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McMath departs



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Robert McMath speaks at a Co-op Honors Banquet on Wednesday, April 6. McMath is leaving to head the Honors College at Arkansas.

By Darshini Nanavati
Contributing Writer

Robert McMath, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, will be leaving Tech this summer to help start the Honors College at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville as Dean on Aug. 1.

When he transfers to the University of Arkansas, McMath will work on beginning a new, unified Honors College. Currently, there is no actual Honors College at the school, but there is an Honors Program which has individual courses with selective admission for all majors.

"I would like to create an Honors Program that will benefit the entire student body. That will be my main challenge [at the University of Arkansas]," he said. He sees the Honors College as "an opportunity to use the same skill of developing

programs to improve undergraduate education in a more focused way."

McMath will work on developing scholarships for the Honors College, expanding study abroad and developing new honors courses. He will also make certain that classes bring faculty of different colleges together to teach a specific theme.

"Overall, I will work with different groups on a common goal and will encourage students, faculty and others to join the program," he said.

McMath values his experience at Tech. He believes that his greatest contribution came "from teaching history and helping students with their own career plans and goals."

He gives credit to his colleagues on the progress they have made in undergraduate studies and enjoys working with students.

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Barbell Club faces eviction

By Venkat Jonnala
Contributing Writer

The administration recently gave the Barbell Club an eviction notice for July 1, after notifying the club early last October that its space in the O'Keefe Gym was needed for the women's volleyball team.

Robert Thompson, Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance, sent a letter containing the notice to all involved parties on April 29, the Friday before the last week of Fall semester.

The club is continuing to fight to keep its current location in the basement of the O'Keefe Gym.

Tech administrators intend to use the location to provide locker facilities for the women's volleyball

team, which regularly competes in O'Keefe gym.

This renovation is a result of efforts by the Athletic Association

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Michael Kim
Barbell Club President

to bring the volleyball team into compliance with Title IX regulations, which require the team to have locker facilities in the same building that it competes.

Michael Kim, president of the Barbell Club, said, "Initially, we were told that we would have to give up only about half the space for the locker facilities. Now, however, we are informed that we will have to surrender all our space."

In order to provide justification for the move, the administration conducted a survey to investigate the needs of the volleyball team for locker and related space.

The survey was part of the planning process performed by a committee that studied those needs, documented in a report attached to the aforementioned letter.

"In the beginning nobody knew exactly how much space was necessary," Thompson said, "and that was

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TKE receives hazing penalties



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

TKE was placed on suspension-in-abeyance for the summer and on social probation for the fall semester. Any events held by TKE in the summer must first gain the approval of the Office of Greek Affairs.

By Nikhil Joshi
News Editor

The Office of Greek Affairs has placed the local chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (TKE) on suspension-in-abeyance until early August, in addition to issuing several other penalties.

Due to the suspension, TKE must approve any event or activity it holds through the office. The decision was handed to TKE March 28 after a five-month hazing investigation regarding a photo the office received from an anonymous source, showing several pledges dancing in their underwear at an initiation event.

According to Buck Cooke, Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Greek Affairs, the

photo contained "pledges that were wearing thong underwear and that appeared to be ripping each other's clothes off."

The facts became clear to the office soon after it began its investigation early last November, Cooke said.

The photo was taken at the TKE Dinner Theatre, an event which was

nature."

Although the pledges were not required to strip, there was, according to Cooke, a "covert expectation to outdo the previous year's dance."

Alcohol was also present at the event, which, although not forced upon the pledges, raised more concerns.

"Hazing is a broad term; what we look out for are things that are endangering. We also deal with smaller issues, but place more importance those which endanger students' well-being."

