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Houston joins College of Sciences as new Dean

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

After over thirty years at Cornell University, Paul Houston is coming to Tech to become the new Dean of the College of Sciences. He will begin the role July 1, taking over from interim dean Kent Barefield, a professor in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

The position became vacant last August when Gary Schuster, who had held it since 1994, replaced Jean-Lou Chameau as provost. Chameau left to become president of California Institute of Technology.

"I think that he has a great vision for the College of Sciences, both to strengthen the disciplinary excellence in the college and to build interdisciplinary programs between the sciences, engineering, computing and the other colleges at Georgia Tech," Schuster said.

Houston earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Yale University and his doctorate in chemistry from MIT in 1973. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley, he joined the Cornell faculty in 1975.

From 1997 until 2001 he was chair of Cornell's Department of

Chemistry and Chemical Biology, and from 2002 until 2005, he was Senior Associate Dean of Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences.

"I met with him a few times and my impression is that he is an excellent scientist from a very good

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Gary Schuster
Institute Provost

chemistry department with all the favorable attributes of strong scholarship, administrative experience and, I gather, good leadership as well," Barefield said.

As provost, Schuster was charged with appointing the search commit-

tee to appoint his replacement for his former position, a task for which he said he relied on the advice of senior faculty members at Tech.

According to the website of the College of Sciences, Baker Parker and Associates was the search firm contracted to assist with the process.

Anselm Griffin, chair of the School of Polymer, Textile, and Fiber Engineering, chaired the 18 person committee along with co-chair Al Merrill, a professor in the School of Biology. The committee included eight professors from both within and outside of the College of Sciences and the remainder consisted of members of the Tech community in various other capacities.

"I think we had a very good committee from across the spectrum of the College of Sciences and people from other parts of the institution. We met on a regular basis with the help of the search firm that was involved in the process, who handled a lot of the logistics of the process and also helped arrange some of the interviews for candidates," Griffin said.

"[Houston] made a very good impression on lots of people here

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Tech researchers develop catalyst

A Tech professor, along with a pair of scientists in China, has developed platinum crystal catalysts in a never-before observed shape. Zhong Lin Wang, professor of Materials Science and Engineering, and Yong Ding, a research scientist, worked with researchers from Xiamen University to develop the highly stable "tetrahedral" crystals, which have four times more catalytic activity per unit area than existing commercial platinum catalysts.

In addition to many other industrial applications, the catalysts can be used to improve the efficiency of processes used to generate hydrogen fuel cells.

Package race tests shipping carriers

Every year since 2003, logistics students from the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering have chosen hard-to-reach destinations across the world to see which carriers can ship packages there the quickest.

For this year's race, the group, led by professor John Bartholdi, mailed packages to locations in Brazil, Iraq, Myanmar, Samoa and Zimbabwe. DHL emerged victorious, being the first carrier to deliver three of the packages to their destinations, and the second to deliver the remaining two.

Survey reveals 2006 freshman class trends

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

The Office of Assessment has released the results of the 2006 Cooperative Institutional Research Program's Freshman Survey, which studies incoming freshmen at Tech and other universities across the nation.

Tech has participated in the study since 1966 and the survey report compares Tech's results to those of peer public institutions of high selectivity and private institutions of very-high selectivity.

With a response rate of only 40.6 percent, the report warns that the results should be taken with some caution. Last year the survey polled 47 percent of the freshman class.

Among the surprising results found in the report is that Tech students are deficient compared to their peers when it comes to their high school biology education.

When asked whether they had taken two years of biology, only 37.7 percent of incoming Tech students responded that they had, compared with 53.0 percent of peers at public schools and 54.6 percent at private ones.

Tech respondents were slightly more likely than peers at public institutions to spend 11 or more hours per week studying and doing

homework in high school, with 21.0 percent responding affirmatively compared to 17.6 percent of students at public schools. But private peers answered yes to that question at a rate of 44.5 percent.

The incoming Tech students also were less likely to spend three or more hours per week partying than students at the public and private peer institutions, with affirmative response rates of 28.7 percent compared to 40.2 percent and 35.1 percent, respectively.

Tech students could spread their time over many activities, but video games appear to have been a diversion of choice. Of male respondents, 30.4 percent reported spending six or more hours per week playing video games compared to 20.8 percent at public peer universities and 16.6 percent at private peer institutions.

Aside from profiling student backgrounds, the survey also asked why students selected to go to Tech. 75.7 percent of respondents chose getting a good job after graduation as a major reason for coming to Tech, compared to 51.3 percent of students at public peers and 65.8 percent of students at private peers who chose their schools for that reason.

The full results of the report can be found on the web site of the Office of Assessment, www.assessment.gatech.edu.

Commencement sets record



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Graduating Tech students celebrate the end of the commencement ceremony as balloons fall from the ceiling of the Georgia Dome.

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

Years of diligence and hard work paid off for the undergraduate and graduate students who took part in the spring commencement ceremonies, which were, according to Institute President Wayne Clough, the largest in Tech history.

The ceremonies were split into one honoring doctorate degree recipients and a separate one conferring bachelor's and master's degrees.

The approximately 200 doctorate degrees were awarded in an evening ceremony on Thursday, May 3 at the Ferst Center for the Arts. The guest speaker for that ceremony was Ray Orbach, the Undersecretary for Science in the U.S. Department of Energy.

The ceremony for undergraduates and master's degree candidates was the morning of Saturday, May 5, in the Georgia Dome and included

approximately 2,200 students.

After a processional by the Commencement Ensemble and a reflection by Reverend Anthony Motley of Lindsay Street Baptist Church, the Ensemble played the Star Spangled Banner, and Clough delivered his remarks.

He began by referring to the recent murders at Virginia Tech; as a former faculty member at that university he had spoken at a memorial ceremony a week prior. He asked for a moment of silence as a show of support for the campus, after which he proceeded with the commencement remarks.

He commented on the value of a Tech education in today's competitive global market, where students learn with a focus on technology no matter what the major, and praised those groups and individuals who have volunteered in places from New Orleans to Bolivia to Angola.

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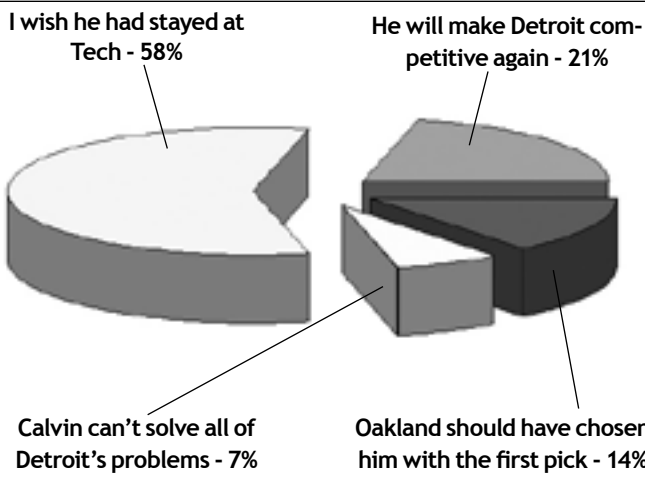
SPRING BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED, BY COLLEGE



- College of Computing - (7.8%)
- Ivan Allen College - (5.9%)
- College of Architecture - (8.0%)
- College of Management - (12.0%)
- College of Sciences - (9.7%)
- College of Engineering - (56.6%)

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What do you think about Detroit drafting Calvin Johnson?



By Kenny Baskett / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

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at Georgia Tech. He is a first-rate researcher with administrative experience at Cornell. Many of his former duties as Senior Associate Dean are similar in principle to the things he'll be involved with here. I think he has a great vision for what he wanted the college to become and his experience, we felt, made him an excellent candidate to carry out that vision," Griffin said.

"Our search committee spent some time discussing what we'd like to see in the ideal dean candidate and then we had discussions about the applications that came in once they were made available to us," Griffin said.

Schuster said "many dozens" of candidates applied for the position, and after reviewing all of them, the committee narrowed the list to about fifteen.

The committee held discussions with these candidates and then further narrowed the list of candidates down to three, according to Griffin. They invited the three finalists to

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Anselm Griffin

Search Committee Chair, PTFE Chair

campus for a three-day interview process.

In addition to talking to the candidates, Griffin said that the committee met with other groups from the College of Sciences and across the Institute.



