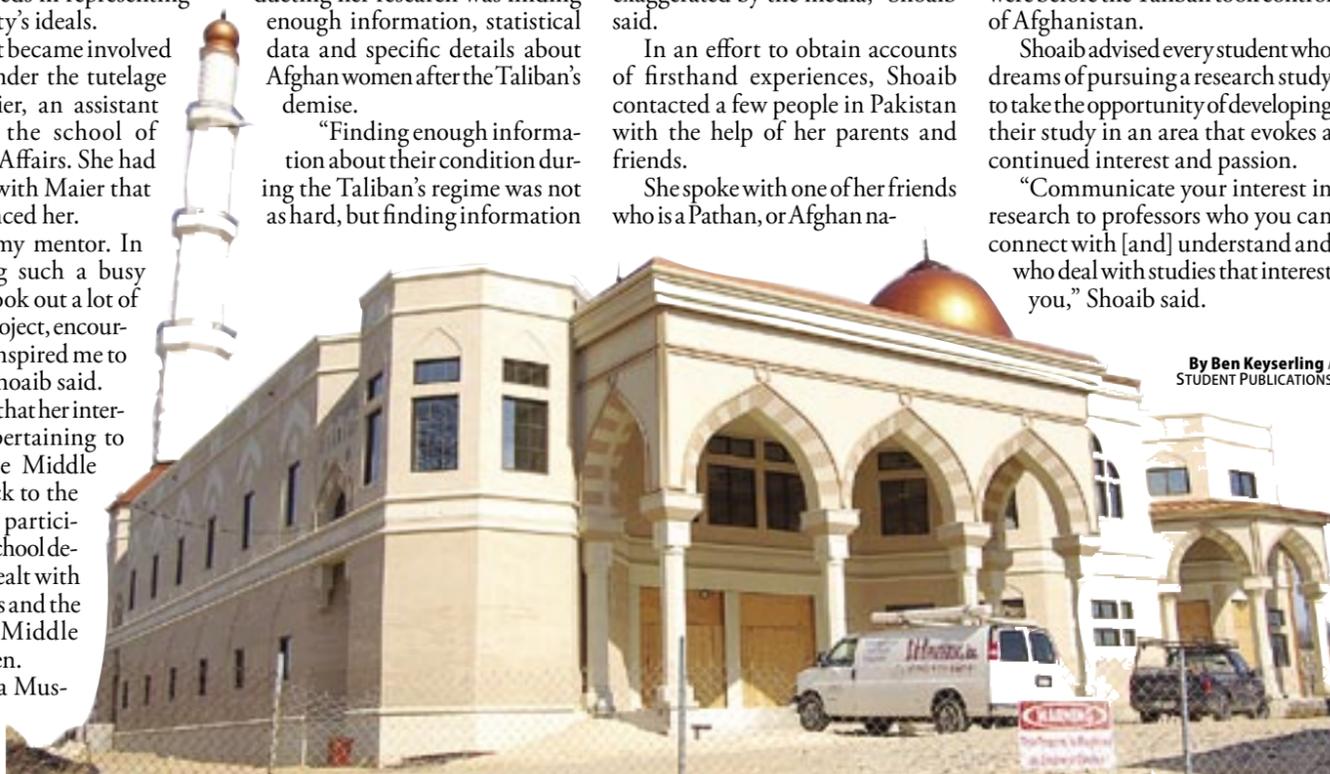
Shoaib also spoke to a professor in Georgia who teaches Pashto, a language spoken in southeastern Afghanistan, about what he knew of the plight of women in that country. She attributes a lot of the information that she found to these sources.

According to her findings, the statistics reflecting education, employment, healthcare and the representation of women in the national government has improved since the fall of the Taliban regime.

However, Shoaib admitted that the figures were not as high as they were before the Taliban took control of Afghanistan.

Shoaib advised every student who dreams of pursuing a research study to take the opportunity of developing their study in an area that evokes a continued interest and passion.

"Communicate your interest in research to professors who you can connect with [and] understand and who deal with studies that interest you," Shoaib said.



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Students voice their likes and dislikes about the Campus Recreation Center. Page 11

Men's Basketball defeated Clemson and NC State this past week bringing their total wins to 15. Page 24

Flavor of France reaches Atlantic Station



Photo by Ben Keyserling/ Student Publications

Au Bon Pain is a new French-based restaurant that has recently opened in Atlantic Station. Other Atlanta locations will open soon.

By Vivas Kaul
Staff Writer

Au Bon Pain, French for “the place of the good bread” is known for their emphasis on fast and casual cuisine in a setting that still emphasizes elegance and comfort.

Fortunately for college students, they manage all this in a way that is both easy on the wallets and big on taste.

Their latest location recently opened in Atlantic Station, and another location on Ivan Allen Boulevard later next month.

The Atlantic Station location is located across from Publix, near stairwell five, and across from Moe's Burritos.

There is outdoor seating available and music plays for those sitting under the umbrellas of the outdoor tables.

Inside the 2300 square foot restaurant there is traditional booth and table seating as well as a set of couch chairs and a coffee table for those wishing to relax.

The decorum mimics the traditional French stylings from which Au Bon Pain gets its name.

The menu features an assortment of different items including soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps, and other entrees.

There is a full espresso bar allowing for both hot and cold caffeinated beverages, and frozen smoothies and an extensive offering of teas should provide enough offerings to quench the thirst of even the most picky.

Prices for most food items may seem a bit expensive at first, with few offerings under \$5 or \$6, but when you see the portion size the price seems quite fair.

From the soup menu the Broccoli and Cheddar is offered everyday. If you get it in a bread bowl it gives a good portion size for around \$6.50. The added bonus from this is that the bowl is edible afterwards.

There is a large variety to the

menu as well.

For example the BBQ Chicken Sandwich is excellent. The asparagus in the sandwich is an unusual touch, as the vegetable is not often seen in traditional barbeque entrees. And though the meat was a bit dry, the sandwich overall was quite satisfying.

I would highly recommend eating breakfast or lunch here, but the offerings may not be hearty enough for those who eat big meals at the end of the day.

They also offer a large selection of desserts and fresh coffee, making them an easy get away for any time of the day.

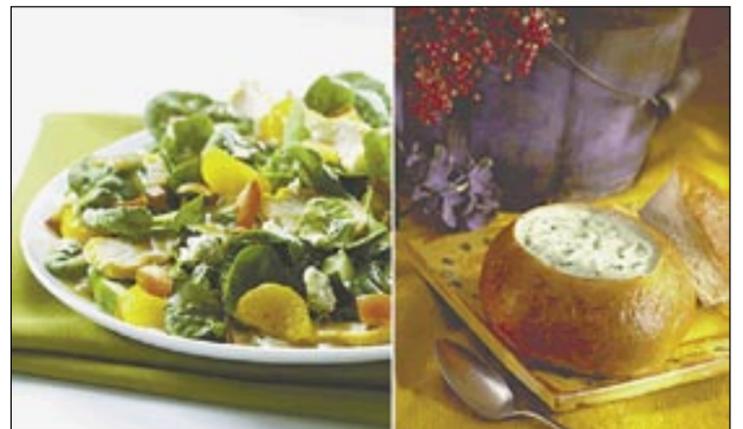


Photo courtesy of Au Bon Pain

Au Bon Pain has many soup and salad options perfect for lunch, including Broccoli Cheddar Soup in a bread bowl or the Sonoma Salad.

Kirby returns in new game for Nintendo DS

By Nathan Garcia
Staff Writer

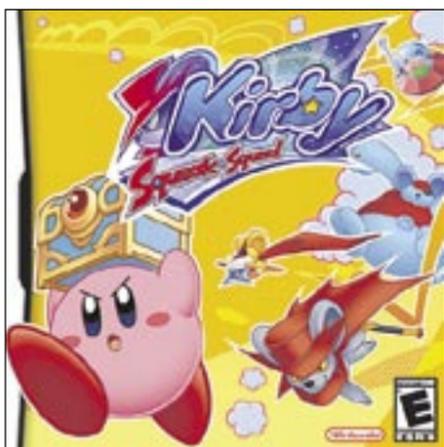
Everybody's favorite self-inflating pink ball has returned to the Nintendo DS.