During the course of the investigation, the office also found

several other fraternity events classified as hazing, some of which were unrelated to pledging. Cooke said that these events were not always en-

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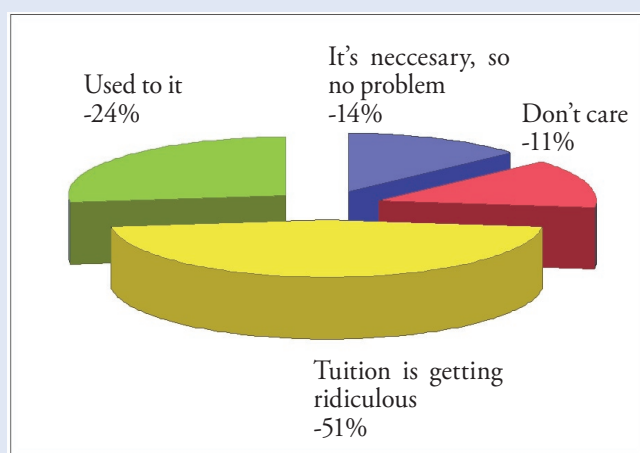


By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Comic relief at the Commons: Local comedian Mia Jackson performs at the Student Center Commons Stage on May 31 at the show, "Does This Taste Funny to You?"

TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 237 responses.

What do you think of the tuition increase?

This week's question:

Do you feel that hazing is a problem on campus?
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**Power outage**

On May 20, a truck driver snagged a low power line on Bobby Dodd Way. As a result of this, two electric poles collapsed. There was also a power outage in the area due to the fallen power lines. No injuries were reported.

Front-end damage

On May 20, a car owner reported a gash on the front bumper of his vehicle. The vehicle was a black 2004 model Ford Mustang.

*From the files of the GTPD...***Campus Crime****Electronic thief**

On May 20, an officer responded to a complaint at the Westside market. The officer was told that a person had requested money from an ATM, but that person was shorted \$100 by the faulty machine.

Memory loss

On May 20, an apparent student was reported acting very strangely in the College of Computing. It was also reported that person was possibly influenced by illegal substances. He had previously been issued a criminal trespass warning and been escorted from the Van Leer Building.

The offender later said that he was only attempting to register for classes. He was issued another trespass warning. He was also advised by the police not to return to campus. When offered a ride to his residence, he could not remember his address.

The roof is not on fire

On May 22, two police officers responded to a report of a fire alarm at the Structural Lab. After checking the second floor, the police found no fire. The officers then attempted to reset the alarm. It would not reset, so they decided to silence it.

This week's campus crime information contributed by Kenneth Basket

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dangerous, but they could have lead to endangerment in the future.

One of these activities, "treeing," involved duct-taping a brother to a tree in honor of a new girlfriend or engagement. Afterwards, brothers could pour food on him.

"We do not necessarily think that this would always have been a harmful activity," Cooke said, "but it could get out of hand if unregulated."

Another such finding related to dinner interviews in which pledges memorized facts about fraternity lore. Since the interviews were conducted in front of a large group, rather than a one-on-one basis, Cooke said, this may have been intimidating.

After assessing their findings, the office issued a number of penalties

to TKE in addition to placing the fraternity on suspension-held-in-abeyance.

TKE is on social probation for the fall semester of 2005; no social events can be held by the fraternity during this semester. The restriction will be lifted after the semester only if TKE can raise its average GPA to the Tech all-male average undergraduate GPA. If the fraternity is found to have any more incidents of hazing in the next ten years, it will be placed on suspension for a minimum of five years.

The fraternity was only allowed one brotherhood event in the spring semester and was not allowed to hold a spring rush.

Brett Cupta, current president of TKE, and Jay Gardner, who was president just before the investigation began, said that the investigation and the penalties were fair.

"The investigation gives TKE an opportunity to work on our program, and to change; they are very fair," Gardner said.

"We were a little surprised that a lot of things that we did not realized were hazing actually can be considered as hazing, but we think that the investigation was fair and helpful," he added.

Cupta said that many events are being formally changed to cover a broader definition of hazing. "We do believe that pledge events are supposed to be team-building events; they are supposed to be safe and controlled. Pledges need to be pressured—just pressured in the right way."

"A lot of activities are being changed. For example, TKE Dinner Theatre will be purely voluntary, and will involve brothers as well as pledges," Cupta said.