- Traffic accident**
5/14/2007 13:15:00 hrs.
Location: Ferst Drive @ Regents Drive
Incident: Report of a two vehicle accident (no reported injuries).
- 5/14/2007 18:30:00 hrs.
Location: Techwood Drive @ Fifth Street
Incident: Report of a two vehicle accident (no injuries reported)
- 5/11/2007 12:22:00 hrs.
Location: Barnes and Noble loading dock
Incident: Report of a vehicle/garage door accident

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

- Motor vehicle theft**
4/16/2007 17:00:00 hrs.
Location: Whitaker Building
Incident: Report of a stolen dark blue '01 Club Car Carry All 2
- Larceny-Theft**
5/14/2007 15:00:00 hrs.
Location: Boggs building
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- 5/14/2007 15:45:00 hrs.
Location: Howey Physics Building
Incident: Report of a stolen laptop
- 5/15/2007 3:00:00 hrs.
Location: College of Architecture
Incident: Report of stolen bails of hay
- Damage to Property**
5/2/2007 20:00:00 hrs.
Location: Interstate 75/85 south-bound ramp at Tenth Street
Incident: Report of a damaged light pole
- Information**
5/13/2007 9:40:00 hrs.
Location: Georgia Tech Research Institute
Incident: Report of cut copper tubing
- 5/3/2007 21:30:00 hrs.
Location: Undergraduate Living Center
Incident: Report of a malfunctioning elevator

Schuster said.

Barefield emphasized the particular importance of a new strategic

"You definitely want to have a strategic plan that you can talk about, with things that you can get people excited about supporting with their money."

Kent Barefield

Interim Dean, College of Sciences

plan for the college as the Institute embarks on its \$1 billion capital campaign.

"The college needs to update its

strategic plan or develop a new one. The strategic plan we have is five or six years old and it's the time in the natural cycle that we should be redoing it. I didn't want to undertake that process because I really think that's something the new permanent dean should do," Barefield said.

"This year three of our schools have undergone an Academic Program Review by the Board of Regents and those units have already done extensive work on their strategic plans. The other schools should come along and do similar things and then [Houston] can put those together and create a strategic plan for the college," Barefield said.

"We're already into the silent page of the capital campaign, but as you go into the public phase you definitely want to have a strategic plan that you can talk about, with things that you can get people excited about supporting with their money," Barefield said.

Student Center Programs Council www.fun.gatech.edu

Weekly Activities

SUMMER OPTIONS CLASSES

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Late registration June 3 - June 6.
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Classes start June 3.

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Flicks on 5th
Summer Film Series

Flicks returns this summer to 5th Street at Technology Square in Midtown with an incredible lineup of the year's blockbuster titles including:

- June 6 - "Music & Lyrics"
- June 13 - "Night at the Museum"
- June 20 - "Pursuit of Happyness"
- June 27 - "Breach"
- July 11 - "Stranger than Fiction"
- July 18 - "Dreamgirls"
- July 25 - "300"

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He then inspired the graduates-to-be with the enormous success that Tech graduates have been capable of achieving, from executives to Nobel Prize winners to nationally-known entertainers.

Of the latter group he referred to professional poker player Phil Gordon, who he said knows "when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em". Unfortunately, Clough accidentally mixed up his Gordons and said Jeff instead of Phil, leaving many listeners wondering why a NASCAR driver who never went to Tech was relevant to the occasion and what holding and folding have to do with driving a race car.

Misstatements aside, Clough emphasized that the day's graduates were entering the world on the same

footing as all of those successful men and women who celebrated the same legendary Tech traditions and quirks.

After calling for rounds of applause from the graduating students' parents and spouses, for the faculty in attendance, and then for the students themselves, Clough introduced the guest speaker of the day, General Electric CEO Jeff Immelt. Clough described the long cooperation Tech and GE have had historically, with 20 Tech students doing co-op assignments at any given time with the company, 400 alumni currently employed and 125 who have retired.

When Immelt took the stage he started out on a serious note, reiterating the long relationship his company has had with Tech. However, he followed in a lighter vein, saying that many people don't understand

the true power he wields as head of the corporation that is the parent company of NBC. "I am Donald Trump's boss, and you know the girls on *Deal or No Deal?* They work for me too," Immelt said.

Light-heartedness aside, Immelt spoke of his esteem for the students graduating from what he called the best engineering school in the country. After Immelt concluded his remarks the students were finally able to hear their names, walk up to the stage, shake the president's hand, and finally be recognized as graduates.

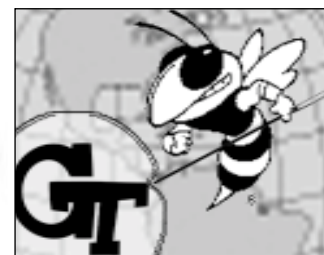
The nearly 600 master's degree candidates were recognized first, followed by undergraduates from the College of Computing, Ivan Allen College, the College of Architecture, the College of Management, the College of Sciences and finally the College of Engineering.



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Buzz congratulates the new Tech graduates after the end of Commencement. The energetic mascot was on hand to entertain the students as they waited for over 2,200 names to be read.

Breaking the Bubble



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

Bible controversy erupts in Hong Kong

The launch of truthbible.net has sparked a controversy in Hong Kong over the displays of sex in the Bible. According to ABCNews.com, more than 800 Hong Kong residents have called on authorities to reclassify the Bible as "indecent" due to its sexual and violent content, following an uproar over a sex column in a university student journal. The site said that the Bible was full of sexual and violent content, including rape and incest.

A spokesperson for the Hong Kong Televisions and Entertainment Licensing Authority (TELA) said that they had received 838 complaints about the Bible by noon Wednesday.

The Web site said the Bible's sexual content "far exceeds" that of a recent sex column published in the Chinese University's "Student Press" magazine, which had asked readers whether they'd ever fantasized about incest or bestiality.

The column was later deemed indecent by the Obscene Articles Tribunal, sparking a storm of debate about social morality and freedom of speech. Student editors of the journal defended it, saying open sexual debate was a basic right.

If the Bible is similarly classified as "indecent" by authorities, only those over 18 could buy the holy book and it would need to be sealed in a wrapper with a statutory warning notice.

Senate rejects bill to end Iraq funding

The Senate rejected an Iraq War funding cutoff bill this week. The bill would have stopped funding for the war at the end of May.

According to NYTimes.com, the measure, in the form of an amendment to an unrelated water-projects bill, was rejected, 67 to 29, with 19 Democrats voting against it in a procedural vote. Sixty "yes" votes were required for the measure to advance and fell short by 31 votes.

The measure was largely symbolic, but the outcome was still a blow to the Democrats in Congress. No Republicans voted for the amendment.

MySpace reports sex offenders to states

Citing federal privacy law, MySpace.com said Tuesday it won't comply with a request by attorneys general from eight states to hand over the names of registered sex offenders who use the social networking Web site.

In a letter on Monday, attorneys general from seven states, including Ga., sent a request to MySpace requesting the number of registered sex offenders using the website and the addresses in which they lived.

According to CBSNews.com, a site spokesperson says that they have already eliminated every sex offender from the 175 million profiles currently on the site.

sliver

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College Democrats host Obama and College Republicans host "Hate Islam" week, who do you think I should support?

I would like to thank all the beautiful white people that came to Obama's rally

White democrats in this RED state of lunatics, gives me hope!!

Cameron Francis Troxel is a YamaCan!!!

Nicole Frances Sullivan is a yamaCAN'T!!!

ilvusa!

is it just me or did anyone else ever want to add an S to those anu for president signs?

"that's like fighting jaws in James Bond!" thanks Winkler

i guess the student body really does want a hyperactive Indian girl representing them after all

i love feems

ew...gross... really? Anu is representing us for the next year? really?

how could 500 people be so stupid?

gt needs an electoral college to appoint executive positions

To the jerk in Matheson's 4th floor lounge playing SportsCenter at full volume at 7:30am in the morning on April 19: SHUT UP.

Thirty degree temperature swings. Yay.

Marcus Weck makes me wish I were dead

He is a fucking narcissist.

I wish he had left earlier, so Tech would be a prettier place.

I hope he reads this

and thinks about his unnecessary cruelty.

Jensy, congrats! One twee-zay will miss you!

Mark, you will always be president in my heart

i don't care who rides w/sym vibes

How about the Palestinians leave Israel the f--k alone and go the millions of acres of Arab lands they already have.

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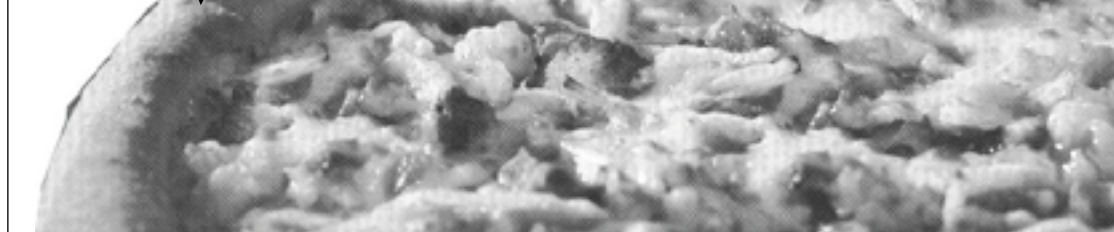
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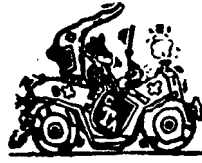
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Slow March

Cinco de Mayo gave 2,200 Tech students a reason to celebrate this year as they finished their degrees at Tech, received their commemorative picture (diplomas to be mailed in 6-8 weeks) and shook President Clough's hand as they walked across the stage in the commencement ceremony at the Georgia Dome.