While Kirby's first DS game limited direct control of the titular character, his new game, Kirby:

Squeak Squad goes back to the simple yet enjoyable mechanics of being able to devour nearly everything in sight.

The premise of *Squeak Squad* revolves around Kirby trying to recover all the treasure stolen by Dream Land's newest pests, a gang of roguish rodents called the Squeak Squad.

They had managed to escape detection from the residents until they decided to swipe Kirby's delicious strawberry shortcake.



Apparently no one told them not to mess with the ultimate omnivore.

The game play is very reminiscent of the past Kirby games.

Kirby moves through the levels dispatching enemies via any number of methods.

Inhaling and swallowing certain enemies grants Kirby certain abilities.

For example, swallowing a sword-wielding enemy gives Kirby a sword.

Several abilities also have more than one way of attacking, granting even more variety in baddie-beating.

While it is merely assumed that Kirby's stomach is spacious, in *Squeak Squad* the touch screen is used to display the contents of the puffball's belly.

Collecting items and abilities

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REEL REVIEWS

Billy Bob Thornton stars as aersospace engineer in new film

By Evan Zasoski and Lindsay Deal
Senior Staff Writer/ Entertainment Editor

The Astronaut Farmer, the new film from the Polish brothers, Michael and Mark, inhabits a place of peculiar distinction in the world of film. It is both unremarkable and thoroughly unbelievable at the same time. Allow me to elaborate.

Billy Bob Thornton plays Charlie Farmer, a down on his luck former soon-to-be astronaut and current farmer who never gave up on his dreams of some day reaching outer space. So what does he do? He builds a gigantic rocket in his barn and straps a home made space capsule on top of it.

In terms of the basics of the film, we have all seen this before: local idiosyncratic genius comes up with hare-brained scheme. The townspeople scoff and some

faceless government entity (in this case, the FAA) tries to stop him because they cannot understand his genius or appreciate his dream.

“This is the classic story of the little guy against the system. I love that theme always... It's a pretty subversive movie in some ways. It really does take some stabs at the government” said Thornton.



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Despite the initial obstacles faced by Farmer, after much perseverance and a doozy of a Deus ex Machina, our hero is vindicated and gets to go on *The Tonight Show*. Hope I didn't give too much away.

At issue is the believability of it all. Charlie Farmer is, apparently, the single greatest aeronautical engineer in the history of the world. He and his son manage to design and build one of the most complex pieces of machinery ever conceived, and they do it in their backyard on, relative to how these things are typically done, a shoestring budget.

Now, crazier things have certainly happened in movies before, but I just did not buy it this time.

And I would imagine, much like a CS major trying to watch the hacking in *Swordfish*, AE majors will find the depiction

of their field either laughable or infuriating.

One of the big problems is just the structure of the film. Things seem to just kind of happen. Characters

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NOT NEW WORTHY

Palestinian-American rapper releases debut album

By Jonathan Saethang
Staff Writer

Hip-hop as a form of urban expression is ubiquitous in the American musical mainstream. The distinctive style of hip-hop has redefined and impacted the American music scene ever since it rose to prominence in the 80s and 90s. Pioneers such as Run-DMC, 2Pac, Eminem, and Outkast all paved the way for rap and hip-hop with clever lyrics, pulsating beats, and creative styles.

As broad as the spectrum of hip-hop may be, one thing that holds true for many artists is that they represent their locations with pride, often infusing their local flavor into their music.

Among the regions represented are locales on the East Coast, the West Coast, the Midwest, the Dirty South, and Palestine—wait, Palestine?

Well, not exactly. Patriarch is a Palestinian-American rapper raised in the Bay Area. Because of his family ties, he claims Palestine as his homeland, which makes for a very interesting variation of hip-hop.

For one thing, the album is done almost entirely in English, which makes it much more accessible to the mainstream.

Many of the beats are reminiscent of old-school hip-hop in the sense that they are uptempo and accented with a thumping bassline. The album exudes a very West Coast vibe in the tradition of Eazy-E.

The album's opening track "Live by the Sword" is excellent—easily the best song on the album. Patriarch manages to relate the plight of the

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Palestinian to that of the impoverished American, suggesting that both parties face similar adversity.

"We all brothers and sisters / we go through the same damn struggles / bring home our troops / are they done with the slaughter / don't you think in this world we have enough martyrs?" His unique stance as a Palestinian growing up in America allows him to reach both ends of the spectrum.

While "Live by the Sword" implores the listener to use individual talent and skill to fight the barriers of stereotypes in society, other songs on the album are far less conciliatory.

That's not necessarily a bad thing, especially if the perspective is clearly established. "P-Stine Ryders" is an anthem to his Palestinian heritage that clearly defines his political stance. "Let 'em know what we want / the land that's stolen / our hearts are broken, never mended / the reason why these bullets are smokin' / the reason why my people are bleeding, / black white red and green, / I pledge allegiance to the colors that created me..."

There are indeed many good songs on the album, but some of the tracks feel contrived. "Crunk Revolution," for instance, contradicts many of the other songs on the album.

The beat is only so-so, and the lyrics lack the simple, fun aspects that have propelled Crunk artists like Lil' Jon and Dem Franchise Boyz to the mainstream.

Patriarch's debut album *Son of*

a Refugee blends West Coast hip-hop with a message of Palestinian advocacy, exposing a point of view that is rarely seen in American mu-

one. Rather, Patriarch's tracks bludgeon the listener with angry tirades of the plight of the Palestinian both domestically and abroad.

In some aspects, the method is effective because Patriarch has the guts to speak freely about something so taboo in American culture. On the other hand, Patriarch identifies the problem but fails to suggest a concrete method for ameliorating the situation. In one verse he is encouraging a revolution while in another he calls for a peaceful resolution.

It goes without a doubt that Patriarch possesses talent.

His skills as a rapper are unquestionable.

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sic. The album is very controversial, touching on some of the most delicate political subjects in international politics today.

Patriarch's method of bringing these concerns to light is not a subtle

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My Chemical Romance hits the road

By Daniel Griffin
Staff Writer

The alternative rock band My Chemical Romance (MCR) has quickly surged back into the musical limelight with their new album, *The Black Parade*, which bears striking distinctions from their highly successful last studio album, *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*.

While *Three Cheers* went platinum within a year, MCR wished to explore a new avenue in their music by trying their hand at a semi-concept album.

With their first two singles, "Welcome to the Black Parade" and "Famous Last Words" quickly garnering heavy radio play, MCR is now looking to use that steam to kick-start a world tour promoting the new album.

"We're trying a lot of different things that we never thought we would try and taking a lot of risks, and sometimes you think, 'Are we over thinking things?' But you have to trust in yourself and the people around you...and being near that, we weren't going to go too crazy with everything," said MCR guitarist Frank Iero.

These musical "experiments" may sound different, but the band tends to think this is a wonderful thing. "It was really important to us to

push the boundaries as much as humanly possible and never sit back and say, 'Uh, that was just good. That's just beyond fine, don't worry about it.' It was really important to us to make sure everything was the best it could possibly be," Iero said.

The new album shows a distinct progression into an area of the rock album that's becoming more and more popular: the concept

album. Referring

to Green Day's *American Idiot* as an example of the possibilities of any great concept album,

Iero spoke about the different process the band went through in creating this particular album as opposed to their previous ones. "We started writing [songs] a lot on the road for *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*...and a lot of the songs we wrote, we pretty much scrapped. And we like to think we

got through a bunch of the crappy songs that way. So when we finally got off the road, we sat down in New York and started writing in a studio there. And that's where we really got the meat of it. We wrote about 22 songs and picked about 14 to go into the studio and record," said Iero.