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why a planning committee was asked to do a study of these needs. The committee surveyed the locker room of the women's basketball team. They looked at the exact amount of space they had for specific purposes as one benchmark in their study."

Kim was expecting more justification. "When asked the reason for this change in space requirement," he said, "the administration told us that this was a result of a survey, which had not been performed earlier."

The committee's conclusion, as documented in the administration's report, was that the volleyball team required 3698 square feet out of the 4337 square feet currently occupied by the Barbell Club.

In addition, the report stated that the remaining space would be

inadequate for the club to continue its activities.

In an effort to combat eviction, the club launched a "Save the Barbell Club" campaign last semester. The response generated by this campaign coupled with efforts by the SGA played a large role in bringing both sides to the meeting table. A primary concern addressed at these discussions was the issue of how much space would be required by the volleyball team.

As a part of their campaign, club representatives intend to garner as much public support as possible.

"We have had 11 Alive News come down and do a story for the eleven o'clock news," Kim said.

"We also had the A/JC come down and told them the situation. Moreover, we have been in contact with some alumni. We will keep fighting," Kim said.

**Come to our next
meeting Tuesday,
June 7 at 7:00 p.m.
in room 137 of the
Student Services
building!**

McMath leaves behind great contributions

By Kimberly Rieck
Opinions Editor Emeritus

This article was originally published on March 21, 2003. It details the career of Robert McMath at Tech. With McMath's departure, this feature provides a look back at many of his accomplishments.

While an undergraduate student at North Texas State University, Robert McMath became “hooked” on history after becoming involved with an undergraduate research project. McMath went on to receive his Ph.D. in history from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1972. After graduation, McMath decided to accept a teaching position at Georgia Tech. Tech had a school of social sciences that McMath said offered a wide variety of undergraduate history courses even though it did not offer any degrees. McMath enjoyed his position because it was not the typical job post-doctoral position for a history professor.

“I liked the students, and working with students from a wide variety of backgrounds and not just from my own field. I really enjoyed getting to meet faculty from the different fields,” said McMath. “It was a more open environment to be a professor in other places where you get stuck in your own little department.”

McMath’s research and teaching interests have dealt with American political movements, particularly populism as a movement in the United States and Europe, the history of the new south and the history of technology. McMath has written

numerous articles on American history and the history of the American South and authored or co-authored seven books. His books include a history textbook-The American People: A History, co-authored with Arthur S. Link and American Populism: A Social History, his most recent book.

A journal article that McMath wrote on the origins of Georgia Tech with retired professor Jim Witten led to the most comprehensive history book ever written on the school. After the article was published, Dr. Joseph Petit called McMath to his office and told him that the school needed a scholarly history of Georgia Tech to be written for the Institute’s centennial (in 1985).

McMath was reluctant at first because of his other research and teaching commitments. Also, McMath said, it can be difficult for professors to be objective when writing about their own university, so the writing could be viewed as a “puff piece.”

After consulting other colleagues in the department, McMath and four other professors, including Ronald Bayor, went back to Petit and told him that they would write the book on a few conditions, which they did not think Petit would agree to. The conditions were: a decrease in the team’s teaching and research commitments, full editorial control over the project, funding and complete access to the school’s records.

Instead of the “no” the team was expecting, Petit said, “when can you start?”

The project was unique in that it combined professors with overlapping interests in the history of technology, the south, education and urbanization.

In just two short years, the team had completed the research and writing and Engineering the New South: Georgia Tech, 1885-1985 was published in 1985. Further along in his time at Tech, McMath was chosen to be one of two associate deans to help organize the Ivan Allen College during its formation.

After a couple of years, McMath went on to become Chair of the School of History, Technology and Society. In 1996, he traveled to Italy as a Fulbright Lecturer. While in Italy, McMath learned that President Clough had created the position of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs.

McMath applied for the position after he returned to Tech in the fall and subsequently became “the lucky winner” of the position.

As Vice Provost, McMath oversees student academic services and coordinates campus-wide initiatives designed to improve the learning environment for students.

One of his major projects right now is the building and the development of the Undergraduate Learning Center, which will begin construction as soon as funding is secured from the state.