This year's speaker, CEO of General Electric Jeffrey Immelt, was the highlight of the morning. Mr. Immelt not only spoke without being employed by the Board of Regents (as was the case with the illustrious speaker at UGA, the current Chancellor of the Board of Regents), but was humorous, knew some Tech traditions and kept his speech under 15 minutes.

The ceremony was impressively coordinated, as both the graduates and spectators found their respective seats without practice or confusion. The ceremony, although well-done, was not flawless, running over three hours in length. While it is understandable that reading off 2,200 names would take a great amount of time, the administration should investigate options to make a good ceremony great.

By holding a single ceremony that encompasses the entire spring graduating class with the exception of Ph.D. students, Tech presents a sense of unity that should not be undervalued. Unfortunately, this single-service graduation can become burdensomely long, with many master's graduates leaving shortly after their degrees were conferred. It might be worthwhile to consider placing all graduate students in one ceremony, instead of a separate Ph.D.-only graduation.

Another idea is to divide spring graduation into more segments by splitting some of the colleges, as is done with summer and winter. While this would drastically shorten the number of names called out, it presents more logistical problems than it might be worth. It takes a crowd to draw a good speaker, and several smaller ceremonies would not have the numbers needed to secure the type of speaker that Tech graduates deserve. Also, our school is already divided along college lines. Graduation is a time to remind us of what we all have in common: a Tech diploma; it is not to reinforce the differences and give students the chance to complain that they got shafted by having an "inferior" graduation speaker.

Instead, Tech could focus on personalizing the graduation experience. Some schools already have programs and private ceremonies to honor their top graduates. If all schools individually recognized students, Tech would be able to speed through the full ceremony, recognizing graduates by major, school or college, and the overall graduation experience would gain the personal touch it is currently lacking.

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A PROLONGED GRADUATION

By Tim Van de Vall / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Boredom leads to shiny sink

I've never been what you'd call an organized person. I'm certainly not a neat freak. If my room wasn't a total mess when I was growing up, it was still cluttered, with a "residue" of mess around the edges, stacks of books and papers, a messy desk and a layer of dust so thick in some places that an archaeologist might have a little fun excavating my trinkets.

Don't get me started on the hair balls that could be scraped off of my carpet or pulled out of the vacuum cleaner. (Of course, with waist-length hair, the hair balls are inevitable no matter how often one vacuums.) My three closets were the stuff of Flip This House nightmares.

Anyway...there's a point to all of this. I, like any other kid (I hope), had to clean my room sometimes. By the time it came to this, though, the mess was always really overwhelming.

As a perfectionist (and an impatient one at that), room-cleaning was always a bit of a battle, as one might imagine. In the midst of one of these battles, my mother devised a method that would forever change the way I cleaned my room: BBBC—Bed, Buddies, Books, Clothes. I still don't think she realizes how brilliant this list is. You clean or neaten each thing in the order of the list—make your bed; pick up all "buddies" (what my family called plush toys); pick up and straighten all books and put away all clothes ("away" meaning in a drawer/closet or in the laundry hamper).

Usually, doing these four things didn't take more than an hour, and my room would look at least 70 percent cleaner. Having a method provided me with two things when cleaning my room: 1) It gave me a place to start, and 2) It made progress visible very quickly. Both things are very heartening when faced with the daunting task of a huge mess.

I'm a good bit older now, and I have greater cleaning responsibilities than just my room. While it's not



"...There is something to be said for not living in total chaos all the time."

Hillary Lipko
 Development Editor

large, I have an entire apartment to worry about, with different mess compositions in each room. I'm just as much of an impatient perfectionist as ever and still just as much of a slob.

I don't have my mother breathing down my neck anymore to clean up after myself, but there is something to be said for not living in total chaos all the time. I have to get around to cleaning up eventually, lest I run out of clean dishes or clean clothes.

I was musing about all of this late one night, lamenting that there just didn't seem to be a good method like BBBC that applied to cleaning the whole house. A couple of days later, I found a thread on an online community raving about *FlyLady.net*. The site provides step-by-step lessons and tips for organizing your life through setting routines and forging habits.

I'm really not sure about how much I buy into her whole system, but the site really does have some wonderful tips and guidelines for getting your house (and life) in order without having household chores take over your life. Specifically, and most importantly for me, it has that all-important "quick list" that I'd been looking for that would make that one-hour massive improvement in the neatness of my house: the "Weekly Home Blessing Hour."

Set a timer for 10 minutes for a household task: vacuum, dust, mop, etc. Stop the task when the timer goes off, and move to the next one. Go as fast as you can.

If you don't get to everything, don't worry, just start there next week. If a task takes less than 10 minutes, just reset your timer and move on. When you're done, you're done. You only have to do it once a week, and it puts just enough of a "dent" into the mess you've got to inspire you to do more later.

FlyLady also has a few other tips that work in conjunction with the "Blessing Hour," including five-minute "hot spot" cleanings, 15-minute decluttering sessions, and most important of all, sink polishing.

Yes, I said sink polishing. I thought it was crazy, too, but I had a little extra time on my hands one night, so I thought, "What the hell; I'll give it a try." After getting the initial shine, it only takes a couple of minutes each day to keep it up, and the shiny sink alone makes your kitchen look 100 times cleaner. And with such a clean, shiny, brand-new-looking sink, you don't want to mess it up by leaving dishes in it, either.

Seriously. Here I am, a self-professed impatient, perfectionist, overworked, underpaid slob, and something as crazy as polishing my sink has caused a sort of disease of cleanliness to begin to spread through my house.

Most of the people reading this don't know me and have no reason to believe that I'm not really some mini Martha Stewart (with or without the insider trading...take your pick) but just trust me on this one. Polish your kitchen sink.

Concealed weapons not a good answer

In this country, the usual reaction to horrendous events like the Virginia Tech massacre is to come together as a nation and mourn the loss of innocent victims. But this phase quickly passes, and within hours there are those who are eager to point fingers and place blame.



“More guns on college campuses means more guns in the hands of reckless kids...”

Lindsay Deal
Entertainment Editor

Just days after last month's shootings at Virginia Tech, I noticed a number of classmates joining Facebook groups supporting concealed weapons on campus. Their argument is that if more people have handguns, then the good guys (with guns) will be better able to stop the bad guys (also packing heat).

Many politicians share this view, including Governor Rick Perry of Texas (yes, that's right, the same upstanding citizen who made headlines after accepting \$6,000 in campaign contributions from Merck, and then ordering that all Texas sixth grade females be required to get the human papilloma virus vaccine Merck manufactures) who was quick to offer his solution to end gun violence: more guns.

After a meeting with Michael Leavitt, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, to discuss how to prevent mass shootings and improve school safety, Perry said he thought Texans should be allowed to carry guns every-

where, including bars, churches and schools.

Under this theory, the argument is that some armed hero may have been able to thwart Seung-Hui Cho's killing fest in Virginia before he murdered 32 others and then turned the gun on himself.

Of course, in most places this hero would have to possess a permit to carry a concealed handgun. Here is where Perry's argument breaks down: according to a search of online court records by *The Roanoke Times*, none of the 51 people who were killed or injured at Virginia Tech had a permit. Interesting. The “good guys,” in this case, didn't want to carry guns on or off campus.

And then, of course, there are the numerous reasons why colleges are one of the dumbest places imaginable to allow guns (probably third in line behind bars and casinos. Okay, and

brothels. Brothels are really not good places for guns, either. But anyway...).

Allowing guns on campuses would likely lead to a number of unintended consequences. (Yes, I know the Mormons out in Utah are allowed to carry guns on campus, but come on, they're Mormons. They don't count.)

More guns on college campuses means more guns in the hands of reckless kids who are often just out of their teens. Their hormones are raging, and a lot of them are experimenting with drugs and alcohol—possibly for the first time.

I'm not saying that every college student is incapable of responsibly carrying a weapon, but I think that an increased number of guns on campus is ultimately a horrible idea.

Alcohol is a huge part of the college culture (again, excluding those Mormons), and I think it

would be best to avoid allowing a stocked gun closet in the Kappa Alpha house after Clayton and Bart share a case of Pabst Blue Ribbon and eventually get into a heated argument over who has a bigger lift on their fire engine red luxury edition F-eleventy-billion-50s.

And even if they're in a peaceful, drunken setting, guns and alcohol still don't mix. Accidents always happen, and more drinking means more accidents. When guns are involved, these can be deadly accidents.