The writing and reording process for this album were quite different than on previous ones. "...we had never, in the history of our band, written that many songs for a record. [For previous records] we knew exactly what we were going to play, and all our parts were set in stone and that was it. We went in and recorded what was written...For this record, a lot of [the songs] were just skeletons. Our parts weren't really counted in a lot of the songs and a lot of the looping actually happened while recording. So it really allowed us to go in there and try a lot of different things," said Iero.

"We figured out the storyline and we figured out how the songs were going to go in order. And we recorded them in that order. And looking back, it's actually living the story of our recording. It was a very in depth writing/recording process for us, but it was the most amazing experience," said Iero.

Frank Iero and the rest of My Chemical Romance begin their "Black Parade" tour this month which takes them from Australia to the UK and all across the US.



Pain of Salvation releases new heavy metal album

By Philip Poole
Contributing Writer

If nothing else, Pain of Salvation sure does come up with some cool words. "Killchrome," "Spitfall," "Cribcaged," "Idiocracy," "Therapyople" and "Sinstain" among others.

Luckily, there is something else. A lot, in fact.

These guys take their music very seriously. Considering the composer/vocalist/guitarist Daniel Gildenlöw's impression that music can change the world for the better, it is no surprise.

With such an idealistic view, the fact that his opinions come off strongly should be anticipated, and that will inherently divide listeners from the get-go on the band's latest effort.

And that is before taking into account the damming subject matter much of *Scarsick* deals with. Not to mention the all too common knee-jerk allergy toward metal that afflicts so many.

So clearly this album has a few hurdles to complete before it can

obtain the acceptance of your average joe. But this is nothing new to Pain of Salvation. They always manage to find their audience, which is made up of people hailing from a multitude of tastes. *Scarsick*, like their other albums, speaks for itself, and it speaks with an intensity and poignancy that can attract persons from many different musical backgrounds.

The pure imagination and creativity on display here should be enough incentive to give the album a listen. Certainly more worthy than some of the crap we bought when we were younger. Anybody else own the Baha Men CD?

I think a lot of people would be surprised to hear that metal is actually one of the most innovative and artistic genres around.

At least this end of the metal spectrum is. Pain of Salvation falls under the progressive metal category.

A well-wishing critic might be tempted to say that PoS pushes the boundaries of that al-



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come and go, and then things happen to them that I guess we were supposed to feel something about, but it is not like they ever really did anything to make them feel like actual people that we should actually worry about.

Case in point: Bruce Willis, in a role that screams, "Where's my check?" just sort of shows up, and, oh yeah, it turns out he's an old buddy of Billy Bob's from back in his space program days.

That's neat, I guess. A little context would have been nice, though.

With the exception of Billy Bob Thornton, the cast is unremarkable. Virginia Madsen plays Charlie's devoted wife, Audie, and Max Theriot plays his devoted son, Shepard.

There are also two adorable little girls, played by the Polish brothers' daughters, and some town locals, and some government types rounding things out.

According to the Polish brothers, the entire film was originally set to be done independently.

"When it started off we were going to do this independent. With family, it's free... We wrote [our daughters' roles] according to their strengths," said Mark Polish.

Though with a \$13 million budget they were able to get a few stars more well-known than their daughters, there were still only a handful of big stars. No one is bad, per se, but there is just not much for most of them to do.

Every character in the movie seems to exist for the sole purpose of providing a foil for Billy Bob Thornton, who turns out a good, if not



Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers

Charlie Farmer (Billy Bob Thornton) decides to build a rocket in his backyard barn after he is forced to quite his job at NASA.

particularly memorable performance

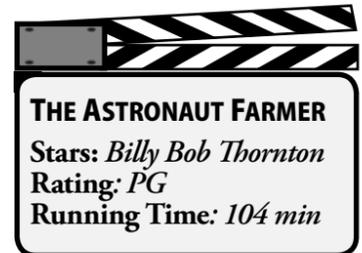
crap anti-establishment type that he's been playing lately.

"This is the kind of role I always wanted to play. This is sort of a family guy," Thornton said.

The Astronaut Farmer isn't a bad movie. It's alright.

It even manages to pull it together for a really rather good last third, but it just seems to be going through the motions.

It feels like nobody really cared all that much, and that indifference shines through the entire movie.



as a slight variation on the take no

Kirby from page 17

encased in bubbles allows Kirby to store them for later use.

Bubbles can be used at any time by tapping them or by dragging them to another bubble, which will produce a new, sometimes better item.

Kirby's stomach is only large enough to accommodate items, and the treasure chests must be stored in the stomach as well, so overfilling Kirby's belly is not advised.

Once recovered, treasure chests unlock a wide variety of content.

Most aesthetic design rewards are like the f o r



Kirby's stomach

lining or Kirby's color.

Others are used to unlock more stages and abilities for Kirby's powers.

This game is very much like the cake for which Kirby is seeking, short but sweet.

While some of the treasures require some degree of puzzle-solving to obtain, it should not take too long to collect all of them for the seasoned player.

The game also offers some 4-player mini-games but they only offer a brief diversion.

It's fun while it lasts, but it's over way too soon.

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ready diverse field. But these guys are less concerned about adhering to that label as they are staying true to the implementation of their vision.

Regardless of what you know about the genre, your expectations will be a bit off the mark if *Scarsick* is your first foray into this band. Gone are the excessive guitar soloing and other instrumental wanking that you might expect.

Gildenl w's forte is composition, and he keeps that as his priority, preferring to shy away from long periods where only one instrument is rhythmically busy.

Scarsick is a concept album, a sequel to Pain of Salvation's most loved work to date, *The Perfect Element*.

Not to worry, this album is complete in and of itself.

To those who investigate the themes and lyrics closely, it is important to note that the ideas explored

in the album are viewed through the eyes of an unnamed protagonist.

The themes include some stark criticism of modern society as the protagonist views the world through television.

The title track opens up the album with a solid metal song, infused with Pain of Salvation's own touch that works as a good introduction to the band's combination of talents.

"Spitfall" is an incredibly harsh indictment of the materialism and hypocrisy of popular hip hop artists today.

Gildenl w raps spitefully with a pretty sick beat on top of progressive rocking to create something really unique. "Disco Queen" needs to be mentioned for its dramatic departure from the rest, in a fashion like Mr. Bungle might have done back in the day. "Kingdom of Loss" and "Mrs. Modern Mother Mary" work well back to back.

The former is dark and distressing with ephemeral vocals, ethereal keyboards, and spattering guitars

that are smartly downplayed until they break out with distortion into the simple chorus, inventing something really powerful. The latter plays off of the buildup from the previous track with strong guitars and a couple great moments of post-production effects.

Throughout the CD, the songs are laced with the truth that many of us recognize silently to ourselves, seemingly pulled from our minds more articulately than we could ever hope to relate.

I understand that many people might be turned off by the complexity and seriousness that comes with this band.

After all, why should you listen to something like this if your intention is just to use music to relax? It is a fair question, but it can best be answered by picking up this album for yourself.

I would encourage anybody even slightly interested to head towards Amazon.com and give these guys a shot.

THEME CROSSWORD: WHO'S WHO?