The learning center will be the new home of freshman science labs, a

few classes, academic support offices, tutoring assistance, advising and other information for students.

“It’s both an academic building and part of the library information system and kind of a gathering place for students right in the center of campus,” said McMath.

McMath still continues to teach history courses as well, despite his busy administrative schedule. He notes that teaching is very rewarding and satisfying to him, and he is usually happiest in the day after he’s come out of teaching one of his classes. His classes have included a class on the history of Georgia Tech (taught twice in 1985 and 1999), history of the south courses and special topics classes.

His current course is a history class designed to help students understand political and social affairs in the United States from 1960s to the present.

“Personally it’s very satisfying to me to interact and teach undergraduates,” McMath said. McMath said he considers working with students the most rewarding part of his job.

During his tenure at Tech, McMath has received numerous awards including the George W. Griffith Award for Outstanding Teaching, the Dean James E. Dull Administrator of the Year Award and the Governor’s Award for the Humanities. Outside of Georgia Tech, McMath is currently collaborating with his wife, Linda, a public school administrator in DeKalb County, on a historical travel guide to the eastern shore of Virginia and Maryland.

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“I have had a great experience in my 33 years teaching and researching history,” he said. “The students were what kept me here at Georgia Tech.” He admires the strong desire for education in Tech students and feels that the students elsewhere will not be the same as those he leaves.

“One of the aspects I enjoyed the most in my career at Tech was the opportunity of being able to work with students and help make a difference for them,” he said.

As vice provost for Undergraduate Studies at Tech, McMath had two major responsibilities—overseeing academic support offices that report to the provost and improving the undergraduate department.

In overseeing the academic support offices, he made sure that all of the offices, including admission, registration and co-op, have sufficient resources. In the undergraduate department, McMath worked to help find opportunities to improve undergraduate education for faculty and students.

Recently, he has been working on the planning effort for the opening of the Undergraduate Learning Center. The ULC will house several classrooms, academic offices, tutoring assistance, advisement offices and science laboratories for freshmen.

One of McMath’s close colleagues, Charles Liotta, vice provost for Research and dean of Undergraduate Studies, said, “I have known Bob McMath for over thirty years. He is an outstanding scholar, a great administrative team player, and a wonderful friend. I will miss him.”

McMath said, “I am sad about leaving people. There are so many good friends colleagues here. I’ll miss them.”

“I’ve had the chance of a lifetime [at Tech] to make a difference for a group,” he added.

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Quote of the week:
"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."
—John Wooden

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

A Hazy Line

The Office of Greek Affairs' decision to suspend Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) for hazing violations related to "suggestive dancing" is an unfortunate event but certainly comes at the end of a fair process. The suspension was the conclusion of a five-month investigation in which the fraternity was certainly given a fair trial. Because the issue of hazing is well, hazy to say the least, the Office of Greek Affairs goes to great lengths to keep students safe during Greek events, not punish students for minor infractions and constantly nag the community.

While some traditions may not prove immediately harmful to those involved, the Office of Greek Affairs' goal is to prevent potentially dangerous situations from happening. The punishments TKE received, no summer rush and fall social probation, seem suitable considering the violation.

While not being so harsh as to damage the chapter's future, the actions taken against TKE will deter similar events from occurring in the Greek community that could prove to be emotionally or physically damaging hazing incidences. However, the fact that Tech has always been a safe place to foster friendship, sisterhood, and brotherhood and continues to be so, should not be lost in this event. Tech students have rarely crossed the line when it comes to hazing, and an event like this simply ensures that more dangerous activities do not come about.

Missing McMath

After 33 years of service spent enriching the Tech community, Robert McMath is leaving Tech to serve as Dean of the Honors College at the University of Arkansas. He leaves behind colleagues and students alike who will miss his presence around campus. During his time at Tech, McMath served as a history professor, an associate dean of the Ivan Allen College, Chair of the School of History, Technology and Society and, most recently, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs.