In addition to the homicides that would likely follow a change in firearm laws on campus, the 24,000 annual suicide attempts by college students would likely be much more deadly. If every depressed freshman knew there was a Glock 9 mm in the next room, my guess is that most suicide attempts would become suicide fatalities.

With alcohol aplenty, hormones raging, and the stress of a college curriculum, allowing more guns on campus would likely result in more, rather than fewer, campus deaths.

Those few lives that could be saved in the event of a terrorist attack on campus would probably be greatly outnumbered by those killed by guns in homicides, suicides and accidents.

BUZZ Around the Campus

Why are you taking classes this summer?



Laura Ivester
Fourth-year ME

“I...like it better since there [are fewer] people.”



Paul Jurek
Second-year ME

“Because my family moved to Iowa, and I'm not going there for a summer.”



David Poth
Fourth-year ChemE

“Summer is kinda easy I guess.”



Maggie Trice
Fourth-Year Management

“I want to stay in Atlanta and the only way to do that is take classes.”

Photos by Robert Comhier

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



Johnson No. 1 To Us

Calvin Johnson recently broke a 60-year old Tech mark when the Detroit Lions picked him second in the NFL draft. The highest previous draftee was Eddie Prokop, who went fourth in 1945. Tech fans will be able to watch Johnson when the Lions' season starts September 9. Also, congratulations to Mansfield Wrotto on being selected by the Seahawks in the fourth round.

Bubbling Up

The Department of Auxiliary Services yet again raised prices on the caffeine that keeps campus awake, with soda prices up to \$1.50 per 20-oz. bottle. This is not the first time that prices have increased on our beloved Coca-Colas; the price increases are making it far more difficult to keep the late night caffeine habit going, but at least it can be done with fewer coins, now.



Phenomenal Film

Tech's Campus MovieFest's top entry, *Fanya Kaplan*, won Best Picture at the Campus MovieFest National Grand Finale this year, proving that Tech computer-editing skills can be used creatively. While we were impressed that they won, the fact that they phonetically learned Russian to do so might just be a more impressive feat.

Testing Draft Waters

Thaddeus Young and Javaris Crittenton both put their names into the NBA draft, possibly continuing the Tech tradition of losing valuable players to the pros. The two freshmen were tied as top scorers on the team this past season with 14.4 points per game. The pair have not hired agents and can withdraw from the draft until June 18.

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Housing move out time too short

Every year students scramble to get all of their belongings out of their dorm rooms and apartments by noon on the Saturday following finals. For those of us who have a Friday final, or even the dreaded conflict exam time, this requires us to vacate less than 24 hours after we have finished our exams.

This places an inordinate amount of pressure on already stressed students, especially out-of-state students whose parents cannot help them move out. Students must then make the choice to either study for their finals, or to begin packing in order to move out on time.

The argument has been made that packing and moving during finals week should not be an issue, as students should study during dead week.

Ask any student at Tech, dead week is far from dead and even if you happen to have no exams or quizzes, you likely still have final projects and papers that prevent you from studying.

An unfortunate result of the

move-out policies is that students who have chosen to study for their exams, rather than pack their belongings, stay up all night on Friday in order to meet the noon deadline (and not pay hundreds of dollars in fees).

Hundreds of sleep-deprived college students then attempt to drive home from campus on Saturday afternoon, creating a safety risk for themselves and for every other driver on the road.

This is not merely an inconvenience; it affects my performance on my spring semester finals, my GPA and ultimately my safety.

Housing should reconsider the move out policies, and extend the time period for students to move out of their apartments until the Sunday evening following finals. I believe this would reduce the ever-present exam stress by not compounding it with the additional task of moving during finals.

Becky Tucker
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Have Some Fun



What's On?

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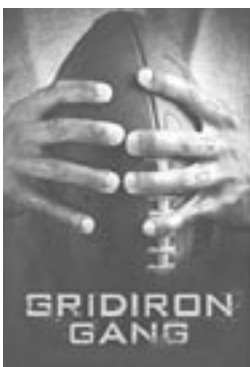
May Movies On GTCN!



The Benchwarmers

Ritchie, Gus and Clark are three losers who never got respect on the ball field when they were young. They make up for it when they form a three-player team to compete against standard little league squads to hilarious result in this film that roots for the little guy.

Starring: Rob Schneider, David Spade, Jon Heder, Jon Lovitz



Gridiron Gang

Detention camp probation officer Sean Porter takes a rag tag group of dangerous teenage inmates and turns them into a high-school level football team. He finds resistance at every step by his skeptical bosses but he feels that he can get through to them through sports to teach them respect and social responsibility.

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Xzibit



The Black Dahlia

This fictional tale surrounds the brutal murder of a fledgling Hollywood starlet nicknamed The Black Dahlia in 1947 that fascinated the nation. Two cops were called on to investigate the case, but it remained unsolved due to corruption and conspiracy within the police department.

Starring: Josh Hartnett, Scarlett Johansson, Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank

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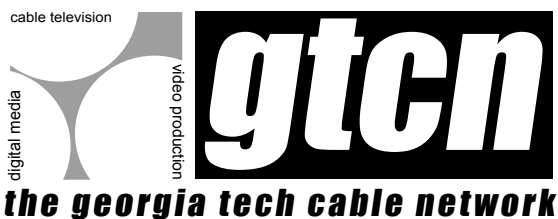
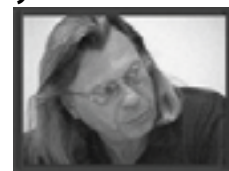
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WOMEN VOLLEY TO VICTORY

No. 5 seeded Lady Jackets defeated Miami to top the ACC Women's Tennis Championship for the third straight season. **Page 16**

LINKIN PARK ALBUM FALLS FLAT

Linkin Park has just released a new album titled *Minutes to Midnight*, but its mediocre quality does not stand up to the band's signature sound. **Page 9**



T-Square pilot launches as WebCT successor

Georgia Tech **t-square**

tabs for easy access to classes

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Options

T-Square will have a regular maintenance window from 5 - 5:30 a.m. EST on Saturdays during the Summer pilot, and you should expect that the system will be unavailable during these times while we work to deploy fixes and make other configuration changes as needed. We appreciate your patience while we labor to improve the system.

join and unjoin available worksites here

allows users to customize T-Square

CALENDAR

MAY, 2007

site owners and instructors can post items on a calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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By Jenny Zhang
Focus Editor

There is a new T-Square on campus, and no, it is nothing like the drafting instrument for drawing horizontal lines. It is a far more sophisticated tool that can be used by all students, not just those in the College of Architecture.

The successor to WebCT, T-Square is a virtual collaboration and learning environment powered by Sakai, an open source software application. It launched earlier this May in pilot form and is being rolled out for summer semester.

"This pilot is really a full rollout in that anyone at Tech who wants to use it may, and it will be fully supported...it is already fully operational," said Donna Llewellyn, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL).

During the pilot stage, administrators hope to fine tune the system and fix any bugs that may have before T-Square completely replaces WebCT at the end of the fall semester.

"[T-Square] is a platform for ongoing development...it is continuing to be fleshed out. Not all of the classes taught at Tech will be well served by

T-Square right now, for example, and so there are feature gaps with some of the expectations people are bringing from WebCT, and we're expecting to have those closed in the next few months," said Clay Fenlason, director of Educational Technologies.

This capacity for ongoing de-

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Donna Llewellyn
CETL Director

velopment is mainly due to the fact that T-Square is based on the open source Sakai code, which runs along the veins of Firefox and Wikipedia in that it allows users to modify the system themselves.

"This means that we can work within the Sakai community to

improve [T-Square], enhance it and shape it to fit our needs. The advantage this gives us is that in reality [T-Square] is never at a final state—we will be...growing it and making it better all the time," Llewellyn said.

This flexibility gives T-Square a natural advantage over WebCT, which is based on proprietary code that is licensed by the Blackboard company and leaves its users dependent on the vendor for changes or enhancements.

T-Square also boasts more collaborative abilities than WebCT while maintaining the same strong course management and delivery tools—assignments, gradebooks, online tests, learning module construction, etc.—as its predecessor.

What is new, however, are innovations like blogs, wikis (websites that allow visitors to add, remove and edit content), polling tools, file managers and tools that allow the more programming-inclined to integrate with other simple web applications.

"Faculty and students can use [T-Square] for a multitude of purposes—class work, design projects, research teams [and] committees.

You can create your own project sites and include a wiki, a discussion forum, an email list [and] places to share resources," Llewellyn said.

Almost everyone can benefit from T-Square's collaborative platform.

"Anyone (student, faculty member or staff) can simply create a new site on the fly and add anyone they choose as members. This, in conjunction with the ability to sponsor guest accounts for T-Square, opens the door for collaborations with people beyond Tech boundaries," Fenlason said.

Administrators are optimistic about T-Square, but its success ultimately depends on its reception by the people who use it, and if they think it is a true improvement over WebCT.