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

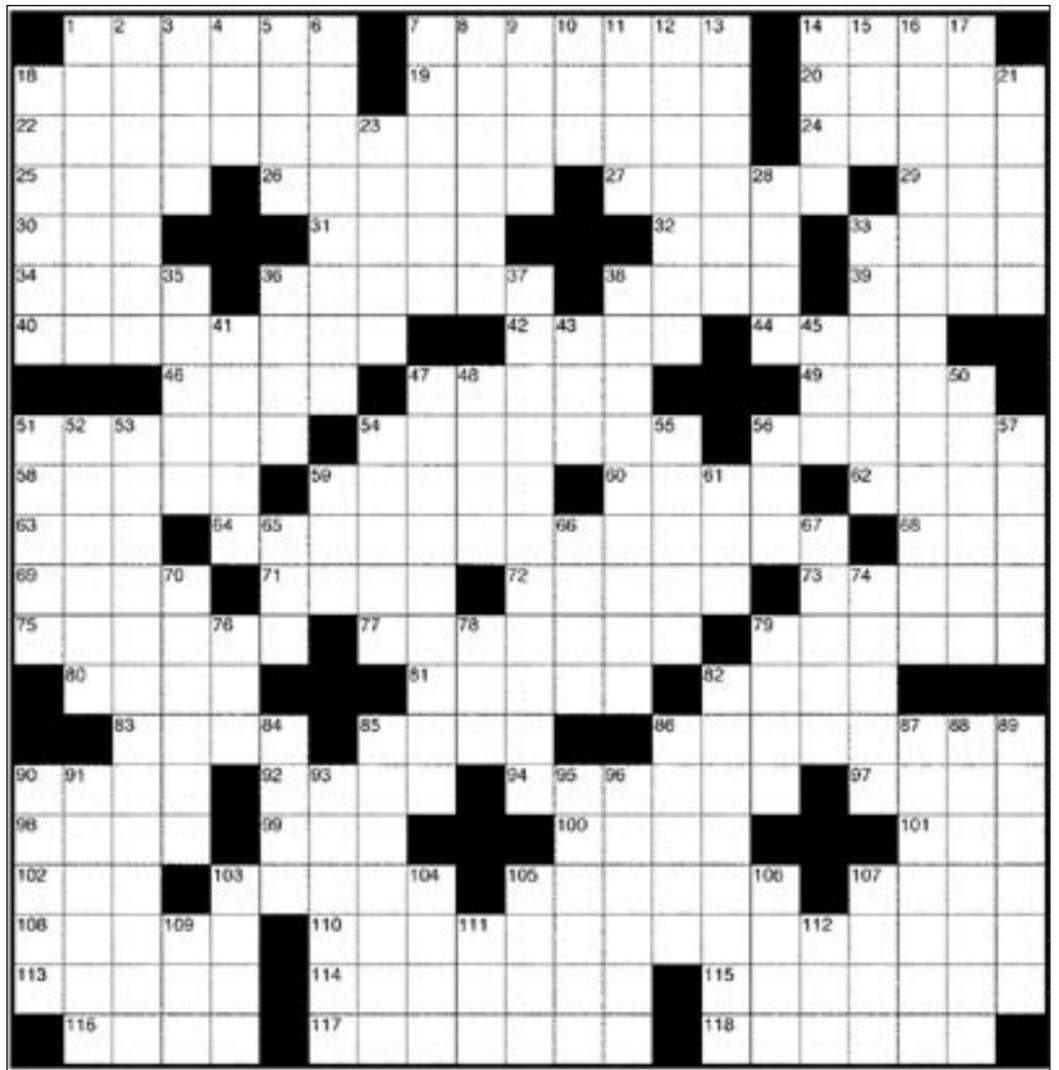
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- 31. Heche of Meara
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- 36. Take in
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- 39. Williams or Griffith
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- 10. Kingston inst.
- 11. Choice for barbecue
- 12. Stimulate
- 13. Jacket
- 14. Lopsided wheels
- 15. Exist
- 16. Lessing drama of 1779
- 17. Teem
- 18. Godlike
- 21. Like wet bread
- 23. Past or present
- 28. Danson, et al.
- 33. Hubbard's "A Message to ___"
- 35. Chest lining
- 36. With skill
- 37. William Bonney
- 38. Church vestibules
- 41. Showy parrot
- 43. ___ vs. Wade
- 45. Scull implement
- 47. Short negligees



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- 51. Holiday "Express"
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- 53. He defeated the Swedes (1709)
- 54. Child's play
- 55. Nasty creeper
- 56. Prizm or Metro
- 57. ___ Park, CO
- 59. Toledo-to-Detroit dir.
- 61. 16.5 feet
- 65. Elvis' "___ Now or Never"
- 66. Roll call response
- 67. Important time
- 70. ER sewing job
- 74. Main line, internally
- 76. Collar
- 78. Actor Kilmer
- 79. Chesterfield, e.g.
- 82. Less tough
- 84. Withered
- 85. Student's reward
- 86. Check the grammar
- 87. Musical passages
- 88. Pencil ends
- 89. Diner patrons
- 90. Bikini, e.g.
- 91. Manly
- 93. Attic
- 95. Dating service, perhaps
- 96. In haste
- 103. Sweetheart
- 104. John Madden's network
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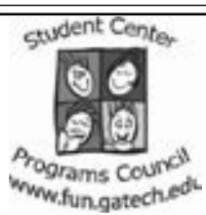
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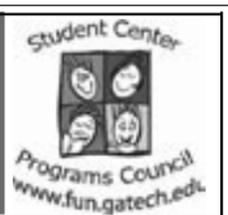
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| 4:00 | Campus Calendar |
| 5:00 | Maya Angelou |
| 6:00 | Mississippi America |
| 7:00 | The Lake House |
| 9:00 | Accepted |
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| 1:00 | Mississippi America |
| 2:00 | In Remembrance of Martin |
| 3:00 | Underground Railroad |
| 4:00 | RHA Today (Thursday Only) |
| 6:00 | ME 6442 |
| 7:00 | ECE 6279 |
| 8:00 | ME 6602 |
| 9:00 | Tutor-Vision |
| 11:00 | Poetry at Tech |

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| 12:00 | Citizen King |
| 2:00 | Nightfighters |
| 3:00 | Maya Angelou |
| 4:00 | SGA Today (Wednesday Only) |
| 6:00 | Math 4305 |
| 7:30 | AE 6042 |
| 9:00 | Tutor-Vision (Sunday and Wednesday) |
| 11:00 | Poetry at Tech |

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Some of the tracks on his album are superbly produced, especially "Live by the Sword" and "P-Stine Ryders."

The problem with the album as a whole is the repetitive nature of subject matter. About 16 out of the 20 tracks on the album protest the Bush administration and the government's treatment of the Palestine situation.

It is definitely a message that needs to be heard, but the meaning behind the music loses some of its poignancy when reiterated so many times.

Overall, Son of a Refugee is a fairly strong debut album; what Patriarch lacks in depth he makes up for in his unique style and perspective.

It will be interesting to hear what Patriarch produces in the future, especially as one of the only rappers in America representing Palestine.

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Thanks for untripling the dorms. oh wait, they never should have been tripled in the first place. People who know origami know everything. 3 shots of gobble, yes please lets get naked it it raining outside will peyton choke again i love poop at least Patrick Nix is gone thats better then nothing did you take my A card i'm gonna get some You should have made it in the shape of a cute little bunny that can eat you. jena rocks my socks Nuclear stuff in Intro to NRE??? Matthew had a girlfriend. Once. James change the poll I went to the High to get High on art, but they only had one Rembrandt and a little Raphael sketch. boo Princess snacks are delicious Wikipedia, will you marry me? I thought all the High was open till midnight...it's barely worth \$7 to see a bunch of old sketches by no name artists that were in a dingy basement. Why are there so many freaking people in my dining hall on a monday night? my penis can draw better than the Louvre at the High I thought they were going to play French hip-hop at the High il n'y avait musique "rap" Á "Louvre Atlanta" Harry Potter obsessed girl looking for a tall white skinny smart guy that likes to play video games. Smoke pot? It's okay... I'm not one to bash Two Bits Man, but did he even try on the GT Night Before Christmas? Guys who crossdress are hot! I'm breaking the habit! "He says he doesn't like you." "I'm sorry." "I don't like you either." saethang UGA attempted to deny the pep band to the GT vs UGA hockey...too bad we won 7-4 eat U(sic)GA it is sunny out today

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NCAA probation.