McMath is an important part of Tech's history, not only as serving as an influential leader, but also by co-authoring *Engineering the New South: Georgia Tech, 1885-1985*, to celebrate Tech's centennial anniversary (one of seven books he has authored or co-authored). His decision is especially disheartening at a time when Tech is considering starting an honors program of its own.

While McMath will be sorely missed here, we wish him well in his new home at the University of Arkansas. There is no doubt that he will continue to be an inspiration to all of those who surround him.

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Spellers teach lessons in D-E-D-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

Six years ago from this week, I was standing on center stage in front of the entire country on national television. Well, actually I was next in line, and ESPN cut to commercial, but that counts, right?

I happened to be participating in the event that ESPN features every Memorial Day week that seems just a bit out of place when put next to Major League Baseball and the NBA Playoffs. That's right, I was a contestant in the National Spelling Bee.

It seems like it was just yesterday I was making my second and final appearance at the Bee; I happened to finish in the same place both times, 22nd out of the over 240 competitors.

So, why am I sharing this? Well, other than the fact I want everyone to know that I supposedly made an appearance in the movie *Spellbound* (which I still need to see), it turns out that as college students we can learn many things from these kids on stage spelling words from usually unread lines of the dictionary this week.

Dedication is the first and most important virtue of any top speller you may run across on television over the next few weeks as the spelling bee makes it loop through every imaginable ESPN station. I was probably on the lower end of the spectrum of study time when compared to my peers at the Bee, and I easily studied a dozen hours each week for several months in preparation.

As a college student, I often find it difficult to commit myself to study a dozen hours in a week that I have a crucial exam, and I certainly don't see myself doing it when the actual test or event I'm studying for is months away. But then I flip on the television this week and see an eleven-year old who has the patience and attention span to learn how to spell words for hours upon hours as a purely enjoyable extracurricular activity that makes me wish I could be a bit better at dedicating more time and effort toward important things in my life.

The lights make it warm on stage and the pressure almost makes it unbearably hotter. Every person except for the occasional child or grandparent that has drifted off for the afternoon has his eyes fixed on



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Kyle Thomason
Editor-in-Chief

the contestant spelling. A single wrong letter leads to the dreaded bell of elimination and the judges and pronouncer that seemed to be friendly just hours ago have turned evil, giving out the most difficult word of the round to you.

But calmly, letter after letter, a correct spelling emerges, and you finally breathe. Sometimes as students, it's tough to remember that professors are not really against students, and presenting in public is not quite as horrifying as it seems.

It's nice to take a lesson from the ever-so-smooth-and-composed middle school students spelling words they may have never seen in front of such a large audience. They show that it's okay to have a little personality mixed in with the presentation, and in the end, speaking in public is not all that bad.

"Why do we need to know this?" is a question that generally surfaces in classes throughout the semester. I admit that every once in a while it goes through my head as well. I cannot particularly explain the value of every equation I learned in Calculus, nor am I sure of the importance of some of the computer programming skills I attained over the previous semester. I also can't explain why it's of any worth that I can spell and define septentrional, oxylophyte, claviger and doublure. In fact, the program I'm using to type these words does not recognize a single one of these words as being a part of the English language, but I have spelled each one of them at some point in my life. Well, the last one I actually misspelled while ESPN was on that commercial break.

But the point is that I do not believe I have ever seen a single one of these words in print, nor have I had the chance to use them except in this editorial, but I still learned how to spell them. All of the contestants on stage this weekend can probably

spell even more ridiculous and useless words, but the point is that they have learned them for the sake of knowledge and that it is important to learn things, even if they may not be applicable in every day life. As a student, it's easy to blow off the class that seems to have no relation at all to one's chosen career path, but it's important to realize that the process of learning, regardless of the purpose, is invaluable.

So, if you have a chance to watch the Bee as it repeats over the next few days, take a second to watch the kids on the big stage. And remember, that it's okay to be young, a bit naïve, and in search of knowledge. After recognizing all of the individual skills each of these young men and women have acquired, it's easy to forget to watch and see how they act as a group. If you get the chance, take a little deeper look at how much the kids seem to empathize for each other and support their new friends from all over the country (as well as a few island nations and even Canada) who were often perfect strangers at the beginning of the week.