"It looks the same as WebCT, but it seems to be faster, and I like the different tabs they have for your classes. It's pretty cool that you get your own wiki and can make your own webpage. Everything's also pretty self-explanatory and easy to

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WebCT	vs.	T-Square
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● Proprietary code		● Open source
● Course management tools (gradebooks, assignments, online tests)		● Course management tools
		● Collaborative tools (blogs, wikis)

New counseling program teaches interpersonal skills



By Ethan Trehwitt/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student assistants work at the Health Center. A new program focuses on helping improve students' interpersonal skills in work settings.

By Levi Kafka
Contributing Writer

The Counseling Center is developing a program to help Tech students develop better interpersonal skills. This program is tentatively entitled "Working with People: Teaching, Helping and Learning," and it will focus on preparing students for careers in healthcare and education.

Much of the work to put this project together has been done by Brendan Finton, a third-year Psychology major, and Mack Bowers, associate director of the Counseling Center. "The Psychology Department has [also] been very supportive of the endeavor," Finton said.

Finton conceived of "Working with People" last fall, when he had difficulty finding ways to get involved

in clinical psychology work.

Seeking to fill a void, Finton contacted Bowers in the spring. "We began discussions on how we could set up a program to offer some training in this area and to give back to the Tech community. We decided that we could expand this program to offer experience to students interested in areas like teaching and medicine, too. Over the course of the semester we developed a framework which will now guide the summer program," Finton said.

The program will begin with an informational meeting at 4 p.m. in the J.S. Coon Building Tuesday, May 22. If enough interest exists, a pilot program will be run this summer. Bowers described the pilot as involving "bi-weekly meetings to address such topics as developing listening skills, how to get into graduate school

in these professions [and] functional aspects of becoming a psychologist, doctor [or] teacher."

"Working with People" will be open to students from all majors and departments.

"We would like for anyone interested in learning new skills and helping the campus community to get involved," Finton said.

In addition to helping students develop interpersonal skills, Bowers sees this program as an opportunity for students to take an active role in the mental health of the Tech community.

"We would also like to see this program address issues that are relevant to college counseling centers, like how to identify students who might benefit from the services

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navigate,” said Matthew Morton, a second-year Biomedical Engineering major.

“I didn’t see a need for another system. Unless a case can be made that [T-Square] brings added benefits to the class, or that it makes maintenance much easier, I’ll probably stick to my current system. But I am interested in learning more about its capabilities,” said Matt Kohlmyer, a Physics professor.

Students and staff can give feedback about T-Square through OIT’s helpdesk system (www.oit.gatech.edu/help) or attending one of CETL’s “Feed and Feedback” sessions.

“Since T-Square is based on an open source application, there’s yet

another great way to give feedback. If you have the skill, go out and do it better, and then show it to us,” Fenlason said.

At present, the future of T-Square seems bright and limitless with its flexible, open source platform that allows for constant tweaking and improvement.

“We’re...serious about the idea of this system being a development platform and not just a static, finished product. There is a wealth of innovation and know-how at Tech, and we look forward to supporting ways for students and faculty to add their own functionality to it. I hope and expect that at the end of the day we’ll have something that’s really relevant: a meaningful support to the teaching, learning and research missions of Tech,” Fenlason said.

Skills from page 7

offered by the Counseling Center, how to make referrals [there] and how to become a partner with the Counseling Center in promoting good mental health on campus,” Bowers said.

Finton has high hopes for the program. “In the long run, I would love to see this become a course that students can take for credit and have on their transcripts. I see the program becoming a student-directed group with support from the Counseling Center that educates those involved and allows them to help out the community as an auxiliary of the Center,” Finton said.

Other proposed ideas include different certifications in active lis-

tening, signs of depression and other useful skills so that there is a tangible benefit to program participants.

“Overall, I would like for this to be a program that helps present different perspectives interacting with people, whether they are your students, peers or clients,” Finton said.

So far, student response to the program has been mixed.

“I think a lot of Tech students could stand to work on their interpersonal skills,” said Miquela Hiller, a third-year International Affairs major.

Brandon Borm, a third-year Mechanical Engineering major, voiced frustration. “I don’t really need any interpersonal skills, but I wish they would tell people about this stuff. When did you say that meeting is?”

Hungry? Get barbecue

By Archel Bernard
Contributing Writer

The good tastes of the summer are now available at Tech with the start of the new, student-led Barbecue Club. The organization meets monthly for judging and competition in a down-home, top chef kind of gathering. The club started out simply as a way for students to show their love for savory barbecue.

The monthly meetings have different themes for barbecue. Everyone makes a new dish to share and people judge each other simply on taste. “The potluck is like a collegiate-level Food Network competition we have each time we meet,” said Damon Rousis, an Aerospace Engineering graduate student and founder of the Barbecue Club. “We have a good time just making new dishes and trying each other’s food.”

The club even slow-cooked pork on Skiles Walkway this past spring semester. “The smell of the walking past. We had pulled pork do things like that all the time. We are really just interested in good barbecue,” Rousis said.

Who doesn’t love that?



Photos courtesy of Damon Rousis

A few snapshots from this past spring’s Barbecue Club activities.



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HOW TO WIN FRIENDS...

Students start "Working with People," a new program aimed at teaching interpersonal skills. Page 7

SOFTBALL WINS AGAIN

The softball won their last nineteen of twenty days, earning them a spot in the NCAA tournament. Page 16

Tech team wins CMF National Grand Finale

1.618 Films takes home first prize with story of Fanya Kaplan

By Lindsay Deal
Entertainment Editor

Every spring, hundreds of Tech students compete in Campus MovieFest (CMF), an annual contest that gives inspiring filmmakers one week to shoot and edit a five-minute short film. For most students the experience only lasts that week and quickly ends after the curtain drops on Tech's CMF Finale. However, for one lucky team, 1.618 Films, this year the clapboard did not drop on their journey until after they were awarded Best Picture at the CMF National Grand Finale in late April.

The team's film, *Fanya Kaplan*, tells the story of the woman who failed at assassinating Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin in 1918. Bradley Herrmann, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major, and Michael Gluzman, a third-year Industrial Design major, directed the film. The title character is played by Becky Tucker, a fourth-year Physics major who also happens to be engaged to Herrmann.

Even though all filming and editing happened during CMF's allotted six days, the planning process started before Christmas break when the team began writing the script and gathering supplies. "[Gluzman] and writer Wesley Wingo actually came up with the [idea of using the life of Fanya Kaplan] while looking for stories of famous assassins on

Wikipedia. As there never [have] been any movies or books written on the events, we both had to dig deep to find out the real facts and use knowledge of the time period to fill in what probably would have happened. We wanted to both be as historically accurate as we could, while still giving the audience a story they could enjoy and relate to in five

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Bradley Herrmann
Fourth-year ME

minutes," Herrmann said.

Gluzman was born in Russia and still speaks Russian with his family, so he had personal ties to a Russian story.

The team researched and found all the information available on Kaplan, Lenin and the Bolsheviks, even translating several sources. A key dramatic speech in the film uses

the exact words that Kaplan uttered shortly before her execution.

The historically-driven, well-crafted story was just one of the things that made *Fanya Kaplan* stand out from the other films.

"The panel of judges focus primarily on the story and overall quality of the film, followed by aesthetics, technical excellence and sound design. While the results were very close between the exceptional short movies from across the country, *Fanya Kaplan* excelled in all of the judging elements," said David Roemer, CMF's co-founder and CEO.

As if putting together a movie on such a tight schedule was not hard enough, the film was done completely in Russian to better convey the story. English subtitles were added in post-production.

Gluzman, who also acted in the movie, was the only cast member who already spoke Russian. He taught his co-stars (Tucker and Matthew Perry, a third-year management major) Russian phonetically and gave them recordings of his reading of the lines so they would know the proper pronunciation.

Although it is clear that the directors heavily contributed to the film, Herrmann credits the success of the final product to the whole team's effort. "There were so many



Photos courtesy of 1.618 Films

Kaplan's cast and crew work to finish their CMF entry. Becky Tucker (above) stars in the film Bradley Herrmann (below) co-directed.

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Annie Leibovitz photos visit High

"Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005" is the newest exhibit at the High Museum of Art. On Thursday, May 24, at 6:30p.m., guests are invited to join Julian Cox, Curator of Photography, for a guided tour through the exhibit. The touring exhibition contains an array of approximately 175 of Leibovitz's photographs, from portraits of Demi Moore and Mick Jagger to photographs documenting many events of her personal life such as the births of her three daughters. Tickets are \$12 for students with a valid ID, and more information is available at www.high.org.