The probation limited the class to just 20 players. Gailey was permitted to sign 19 players and have 79 players on the roster for the fall, six below the normal number of 85.

Four-star quarterback Steven Threet and four-star defensive end Derrick Morgan enrolled at Tech for Spring Semester classes.

This would allow them to count against either this year's class or the 2006 class.

Two-star Texas wide receiver Tyler Melton will be enrolling full-time in Jan. 2008. With Melton enrolling in January, he can count against either the 2007 or 2008 class. More importantly for Melton, his eligibility clock will not begin to start until the 2008 season. He suffered an anterior cruciate ligament injury last year and will need the additional time to heal.

16 out of the 20 members of the 2007 recruiting class gave their commitments to Gailey by the end of October.

With so many players signed, the coaching staff was able to focus more of their attention on next year's class.

"It gave us a tremendous jump on next year's class. [The coaching staff was] able to do quite a bit of research during the last few weeks of January, and even in December, we were able to begin our research into next year's class," Gailey said. "We feel like we



By Robert Comblie/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Texas two-star wide out Tyler Melton (left) will have to wait until January to enroll at Tech. The 2007 signee injured his ACL last season.

are ahead of the game."

Despite having so many recruits signed so early, Tech picked up the final two recruits during the last week.

Michael Peterson chose to not follow former Boston College Head Coach Tom O'Brien to North Carolina State.

"Academics played a big part in his decision making," Gailey said. "I just think [going to] an academic school played a big part in his decision-making process. He thought a lot [about] Boston College and a lot about us."

Despite reports last week that Jason Peters had signed with his

hometown Louisiana State Tigers, the staff lured the four-star defensive end to campus.

"[Tech] was never encouraged to stop recruiting and visiting with him," Gailey said.

"He was pigeonholed for LSU because he is from Baton Rouge and he is a great player. That is not fair to that young man. It says [a lot] about him that...he is not swayed by popular opinion. It says a lot [more] about him than it does about Georgia Tech."

Due to NCAA rules, Threet and Morgan were not permitted to attend the signing day festivities at the ESPNZone in Atlanta.

2007 Football Signees

| Name | Pos | S/R** | HT/WT | Hometown |
|------------------|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Morgan Burnett | S | 4/4 | 6-1, 182 | College Park, Ga. |
| Mario Butler | CB | 3/3 | 6-2, 180 | Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. |
| Nick Claytor | OT | 4/4 | 6-6, 312 | Gainesville, Ga. |
| D.J. Donley | WR | 4/4 | 6-4, 218 | Folkston, Ga. |
| Jonathan Dwyer | RB | 4/4 | 6-0, 197 | Marietta, Ga. |
| Joseph Gilbert | OL | 3/2 | 6-4, 280 | Cartersville, Ga. |
| Kyle Jackson | LB | 3/3 | 6-0, 225 | McDonough, Ga. |
| Brad Jefferson | LB | 3/3 | 6-2, 215 | Wrightsville, Ga. |
| Roddy Jones | RB | 3/3 | 5-9, 184 | Chamblee, Ga. |
| Tyler Melton | WR | 2/2 | 6-0, 182 | Houston, Texas |
| Derrick Morgan* | DE | 4/4 | 6-4, 275 | Coatesville, Pa. |
| Josh Nesbitt | QB | 4/4 | 6-1, 204 | Greensboro, Ga. |
| Jason Peters | DE | 4/4 | 6-4, 270 | Baton Rouge, La. |
| Michael Peterson | CB | 2/3 | 5-11, 190 | Tampa, Fla. |
| Albert Rocker | LB | 3/3 | 6-1, 205 | New Market, Ala. |
| Jerrard Tarrant | S | 3/3 | 6-0, 187 | Carrollton, Ga. |
| Steven Threet* | QB | 4/4 | 6-5, 230 | Adrian, Mich. |
| Logan Walls | DL | 3/3 | 6-2, 280 | Dawsonville, Ga. |
| Willie White | WR | 4/3 | 6-3, 183 | Kingsland, Ga. |
| Clyde Yandell | OL | 3/3 | 6-5, 304 | St. Augustine, Fla. |

Grading the Class

Overall Class Ranking

ESPN - No. 11
Scout.com - No. 14
Rivals.com - No. 19

Summary S/R**

| | |
|--------|------|
| 5-star | 0/0 |
| 4-star | 9/8 |
| 3-star | 9/10 |
| 2-star | 2/2 |
| H.S | 20 |
| Off | 9 |
| Def | 11 |
| S.T. | 0 |

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**S/R- Scout.com/Rivals.com rankings

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4. Takes minutes at meetings
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Why is Kwanza not in February, during black history month? Or why isn't black history month in December?
WTFWJD?!

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Argetlam
why is joe c. so amazing?
two bits man needs to declare war on two bits woman
And now the matador dances with the blind shoemaker campanile
i dont know what the tech promise problem is
dont raise our athletic fees!
i dont care about football
See page 28 for more Slivers!

Jackets bounce back to thump rival Tigers, Pack

By Hahnming Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jackets ended their four-game skid with a 80-62 rout of Clemson at Alexander Memorial Coliseum last Sunday.

Javaris Crittenton rebounded from his previous offensive struggles by scoring 26 points, a career high.

Thaddeus Young, Anthony Morrow and Alade Aminu all finished in double figures.

"It feels great to get a win. Besides the points, steals and all the other stuff, it just feels good to get a win," Crittenton said.

Tech led and maintained a double-digit lead for most of the game. Clemson shot just 40.7 percent from the field and was five of 23 on three-point shots.

"One of the big keys coming into this game was rebounding the basketball and really challenging our guys to really try and do a good job from Clemson getting a second shot," said basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

Clemson struggled with turnovers for much of the game and allowed 27 points on 22 turnovers.

The Tigers beat the Jackets earlier in the season, 75-74. At the end of the game, Tech lost on a layup made by Clemson's James May.

"I actually thought that the Clemson game, the first one, we played one of our best games of the year and just got beat by a better team that day. ... These games are the only times this year in an ACC game that I saw us play with sustained intensity for 40 minutes," Hewitt said.



By Julia Bunch/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The lone senior on the men's basketball team, Mario West, has provided the defensive spark to pull the Jackets out of their slump.

Tech has not won a game in nearly a month, dating back to an 88-80 victory over Florida State at home.

"We were on a four-game losing streak and in a slump, but after defeating a great team in Clemson

today that gives us a lot of confidence. We got this thing going in the right direction today and it was very big for us," said Alade Aminu.

Tech won its second game in a row in a comeback victory over N.C. State

at home on Tuesday, 74-65.

The Jackets closed out the second half by outscoring the Wolfpack 29-9. During the stretch, Tech went on an 18-0 run to give the team their first lead of the game.

Javaris Crittenton keyed the run, scoring ten of Tech's 18 unanswered points.

Tech also shut down N.C. State's offense for much of the second half. After allowing a 58.6 shooting percentage in the first half, the Jackets allowed only 33.3 shooting percentage in the second.

The Wolfpack made only six shots and were one of eight on 3-pointers during the second after shooting five of ten in the first half.

The second half saw numerous Tech players dive for balls and force turnovers.

"I'm glad to see us get back to great, physical, energetic basketball. I can't tell you how happy I am about how these guys played tonight," Hewitt said.

In the opening minutes, Tech struggled and fell behind 8-0 and then 17-2.

N.C. State dominated inside the paint while Tech couldn't hit their lay ups and close-range shots.

Nearly eight minutes into the game, N.C. State player Dennis Horner was injured on a play that stopped the game and allowed Tech to regroup.