It's the realization that it's okay to want others to succeed and support them that really makes the experience worthwhile. Looking back, it's tough to imagine what it would have been like if I had spent the entire time trying to prove that I was better than everyone around me. I certainly would not have this editorial topic, which was suggested to me by a fellow speller who is currently in D.C. for this year's bee, nor would I have enjoyed having a chance to stay with one of my best friends on a trip to Chicago last week. Looking back and watching this year's contestants, I guess the old and often forgotten paradigm is true. The best part of life is not necessarily the outcome that is emphasized so strongly, but the journey and the lessons learned along the way.

RIAA gives unfair punishments

Staff Editorial
Daily Bruin (UCLA)

(U-WIRE) The Recording Industry Association of America knows if you've been bad or good — and it wants you running scared.

On May 26, an additional 91 college students were sued for illegal file sharing.

The RIAA says sharing music is a crime similar to other forms of stealing — i.e., downloading or sharing a song is the equivalent of stealing a candy bar from a store. On some levels the

RIAA might be correct — sharing music without consent is illegal, and record companies have the right to seek reasonable punishments. But the RIAA uses its power to sue individuals as a weapon meant to strike fear in people via the threat of tremendous — and unreasonable — penalties.

In fact, the recording industry shares much of the blame for the current state of affairs. It is unfortunate (one could almost say criminal) that it has resorted to targeting colleges for lawsuits. Students from 51 colleges have been the recipients of RIAA lawsuits since April.

The studios of the RIAA ripped customers off for years with expensive CDs and ignored the constructive potential of the Internet. The industry essentially waited for the release of Apple's iTunes Music Store in April 2003 before it had a serious answer to illegally sharing music online. More generally, the RIAA's response to file sharing hasn't been to make music more affordable or accessible. Instead, the RIAA spent its energy and money lobbying for extreme punishments for those who share their files. Let's look at the comparison of stealing

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Housing complaints keep building

Well, it's now summer time. If you are living on campus this summer, odds are you had to move a few weeks ago. Those who have experienced it firsthand can testify to what torture it is to haul all of your belongings across campus into a new room. It has recently dawned on me that no one in the housing office realizes just how unpleasant this experience is.

By the beginning of the fall semester I will have been at this school for exactly four years and had to move seven times. This seems a bit excessive to me. I'm not sure exactly what set of priorities housing entertains whenever they formulate the logistics for housing all of us, but keeping someone in the same room for an extended period of time is not very high on the list. Can we get a couple IE grad students on this? I am not sure what they would come up with, but they would have a hard time making the situation any worse than it is currently.

However, moving isn't the only thing that has me a little irritated at housing. No, the experience that took the cake happened last fall at Center Street apartments. I was woken up by some grungy contractor telling me that he was "here to change the carpet."

"I beg your pardon? No, I'm



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Jamie Howell
Photography Editor

sorry that's not right. We haven't been told anything about having our carpet changed."

I desperately wished this was some sort of mistake, but it wasn't. It was final exam week and Tech housing wanted to change the carpet in our apartment while we were living there. This couldn't be right. Barring some malicious joke, there was really no way anyone from housing maintenance could have been cruel enough to seriously suggest such a thing. After several emails with officials pleading for mercy, the best we could do was get the changing of the carpet pushed back until after final exams. For all the urgency to get our carpet changed, you would figure there was some biological hazard incurred by keeping the carpet we had. No, there was nothing even wrong with our carpet. There were very few stains, no tears, no unusual smells and no toxic mold growing in the

corner. The answer we got from housing on why it needed to be changed was "It was supposed to be changed two years ago." If it was supposed to be changed two years ago, why is it being changed now instead of when it was supposed to be two years ago? At any rate, the day finally came. For 24 straight hours we cooperated with housing in a colossal shuffling of furniture within our apartment so they could change our carpet. Afterward, despite the horrible glue fumes, we were offered no other place to stay. We had no choice but to open up all the windows and just wait until the smell cleared. Oh well, at least I would have clean carpet until I graduated—or not. It turns out that starting this summer, Center Street was closing for the first time in practically forever and we would have to move. The news of Center Street closing for the summer made the timing of the carpet change that