Flicks on Fifth returns June 6

Flicks on 5th returns this summer to 5th Street at Technology Square in Midtown with a lineup of the year's blockbuster titles including: *Music & Lyrics*, *Night at the Museum*, *Pursuit of Happyness*, *Breach*, *Stranger than Fiction*, *Dreamgirls* and *300*. This free summer movie series starts at dusk (around 9p.m.) every Wednesday evening starting June 6 through July 25, 2007, excluding July 4th.

Linkin Park releases new album

Band loses signature sound, sinks to mediocrity

By Kristin Noell
Contributing Writer

Once upon a time, when some of us were angry teenagers, Linkin Park (LP) made up a large part of the soundtrack to our lives. It's been a long four years since their last studio album, but their third effort, *Minutes to Midnight*, was released this week. Sadly, the album will be an overall disappointment to avid LP fans.

Minutes to Midnight opens like any other LP album, with the instrumental piece "Wake." However, it feels like this unremarkable song was just included as a reminder that this is, in

fact, a Linkin Park album—because the rest of the CD departs from the style of *Hybrid Theory* and *Meteora*.

The old LP created albums that were meant to be listened to as a whole, but no longer. *Minutes to Midnight* requires the listener to judge on a song-by-song basis, as the album in its entirety seems weak

and almost exhausting. Six of the album's 12 songs are what one could call ballads, highly unusual for the reigning kings of nu-metal.

With *Minutes to Midnight* clocking in at nearly five minutes longer than the last two albums—combined with the four final songs falling under the "ballad" category—you'll be ready to hit the "off" switch on your iPod halfway through the album.

And the weak points keep adding up. The quieter overall quality makes *Minutes to Midnight* sound more like the work of just another rock band than the unique efforts of the incomparable Linkin Park. In case the album's strong ballads make you think that Linkin Park's members have turned into a bunch of sissies, the once expletive-free band has turned to dropping the f-bomb frequently, most noticeably in "Given Up." *Minutes to Midnight* is the first of the three albums to earn itself a Parental Advisory sticker. And this is no accomplishment—the swearing

adds nothing to the album, instead making LP sound even more like another cookie-cutter band.

As the band has "matured," the vocal balance has disappeared; Mike Shinoda's invaluable rapping has been almost completely erased from the album, to its detriment. The songs that do feature Shinoda, however, are the strongest on the album.

"Bleed It Out," though repetitive and exceedingly catchy, has a great beat. (Say goodbye to the old days of head banging to LP, but you'll definitely be tapping your foot along to this one.)

Shinoda's primary contribution, "Hands Held High," shows promise for LP's future endeavors. Utilizing a military drum for background, the highly politicized song harnesses a kind of quiet anger to create pure genius. With lyrics describing "a leader so nervous in an obvious way,

stuttering and mumbling" and the negative aspects of the second Iraq war, this one is a liberal's dream come true.

For the old school fans, "Given Up" will be a favorite. It's all there: the screaming, the angry lyrics and an incredible beat.

The only other song that nears the old sound is "What I've Done," which is probably how it became the first single.

Still, even "What I've Done" has a new twist on the old style, as it opens in a unique way with what could be a horror movie theme song.

Minutes to Midnight is an interesting mix of old and new. Clearly, Linkin Park is trying to mature their style in many different directions. Hopefully, they will settle down a little more on their next album. Until then, I think this one will be one of those that will grow on me, even if it takes a while.

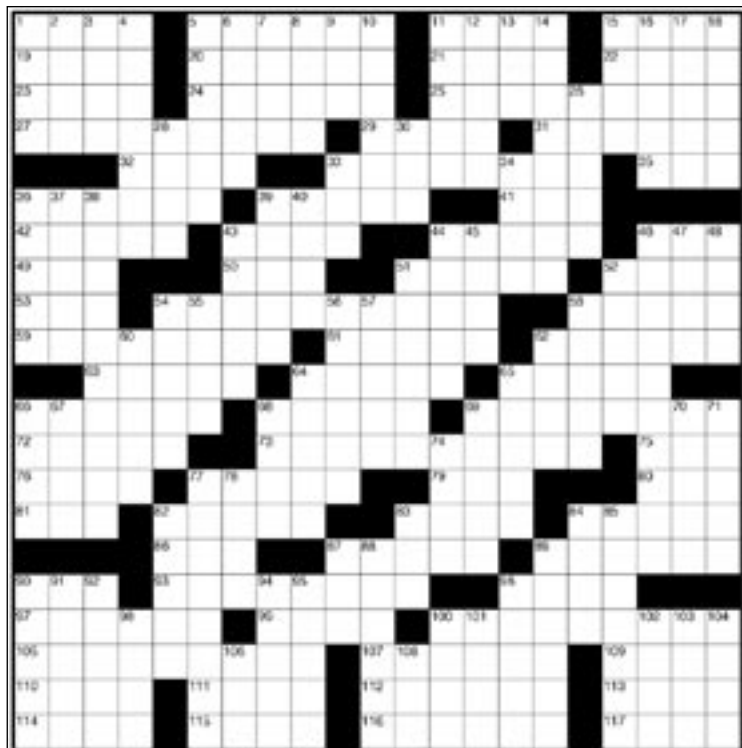


THEME CROSSWORD: WHERE TO?

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

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- 1. Coarse file
- 5. Tap
- 11. Hook with a handle
- 15. "Too bad!"
- 19. Suffix for salmon
- 20. Fine wool
- 21. "___ and the Detectives"
- 22. "Candid Camera" host
- 23. Alpha Centauri, e.g.
- 24. Juan Peron's second wife
- 25. City on the Erie Canal
- 27. OK Corral locale
- 29. Question for Brutus
- 31. Dry goods merchant
- 32. They go with aahs
- 33. Condensed, as mist on a window
- 35. DDE's predecessor
- 36. Thing
- 39. Razor sharpener
- 41. Chang's twin
- 42. Puddles
- 43. Dinghy
- 44. Diners may say it
- 46. Tiny one
- 49. EMT skill: abbr.
- 50. ___ bran
- 51. Medieval music pioneer
- 52. At the front
- 53. Equipment for 43 Across
- 54. Site of 1964 naval incident: 2 wds.
- 58. Therefore
- 59. Roman judges
- 61. Scale marking
- 62. Blood lines?
- 63. Connection
- 64. Hidden supply
- 65. San Antonio landmark
- 66. Philly footballers
- 68. Martini floater
- 69. On the short list, perhaps
- 72. Greek exports
- 73. Pacific inlet north of San Francisco: 2 wds.
- 75. Motorists' org.



- 76. Actor Donahue
- 77. Upper class
- 79. Heat meas.
- 80. Station wagon's successor
- 81. Heir
- 82. Tennyson's Arden
- 83. Limo destination
- 84. Fabric finish
- 86. Coach Parseghian
- 87. Bend down
- 89. Hot spots
- 90. Colonial taxtarget
- 93. Not in the main tent
- 96. Cellar contents?
- 97. How some things are built
- 99. Vault
- 100. River in Alabama
- 105. Seaport on Shikoku island
- 107. Captivate
- 109. ___ avis
- 110. Brewer's line
- 111. Pitcher
- 112. Chopper's art?
- 113. Final notice
- 114. Statutes
- 115. Actress Diana
- 116. Makes amends
- 117. Cysts

DOWN

- 1. Remainder
- 2. Voice range
- 3. ___ dunk
- 4. Cook, to a point
- 5. Longfellow's chestnut tree sheltered it
- 6. Tijuana taxi fare
- 7. Turkmenistan neighbor
- 8. Be compatible
- 9. ___ for the money
- 10. Steel "capital" of Middle Ages
- 11. Arrive at
- 12. Love on the Loire
- 13. Ending of French films
- 14. Stomping in Seville
- 15. Over the horizon
- 16. Out to ___
- 17. "Spine" of S.A.
- 18. Square one
- 26. Shim
- 28. Barflies
- 30. Recipe abbr.
- 33. Pianist Tatum
- 34. Drawn by shooters
- 36. Disney acronym
- 37. Unvalued, as stock
- 38. City on the Naugatuck

- 39. Takes a leisurely bath
- 40. Film's "Mr. Hulot"
- 43. Ribs, e.g.
- 44. Deep ravine
- 45. Abundant
- 46. Site of Arizona cliff dwellings: 2 wds.
- 47. Sea World performer
- 48. Golfer's gadgets
- 51. Armed hoodlum
- 52. 1938 Nobel physicist
- 54. Wedding attire, at times
- 55. Heavy responsibility
- 56. Busy one's turndown
- 57. Tropical fruit
- 58. Composer Carmichael
- 60. Climber's tying point
- 62. Inter ___
- 64. Deadly sin
- 65. Song collection
- 66. Newts
- 67. Space preceder
- 68. Of the ear
- 69. Impede, in law
- 70. George W.'s lady
- 71. Overhangs
- 74. Zaragoza's river
- 77. With vitamins added
- 78. Burden
- 82. Relaxes
- 83. Blow, in comic-strip balloon
- 84. Timbuktu locale
- 85. Change with time
- 87. ___ Na Na
- 88. State capital since 1861
- 89. Cavalry weapons
- 90. Wheaties rival
- 91. Part of a bomber name
- 92. Out of line
- 94. Playwright Rice
- 95. Roebuck partner
- 96. Hit with gusto
- 98. Feline friend
- 100. Tropical crop
- 101. Yemen neighbor
- 102. Movie piglet
- 103. Emerald Isle
- 104. Chow
- 106. ___ Jima
- 108. King Cole

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dedicated and experienced people who worked on this film, it couldn't have been done without them. This is for them," he said.