"[After that injury] I just told our guys for the 12 minutes of this half and the last 20 minutes of the game, let's just play as hard as we can," Hewitt said.

With the final seconds of the half, the Jackets looked to be heading into the locker room with a double digit deficit before Crittenton made a half-court shot to cut the margin to eight.

"It sparked us," Young said. Crittenton had his second straight 20-point game and he finished as the lead scorer in the game.

Young led all players in rebounds, finishing with seven.

D'Andre Bell, Zach Peacock, and Aminu all combined for 28 points coming off the bench.

Bell had not scored a point in the previous eight games before finishing with seven points today.

"[With the bench,] we get to rotate in, rest our legs, and then come back in to give 110%," Jeremis Smith said.

Tech will play the University of Connecticut Huskies at the Georgia Dome on Sunday at 1 p.m.

There will be a shuttle provided for students to and from the Dome.

The first shuttle will leave the Student Center bus stop on First Drive at 11 a.m. and will continue until approximately 4 p.m.

Tech's next ACC game comes at Florida State on Feb. 13.

"I can't tell you about how happy I am about how these guys played tonight."

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more consistent playing is really all it is."

Outfield

Tech returns two players who each started about half the games in the outfield. Payne, the leadoff hitter and centerfielder, suffered a shoulder injury midway through the 2006 season when he dove and collided with Blackwood in the outfield. He had surgery on his shoulder and has fully recovered from the injury.

"The shoulder feels great," said Payne. "It feels better now than it did before the injury. It was something that I needed to get done and unfortunately it happened at an inopportune time."

"He's running and diving and doing things that you are used to seeing Danny Payne do."

"He doesn't have any effects of the shoulder. He hasn't missed anything. He's running and diving and doing things that you are used to seeing Danny Payne do. So I think he's in great shape and ready to go."

The combination of great speed and power makes Payne, a second-team preseason All-America selection, one of Tech's most dangerous hitters. The co-captain Crancer, who hit .321 with six home runs in 2006, will start in right field for the Jackets. For the first time in four years, Tech fans will see a new face starting in left field. Sophomores Chris House and Jay Dantzler, along with freshman Curtis Dupart, will be vying for

the starting position in 2007. In addition, Plagman may see some time in left field.

Catcher

First team preseason All-American catcher Matt Wieters will be behind the plate once again. He is slated to catch two games during the three series and will be the DH in the middle game. He is also Tech's primary closer. With the emergence of Payne on the mound and Tech's stellar bullpen, the weight of being the closer will be taken off of Wieters' shoulder a bit this season.

"I always worry about [overworking Wieters]," Hall said. "He plays a very demanding position in catcher and so I always worry about the wear and tear on his arm. We are in hopes that we can definitely save some bullets in his arm."

Sophomore Jason Haniger will be the primary back up for Wieters when he is the DH and junior Nick Scherer will come into catch when Wieters goes from catcher to pitcher.

Pitching Rotation

After coming off of a 7-2 freshman season, David Duncan is poised to be Tech's No. 1 starter.

"I think I am ready to go. I had a good summer and fall so I am locked into where I want to be. I feel good about the weekend and I'm ready to do it."

Duncan has worked hard in the off-season to gain some



By Ethan Trehwitt/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Luke Murton ended last season on a nine-game hitting streak, including a three home run game in the ACC tournament.

consistency in both his windup and pitch by pitch to help him be a more effective pitcher this season. Turner is slated as the No. 2 pitcher for the Jackets. Turner finished the last season strong and became Tech's third starter in the rotation despite finishing the year 4-4.

Chris Hicks was slated as the No. 3 in the rotation but has been slowed by some elbow and arm soreness. The coaching staff is slowly working to build his arm strength back up and he will only be used on spurts of 2 or 3 innings until he is fully healthy. Until that time, look for junior southpaw Tim Ladd to fill in for the Jackets. In addition, possible mid-week starters for Tech that could be shuffled into the starting rotation, if need be, are redshirt senior Jared Hyatt and freshman right-handers Zach Von Tersch and Andrew Robinson.

Bullpen

The Jackets return virtually everyone from the 2006 bullpen including junior setup man Brad Rulon. He was the primary setup guy in the seventh and eighth innings, trying to get the ball to Wieters. Rulon finished 2006 with a 5-0 record and a 2.20 ERA. He will continue to setup for the two closers which Tech will now employ, Wieters and Payne.

In addition to his position in outfield, Payne is also a dangerous left handed pitcher and will help Tech down the stretch coming out of the bullpen.

Wieters made 21 pitching appearances and saved seven games last season. Payne will be used to take a load off of Wieters' arm and give Tech a situational lefty out of the bullpen in late inning games.

Baseball Schedule

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|---------|----------------------------|------------|
| Feb. 10 | at Georgia Southern | 1:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | at Georgia Southern | 12:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 13 | vs. Kennesaw State | 4:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 16 | vs. Illinois-Chicago | 4:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 17 | vs. Illinois-Chicago | 1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 18 | vs. Illinois-Chicago | 1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 21 | vs. Georgia State | 4:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 24 | vs. Duquesne | 4:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 25 | vs. Duquesne | 1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 26 | vs. Duquesne | 1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 27 | vs. Western Carolina | 1:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 28 | at Atlanta Braves (Exhib.) | 1:05 p.m. |
| Mar. 2 | vs. Rutgers | 4:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 3 | vs. Rutgers | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 4 | vs. Rutgers | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 9 | vs. Virginia Tech | 4:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 10 | vs. Virginia Tech | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 11 | vs. Virginia Tech | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 14 | at Kennesaw State | 4:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 16 | vs. Boston College | 4:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 17 | vs. Boston College | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 18 | vs. Boston College | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 21 | at Georgia State | 6:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 23 | at Duke | 3:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 24 | at Duke | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 25 | at Duke | 1:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 27 | vs. Georgia Southern | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 28 | vs. Georgia Southern | 3:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 30 | vs. Maryland | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mar. 31 | vs. Maryland | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 1 | vs. Maryland | 1:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 3 | vs. Wofford | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 6 | at Miami | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 7 | at Miami | 1:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 8 | at Miami | 1:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 13 | at Virginia | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 14 | at Virginia | 4:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 15 | at Virginia | 1:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 18 | vs. Georgia | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 20 | vs. North Carolina State | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 21 | vs. North Carolina State | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 22 | vs. North Carolina State | 1:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 24 | vs. Georgia | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 27 | at Clemson | 7:15 p.m. |
| Apr. 28 | at Clemson | 7:00 p.m. |
| Apr. 19 | at Clemson | 2:00 p.m. |
| May 5 | at USF | 6:00 p.m. |
| May 6 | at USF | 6:00 p.m. |
| May 7 | at USF | 12:00 p.m. |
| May 9 | vs. Georgia (Turner Field) | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 11 | at North Carolina | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 12 | at North Carolina | 1:00 p.m. |
| May 13 | at North Carolina | 1:30 p.m. |
| May 17 | vs. Florida State | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 18 | vs. Florida State | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 19 | vs. Florida State | 4:00 p.m. |

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the game, but the closest they got to tying the game was a six-point deficit on Crystal Langhorne's free throws. Tech ended the half leading the visitors by 13. Tech outscored the Terps 17-3 on points off turnovers.

Maryland opened the second half scoring two quick baskets, but Chioma Nnamaka answered back with her first three-pointer of

the game. Neither team scored for the next two minutes until Kristi Toliver hit a three to bring the Terps within nine.

After the teams traded baskets, Harper brought Maryland's deficit down to seven with two free throws. Maryland got within five points of the Jackets twice in the next six minutes but never got closer.

Tech continued their pressure defense and made crucial free throws down the stretch. Tech consistently

kept their lead between five and eight points.

The teams combined for 76 foul shots, with Tech taking the majority and scoring 31—close to half their total score.

Coming off a big win at home, Tech took a three-game conference winning streak to Blacksburg. Virginia Tech came off a non-conference win against Morehead St and were able to carry that momentum into this game, beating the Jackets 73-68.

The Jackets played the Hokies close for 35 minutes and let the game slip away near the end. Virginia Tech scored a quick five points to open the game.

Tech didn't lie down, though, and stormed back and took a one point lead on a jumper by Janie Mitchell. Georgia Tech then went on a 15-6 run to take a 10 point lead. The Jackets led by as many as 11 until the Hokies were slowly able to tie the game at the five minute mark.

The teams scored back and forth with Virginia Tech scoring six points in the final minute to take a six point lead into the half.

Virginia Tech was able to keep a safe lead between them and the Jackets by scoring often and trading basket for basket.

Fortunately for the Jackets, they never let the Hokies have a double-digit lead and were able to tie the game with six minutes left. Following the tie, though, the Hokies took back the lead and never relinquished it. The Jackets were able to hang in the end, but couldn't bring themselves to finish Virginia Tech.

Tech took 18 more shots than the Hokies, but the difference came at the foul line. The Jackets took advantage of their foul shots by making 10 of 13; Virginia Tech shot a lower percentage, but had far more opportunities hitting 22 of 31. The Jackets were out-rebounded for just the fourth time this season (41-30)

Tech travels to Tallahassee to take on Florida State on Feb. 9th.

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Whitney McCray through the tournament. The loss came to North Carolina's Long and Sara Anudsen, the No. 16 doubles team in the country.

The Jackets climbed to the No. 1 ranking after winning the tournament. It knocked Stanford off the top after the Cardinals had held the top position for 47 straight polls.

"It's a great feeling to [be ranked No. 1]. It's an accomplishment and an achievement. You recognize quickly that it's a team effort," Shelton said.

Tech came into the season ranked

at No. 6 and with five singles players ranked in the top 100. This championship is one of three ITA national collegiate championships held during the season.

The other two are the Riviera/ITA All-America Championships in November and the NCAA Championships in May.

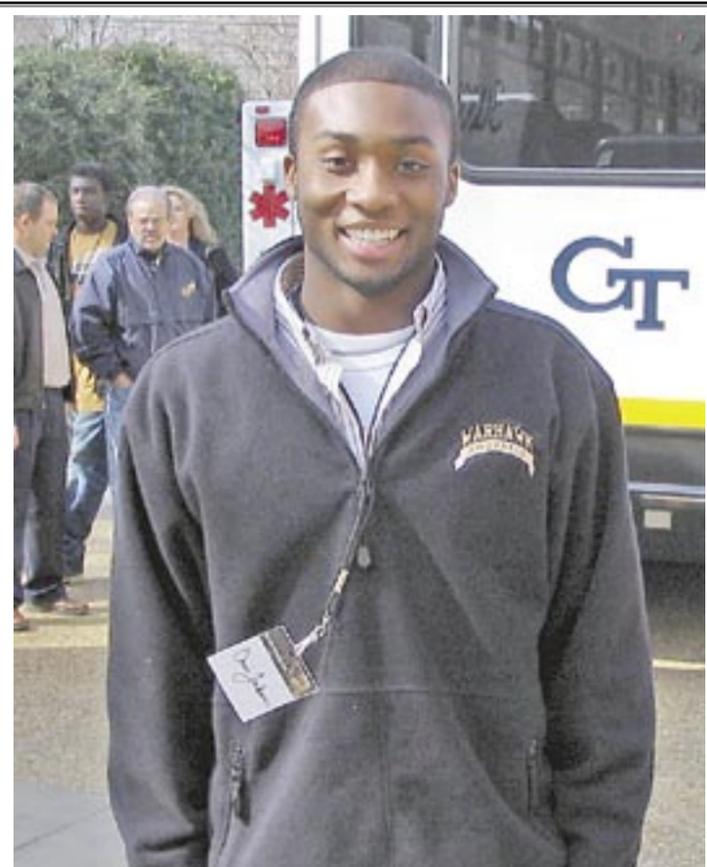
"The players took on themselves to say that we now go for the championship. It's only been our second year of playing in this national event and we wanted to make the most of it and go for it all," Shelton said.

The Jackets will next face No. 25 William & Mary and Illinois at Champaign tomorrow and No. 8 Northwestern on Monday.



By Rob Skinner/ GTAA

Senior guard Stephanie Higgs scored 26 points in Tech's 77-72 upset win over No. 4 Maryland last Thursday evening at the Coliseum.



By Ryan Bass/ GOJACKETS.COM

A headstart: Henry County safety Chris Jackson became the first member of the 2008 class when he committed in late January.

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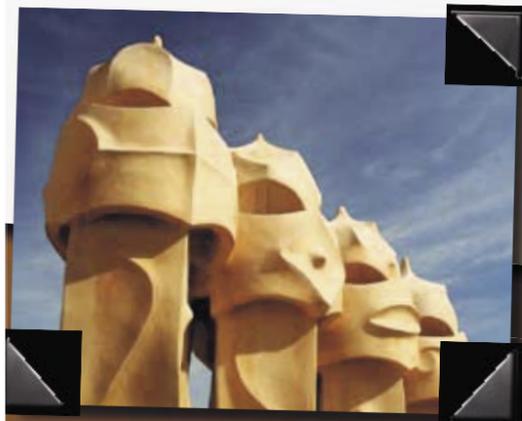
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2007 Baseball Preview

By Asif Heerji
Senior Staff Writer

The Atlantic Coast Conference prides itself on having some of the best teams and creating some of the fiercest competitions in college sports. This year's Tech baseball season will face its toughest challenge in the ACC that it's faced in years.

The Jackets come into the 2007 season ranked as high as No. 11 in national polls, which gives fans great hope for this season. However, four teams in the ACC are ranked ahead of Tech, including No. 2 Clemson, No. 5 North Carolina, No. 6 Miami and No. 10 Virginia. Following the Jackets is Florida State, ranked No. 13.

"You basically have to try to survive it," said Head Coach Danny Hall. "The league is very good again. A lot of teams are ranked extremely high. There are some teams that maybe are ranked that can play

better than people are giving them credit for. You have to survive in the league to have a chance [to get to] the post season."

Coming off a successful season where the Jackets made a trip out to Omaha, Neb. in the middle of June last year, Tech will have some obstacles to overcome if they look to repeat, and get back to the mid-west. Tech lost nine players, eight of whom made significant contributions to the College World Series squad. Tech has to overcome more player losses than any team in the conference.

The Jackets are the only team to have earned a top eight national seed in each of the past four years. In addition, the four year stretch featured the longest conference winning streak in ACC history of 25 games in 2004-2005, two ACC Championships, a College World Series appearance, four NCAA Regional appearances and three NCAA Super Regional appearances.

Subsequently, the 2007 team features only three seniors, outfielder Wally Crancer, a junior college transfer student who was voted as a co-captain this season, pitcher Ryan Turner, and pitcher Jared Hyatt.

"Now that [the older guys] have been there, we have to take the younger guys under us and let them know what you have to do to get there, and how to go about your business," said Crancer. "It's a long season, and you can't let them get too high or too low. They have to keep their head up and keep playing hard everyday."

In the preseason coach's poll, Tech was chosen to finish fourth in the Coastal Division, receiving just two first-place votes and chose to finish behind North Carolina, Miami and Virginia. Overall in the ACC, the Jackets are slated to finish seventh, behind Clemson, Florida State and North Carolina State from the Atlantic Division.

"That surprised some people [being picked seventh in the ACC]," said Danny Payne. "We want to prove that we just reload at Tech, we don't rebuild. The way our coaches recruit and the talent they bring in, we just plug them in the lineup and hit the ground running."