According to Herrmann, winning so many awards was never their main goal, but instead they wanted to present a solid story that could stand on its own, free of gimmicks. "We simply wanted to make a good movie, that we...would be proud of, and that winning anything would be nice, but certainly that was not our original goal at all," he said.

But the team did win, and at every stage of the competition the group was rewarded for their efforts. "[1.618 Films team members] won CMF engraved video iPods and new Apple computers for their efforts. The film was showcased at the Tech CMF Finale, the Atlanta CMF Grand Finale and the CMF National Grand Finale in partnership with the Atlanta Film Festival. Plus, CMF coordinated a screening of *Fanya Kaplan* at the Georgia Big Picture Conference in April," Roemer said.

1.618 Films will face even more competition next year as CMF is expanding to even more schools, including campuses in the cinematic hotbeds of New York and Los Angeles, but CMF still expects strong entries from Tech. "We can't wait to see what Tech comes up with next year. The competition will be heating up as the students will be competing against even more cities," said Megan Solomon, public relations coordinator for CMF.

Whether or not Herrmann goes on to succeed in next year's competition, he said his CMF experience over the last three years has taught him a great deal about making short films. "Filmmaking in its essence is visual story telling, and to get across your idea to an audience in such a short period of time requires a great deal of forethought and effort. A solid story and real characters are the core of your film. On a separate level a short film is often hinged on its editing. Cutting directly to important parts of the story and making the pacing flow are crucial in such a short time period," he said.

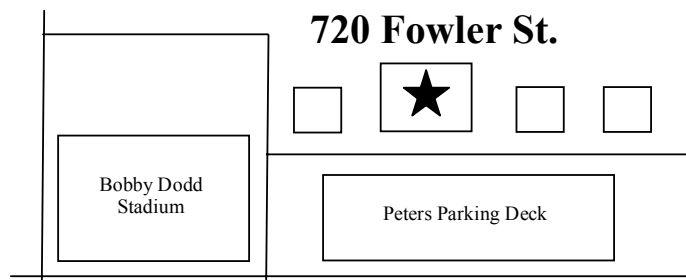
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My roommate plans on wooing a girl with the Llama Song.
"Here's a llama, there
I think I could take on Osama.
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If you're waiting to get swept off your feet you're probably better off buying romance novels and too many cats. Freak.
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Have Some Fun



What's On?

WEEK OF 6.1 - 6.7

fri. 6.1

12:00	Marie Antoinette
2:00	The Holiday
5:00	UVA Newsmakers
5:30	Poetry at Tech
7:00	Flyboys
9:30	Marie Antoinette
11:30	The Holiday
2:00	Flyboys

sat. 6.2

12:00	Marie Antoinette
2:00	Flyboys
4:30	The Holiday
7:00	Flyboys
9:30	Marie Antoinette
11:30	The Holiday
2:00	Marie Antoinette

sun. 6.3

12:00	The Holiday
2:30	Flyboys
5:00	Marie Antoinette
7:00	Flyboys
9:30	The Holiday
12:00	Marie Antoinette
2:00	The Holiday

mon. 6.4

12:00	Flyboys
2:30	Marie Antoinette
4:30	Poetry at Tech
6:30	Campus Calendar
7:00	Flyboys
9:30	The Holiday
12:00	Marie Antoinette
2:00	The Holiday

tue. 6.5

12:00	Classic GTCN
2:00	The Holiday
4:30	Campus Calendar
5:00	Poetry at Tech
7:00	Flyboys
9:30	Marie Antoinette
11:30	The Holiday
2:00	Flyboys

wed. 6.6

12:00	Marie Antoinette
2:00	Flyboys
4:30	Cars That Think
5:00	Poetry at Tech
7:00	Flyboys
9:30	The Holiday
12:00	Marie Antoinette
2:00	The Holiday

thur. 6.7

12:00	Classic GTCN
2:00	Marie Antoinette
4:30	Sandwiches You Will Like
6:00	Campus Calendar
7:00	Flyboys
9:30	Marie Antoinette
11:30	The Holiday
2:00	Marie Antoinette

June Movies On GTCN!



Flyboys

It's 1917 and England and France are slugging it out in the trenches with the Germans when the airplane becomes the newest war weapon. A group of young Americans then joined the war effort as the first U.S. fighter pilots known as the Lafayette Escadrille whose exploits and heroism became legend.

Starring: Jean Reno, James Franco



The Holiday

Amanda is an American woman with the same man troubles as Iris who is across the pond. When they meet online they decide to swap houses for the Christmas holiday and discover that a change of address really can change your life.

Starring: Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, Jack Black



Marie Antoinette

Marie Antoinette became a symbol for the extravagance of the monarchy, but eventually was stripped of her riches, imprisoned and beheaded by her own subjects during the French Revolution.

Starring: Kirsten Dunst, Jason Schwartzman, Molly Shannon



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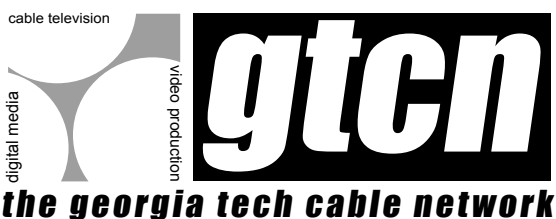
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8:00	Math 6701

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By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Amanda Craddock helped lead the Jackets to the ACC title, winning all three of her singles matches and both of her doubles matches in the tournament. Based on her performance, she earned the MVP award.

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runs, two walks and no strikeouts. Tiffany Johnson came on in relief and pitched 4 and 2/3 innings of shutout relief, but the damage was already too much.

Leading up to the championship game, the Jackets played well in their four victories. Friday, Tech led off with Maryland and defeated them 5-1. Starter Sarah Wood threw six innings from the circle, giving up just one run on four hits and three walks. She also struck out three and gave way to Tiffany Johnson in the seventh inning. Johnson closed the door on the Terrapins with a 1-2-3 inning.

At the plate, first baseman Whitney Haller's 15th home run of the season in the first inning set the tone for the game. She got on base in three out of four plate appearances, scoring twice and driving in two runs.

In game two for Tech, the Jackets faced off against the surprise of the

ACC tournament, Boston College. In order to advance to this game, the No. 7 seeded Eagles had to upend the No. 2 seeded N.C. State Wolfpack. Tech ended the Eagles' chances at a Cinderella run with a 4-0 shutout, however.

Starter Whitney Humphreys went the distance in allowing just one hit and four walks while fanning six batters. While Humphreys dominated the Eagles' lineup, the Jackets did not score until the fourth inning when Kristina Hull took a walk with loaded bases to drive in a run.

Tech would go on to score runs in each of the next three innings, with a home run from Jennifer Yee in the fifth, a double from Brittany Barnes in the sixth and a run scored in the seventh off of an error made by Eagles third baseman Katrina Vazquez.

In order to advance to the ACC championship from there, Tech had to get through the host, Florida State.

The tone of this game was decided early on as both teams scored in the first inning. The Jackets gave up their first lead of the tournament when Seminoles shortstop Yuruby Alicart doubled to left center and gave FSU the 1-0 lead. Tech quickly retook that lead in the bottom half of the inning when Caitlin Lever hit a three-run homer to right field.

Florida State never got closer than two runs to Tech as the Jackets put up two more runs on the scoreboard in both the fourth and fifth innings. Starter Whitney Humphreys was taken out of the game in the third inning after she hit a batter on a bad pitch.

Sarah Wood came on in relief, pitching 3 and 2/3 innings and allowing two runs on two hits to go along with three walks; it was enough to earn the victory.

Tiffany Johnson picked up her second save of the tournament by throwing 1 and 1/3 innings of shutout softball.

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host site against Furman. The No. 3 ranked Jackets beat Furman quickly, 4-0. Miller/McCray and Rudman/Flower decisively won their doubles matches. Rudman, Striplin and Craddock quickly finished their singles matches in straight sets to win the game. By the end of the faceoff, no Tech player had trailed in any match.

The second day saw Tech facing Kentucky for a trip to the Sweet 16 in Athens, GA. Tech played the match the same way they beat Furman. No. 94 McDowell won her singles match over Whitney Spencer with a shutout (6-0, 6-0). No. 6 Miller then easily defeated Kim Coventry at the top singles spot in straight

sets (6-1, 6-3). No. 62 Striplin defeated Jessica Giuggioli, 6-1, 6-0 to clinch the fourth point and the match victory.