Infield

Sophomore Luke Murton will anchor the Tech infield and hit in the clean up spot for Tech. Murton came on strong in the ACC Tournament in 2006, tying a single-game tournament and school record with three home runs against Clemson. He finished the season with six homers, a .339 average and 44 RBIs. Behind Murton at first base will be walk-on freshman Tony Plagman, a first baseman and outfielder. Plagman will be called upon not only to backup Murton, but also be used in



By Sam Morgan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore David Duncan will be Tech's opening day starter in Statesboro, Ga. this weekend against the Georgia Southern Eagles.

the designated hitter spot and eat up some innings in the outfield. The versatile freshman has showed a good bat at the plate and a solid glove in the field.

At second base will be freshman Jeff Ussery. A natural shortstop, Ussery has made the transition over to second base and is the leading candidate for the job. A switch hitter with good speed, Ussery showed promise during his summer stint with the Cotuit Kettleers of the Cape Cod League and during fall practice. Walk-on freshman Jason Garofalo sits behind Ussery as a close second for the second base position in 2007.

Another position Tech had to fill before the season began was third base. Junior Brad Feltes and freshman Patrick Long have been battling for this spot throughout fall practice. Long has won the position and will be the starter on Saturday against Georgia Southern.

"[Ussery and Long] are two very talented guys and two very good infielders," Hall said. "I think they are both very competitive guys, both very good athletes and both very good baseball players. I think they will do very well this season."

Junior Michael Fisher, who became the starting shortstop last season, has performed well. He has taken the reigns at the key position in the infield and will be a mainstay all season long. Throughout the summer and fall, Fisher was moved around in the lineup, hitting both near the top and the bottom. Fisher will hit in the two-spot to start the season and feels more relaxed with his role in 2007.

"This time around, I have expectations for myself to do a lot better than I did last year," said Fisher. "At the plate I feel more comfortable this year. Having more at bats and

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By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Last season, the baseball team went 34-5 at home. This year, the Jackets will play a minimum of 31 games at Russ Chandler Stadium.

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Stupid freshmen should stop chanting Anderson at bball games.

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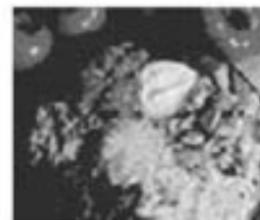
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The Palestinian-American rapper Patriarch released his debut album *Son of a Refugee* last month. Page 18

IF I WERE A RICH MAN

Fiddler on the Roof is a charity play put on by the Tech chapter of Children's Rights and You. Page 11



Tennis wins USA/ITA Indoor National Title

By Hahnming Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 6 Jackets' women's tennis team won the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship held in Madison, Wisc. last Sunday, beating Notre Dame 4-2 in the finals.

In the singles competition, Tech won four of six singles matches and two of three doubles competitions.

Kirsten Flower, Christy Striplin, Alison Silverio, and Amanda Craddock all won their singles matches against their opponents.

"We didn't try and over think it. We played really well against Stanford and we just wanted to continue on that path. I think we knew that we could finish off the tournament with another win. We had such a quick turnaround that we were still probably riding off of such a great feeling from the night before," said Kristi Miller.

The Fighting Irish fell behind 3-0 in the match, but fought back to come as close as 3-2. Tech sealed the victory with a comeback win by Craddock in her match against Notre Dame's Brook Buck.

En route to the finals, Tech defeated three-time defending champion, Stanford. The Cardinals had come into the match with an NCAA-record winning streak of 89 matches. The Jackets' 4-2 victory



PHOTO COURTESY OF GTAA

The women's tennis team holds up their trophy after capturing the tournament title at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships. The team jumped five spots to No. 1 in the latest coaches' poll.

set up the final against No. 2 seed, Notre Dame.

Stanford and Tech each won three a piece in the singles competitions, but Tech won two out of three of the doubles matches to take the match

and upset the top ranked Cardinals team. Tarryn Rudman, Craddock, and Flower all won their singles matchups.

"We went in knowing that we could win. It was just a matter of

doing it. Once we beat Stanford it was a realization that we really can win this thing. When you play a team like Stanford, you know you have the ability to [do it], it's just a matter of doing it," Flower said.

During the tournament, No. 25 Flower won four straight matches. Each victory came in straight sets, including a defeat of No. 31 Colleen Rielley, 6-2, 6-1 in the finals.

The freshmen was named Tech's Student Athlete of the Week earlier this week.

"I feel really good about it. It's always important to start strong, especially in a tournament of such high quality," Flower said.

"She's the hardest worker on our team. She's a little bit of a perfectionist and her commitment on the court is infectious. Her results so far have been exceptional," said head coach Bryan Shelton.

Tech's No. 1 singles player, No. 15 Miller, struggled in her final three singles matches after easily winning in the first round.

Miller fell to three ranked opponents, including a three-set loss to No. 7 Jenna Long of North Carolina in the second round. The final score was 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

"I played some tough players. Playing indoors is always difficult because it's just a much faster pace and so it's a little more difficult if you're not completely on your game," Miller said.

Miller performed better in doubles, winning three of four of her doubles matches with partner

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Women upset No. 4 Terps



By Rob Skinner/ GTAA

Coach MaChelle Joseph and her team celebrate the victory over No. 4 Maryland at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum this past Thursday.

By Akshay Amaraneni
Contributing Writer

The Tech women's basketball team finally exorcised their stretch jitters and closed out a ranked team. The Jackets toppled a then No. 4

Maryland squad, 77-72, last Thursday at the Coliseum. Maryland was coming off a loss to North Carolina and Tech was riding a two-game win streak after winning at home against Boston College and at Wake Forest.

This was Tech's first win over a

team ranked as high as Maryland since beating No. 4 Maryland in the 1992 ACC Tournament. Last season, Tech came close in the ACC tournament, losing by five points to the team that would eventually become the National Champions. Tech was able to capitalize on key defensive plays. They forced 14 turnovers in the first half that led to 17 points and forced 10 turnovers in the second half to keep the Terrapins at bay.

Stephanie Higgs led all scorers with 26 points and hit five of six free throws in the final minutes to seal the win. Janie Mitchell scored 17 points in just 26 minutes and Jacqua Williams added 16.

For the Terrapins, Marissa Coleman lead the team with 17; three other players also scored in double figures. Both teams were even on the glass, but the key to the game was that Tech forced six more turnovers than Maryland.

Maryland took the lead on a foul shot by Laura Harper. Janie Mitchell scored on the other end that gave the Jackets a 2-1 lead that they would never relinquish.

After Marissa Coleman's lay-up made the score 6-5, Higgs took over and hit a short jumper. Mitchell followed it with a short jumper and Higgs struck again with her only three-point basket of the game that gave Tech an eight-point lead.

The teams traded baskets until Jacqua Williams' three-pointer gave Tech a 10-point lead. Maryland slowly clawed their way back into

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By Robert Combier/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

2007 signees Nick Claytor (left) and Jonathan Dwyer (right) were featured on ESPN's Signing Day coverage from the Atlanta ESPNZone.

Football signs 20

By Michael Clarke
Sports Editor

Signing Day came and went on Wednesday with everything going according to plan for the Tech football coaching staff.

Head Coach Chan Gailey brings in a class that is rated higher than any other school in the ACC and instate rival Georgia. The class is rated above every program in the nation, except for 13.

While the recruiting services and so-called experts around the nation are calling this class one of the best ever for Tech, Gailey is not buying into the hype.

"You don't buy into it when you

have a low rated one, and you don't buy into it if you have a high rated one," Gailey said. "You get the guys that are going to...help you win a championship. Hopefully, they will get their degree and work to be successful in life."

"I don't buy into those [rankings], it's like a preseason poll, who knows what is going to happen in the end."

Scout.com previously rated Gailey's recruiting classes as high as No. 34 and as low as No. 51 in the nation. The 2007 recruiting class is rated No. 14 despite the scholarship restrictions that were caused by the

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