The Jackets will face Fresno State this Friday in Athens.

The men's team received a bid to the ACC tournament despite winning just two out of their last 12 matches, but finished their season on a low note. Despite winning their last two games, the Jackets were unable to start a streak and fell in a close match to No. 35 Miami (4-3).

The following week, the Jackets were invited to the NCAA tournament and faced No. 19 Florida in the first round, losing 4-1.

Tech now looks ahead to next season, where they return seven out of nine men's roster players.

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earning two strike-outs.

"We were battling all game, and then I think we lost it during the ninth inning....

It just happens to be who scored last, and [UGA] just happened to do that tonight," Wieters said.

The Jackets couldn't manage to effectively shut down UGA in the eighth, committing a hit batsman, a walk to load the bases and giving up RBI hits.

"We lost [and] you can't really feel too good when you lose. [UGA] just played better than us tonight....

We just have to forget about this game and focus on our ultimate goal, which is to go to Oklahoma [to

play in the College World Series]," Wieters said.

The Jackets won just one of their games against UNC. In the second game, Crancer went 3-4 with a

homerun and Chris Hicks pitched five stronginnings in relief to earn the win. In the third game, the Jackets scored seven runs in the second, and North Carolina answered back with five of its own. Between

the two teams, there were a total of 35 hits; eight of those were home runs. The Jackets lost the battle in an 14-11 loss.

The Jackets play their last home series and regular season finale against FSU this weekend.

"We lost [and] you can't really feel too good when you lose. [UGA] just played better than us tonight."

Matt Wieters
Catcher

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Baseball loses four of six to ACC foes



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jay Dantzler takes a swing against Boston College. The Jackets just completed an 11-game road trip with a 5-6 record.

By Randy Darnowski
Staff Writer

The Jackets recently concluded an 11-game road trip, facing off against four of their collegiate rivals, UGA, Clemson, South Florida and North Carolina. The Jackets were 5-6 on the trip.

The Jackets began the road trip

by playing against state rival UGA at Turner Field. Matt Wieters went 3-5 with two RBIs. Jeff Ussery became the 15th player in school history to hit two triples in a game.

However, the Bulldogs managed to gain 15 hits, seven of those for extra bases. The Jackets lost to their in-state rival by a score of 10-7.

In their next action, the Jackets

won just one of three games against Clemson. The teams played neck-to-neck in the series opener, but Clemson's Doug Hogan hit a walk-off homer against Wieters in the 11th to win the game for the Tigers.

Senior Ryan Turner pitched 5.2 strong innings against the Tigers in the final game for the win. Turner earned three strike-outs and gave up just two runs. The Jackets took strong advantage of the opposing team's pitching mistakes, summed

up by ten walks and two hit-by-pitches. Junior Brad Rulon closed the game and earned the save in the Jackets' 6-3 win over the Tigers. The Jackets continued on to South Florida, winning all three matches and launching a four-game winning streak.

The Jackets played the final game of the season series with UGA in Athens. The two teams battled for the lead throughout the game, with UGA prevailing in the end.

"We played okay, but definitely not as well as we hoped for. Unfortunately, [Clemson had] some timely hitting..."

Danny Payne
Center Fielder

"We played okay, but definitely not as well as we hoped for. Unfortunately, they [had] some timely hitting and good pitching down the stretch and we couldn't put the ball together and it shows on the scoreboard," Payne said.

Matt Wieters hit a hard sacrifice fly to allow Jason Garofalo to score the fourth and final run for the Jackets in the fifth. After the seventh-inning stretch, the Jackets' pitching staff struggled by allowing a runner to advance on a wild pitch but also

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Women's Tennis wins ACC Tourney

By Akshay Amaraneni
Staff Writer

The Tech women's tennis team brought home its third consecutive ACC tournament title this year, proving themselves to be the best in the conference after clinching the second seed going into the competition.

Their first match against Duke went very well as No. 3 pair Kristi Miller and Whitney McCray beat No. 10 Daniela Bercek and Melissa Mang 8-1. Tech secured the doubles point when Kristin Flower and Tarryn Rudman beat Amanda Granson and Jessi Robinson 8-2.

The Jackets had little trouble in the singles matches as No. 74 Amanda Craddock beat Elizabeth Plotkin in a quick 6-1, 6-4 match.

Rudman continued Tech's winning streak by beating Jessi Robinson 6-2, 6-1, and Amanda McDowell finished the sweep with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Tory Zawacki.

The next day they faced the third-seeded and No. 10 ranked North Carolina Tarheels. The match got off on the wrong foot as No. 3 Miller/McCray dropped their doubles match to No. 5 Sara Anundsen and Jenna Long, 7-9. The second and third doubles spots picked up the slack as Craddock and Alison Silverio beat Caitlin Collins and Sanaz Marand, 9-8 (7-4). Tech won the point when Flower and Rud-

man beat Meg Fanjoy and Austin Smith, 9-8 (7-1).

The Jackets started off poorly in their singles matches. The Tarheels took the first two points when No. 102 Smith beat No. 54 Christy Stripplin and No. 66 Marand defeated No. 31 Flower. Both matches finished in straight sets. Tech quickly regrouped as No. 8 Miller, No. 74 Craddock and McDowell all won their matches in straight sets to give Tech the win. Miller also defeated the No. 4 player in the nation, Jenna Long.

The following day saw the Jackets win their third straight ACC title against Miami. They won four straight singles matches to beat the Hurricanes.

No. 74 Craddock started the rally with a 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 50 Audrey Banada. She finished the tournament with three decisive singles wins, two strong doubles wins and the tournament's MVP award. Following the win, McDowell won the next match 6-1, 6-1 over Romy Farah to give the Jackets a 2-1 lead. Miller then beat No. 1 Audra Cohen 7-5, 6-2, pushing Tech over the tipping point to victory. The Jackets completed the singles sweep as Stripplin clinched the championship with a three set (2-6, 6-0, 6-1) victory over Caren Seenaugh.

The following week, Tech opened NCAA championship play as a

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By Robert Combiel/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Whitney Haller makes a defensive play against Kennesaw State. The softball team won 19 of 20 games to end their season.

Softball achieves berth into NCAAs

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

Today, the Jackets enter their sixth consecutive NCAA Tournament in Gainesville when they face off against the Texas Longhorns at 3:30 p.m. The team finished the season 53-14 and have won 19 out of their last 20 games.

Leading up to their run to the NCAA championship in Oklahoma City, the Jackets had to take their best shot at an ACC title. Tech went into the conference tournament hosted by Florida State with a 14-6 conference record that was good enough to get the No. 4 seed. In order to improve their odds of getting a No. 2 or even a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, the Jackets needed to perform well in the ACC Tournament.

The team did just that by win-

ning four out of the five games in the ACC tournament, with the sole loss coming against the No. 1 seeded Virginia Tech Hokies in the ACC championship game last Sunday.

In the championship game, Tech faced off against one of the top pitchers in the country, Angela Tincer. Tincer did not disappoint as she hurled a complete game three-hit shutout from the circle to down the Jackets 2-0. Tech was doomed from the beginning as Jackets' starter Sarah Wood struggled to find the strike zone in the 2nd inning.

After Hokies third baseman Kelsey Rokey hit a two-run blast over the center field fence, Wood's afternoon came to an early end with the following stat line: 1 and 1/3 innings pitched, three hits, two earned

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sports shorts

Golf team earns perfect APR score

Tech golf was given a perfect Academic Progress Rate score. The scores take into account the last three academic years and measures performance based on a formula that awards schools points for athletes that remain academically-eligible and deducts points for those that do not. The squad's score is in the top 10 percent of all golf teams.

Senior golfer Roberto Castro was also honored as he was named one of five finalists for the Byron Nelson Award, given to the nation's top graduating senior golfer. The winner will be announced before the NCAA championships.

Volleyball begins European trip

The volleyball team extend their spring season into Europe, playing six matches against teams in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic. The team will visit cities in all three countries and will return to Tech June 1.

by the numbers

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Athlon Athletics has ranked the Jackets' football team No. 14 in their preseason rankings. Punter Durant Brooks was selected as a pre-season first-team All-American. Four other Tech players were first-team All-ACC selections.

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Calvin Johnson was drafted No. 2 overall by the Detroit Lions in the NFL draft this April. It was the highest position that any Tech player has ever been drafted. The number two is also the number of Tech players who were drafted this year, with offensive lineman Mansfield Wrotto being chosen by Seattle Seahawks with the 124th overall pick.

on deck

Event	Date
S vs. Texas	5/17
T vs. Fresno State (at UGA)	5/17
B vs. FSU	5/18-19
B at ACC Tournament	5/22-27

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