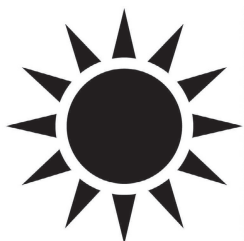
much more infuriating. Why put people through the colossal inconvenience of changing their carpet while they are living there if the whole apartment complex is going to be closed for maintenance in another 4 months? What sorts of clowns are running this circus? Does anyone think about these things in advance?

Two things are very obvious—the planning was haphazard at best and there was little to no regard for the people residing in these apartments. The overall lack of competence in handling that whole situation is just inexcusable. A few months later it's time for me to sign up for fall housing. I'll be on campus for the summer and the fall, so I would prefer to have the same room for both terms. By some folly (most likely my own), I chose a room for the fall that isn't going to be open this summer. By the time I catch my mistake, fall housing deadline has already closed and I was stuck.

After much begging and pleading in person and through an email I was basically told "tough luck." So after moving three weeks ago, I'll be moving again in less than three months. I honestly think I'd rather have a root canal without anesthesia. Doctor, where is my chair?

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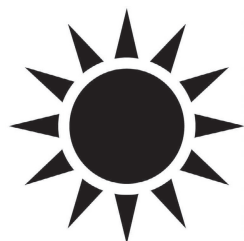
Wet n' Wild

In anticipation of the sweltering Georgia heat to come, students are celebrating the return of water to the Campanile. It's a tempting site that offers entertainment to those frustrated with classes, celebrating, or just looking for a good time (though we're technically not supposed to play in the fountains). It also offers a soothing spot to bask in the sun and listen to the relaxing tunes of the Campanile.



Growing pains

The construction taking place on 5th street is an inconvenience to many students going anywhere between Tech Square and west campus. The Trolley and Stinger routes have been redirected to side streets. After weeks of construction, students are left to assume that it's road widening related to the bridge expansion to add a park over the interstate, but it is unsure when the blockade will come down.



ACC wins

Students can be proud of Tech athletes who have recently clinched ACC regular season titles in women's tennis, softball and baseball. All three also won a second ACC crown by taking home tournament titles as well. Baseball's win helped them to a No. 2 seed in the nation.



Barbell eviction

While an alternative solution may not have been available, the eviction of the Barbell Club might have been handled a bit better.

It's always rough when a group on campus has to be served an actual eviction notice to leave their space.

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a candy bar and the punishment it carries. Stealing anything worth less than \$400 is considered petty theft and is punishable by no more than six months in jail, a fine of \$1,000, or both.

But in reality, few petty thieves receive the maximum penalty, especially for first offenses.

In some cases, California law permits the victims of minor crimes to completely forgive the perpetrator. Even a more serious crime, like driving under the influence, is counted as a misdemeanor for the first offense, with a punishment of 96 hours to six months in jail.

But sharing 10 or more "phonorecords" with a total value of \$2,500 or more can result in up to five years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines and civil penalties.

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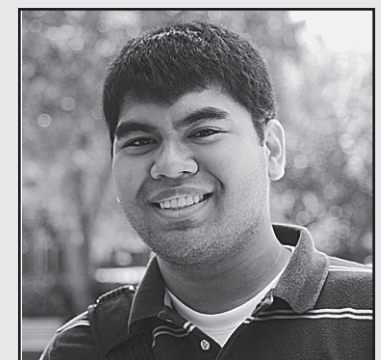
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STAR WARS STRIKES BACK

See one take on the big summer nerd-fest. Yoda is sure to impress and a not-so-surprising move to the Dark Side materializes. **Page 9**

TECH BASEBALL ROCKS THE ACC

Check to see if your favorite player is a first-team All-ACC selection for the Jackets, who are seeded No. 2 overall in the NCAA Tournament. **Page 16**



Tech students win at Microsoft Imagine Cup

By Joshua Cuneo
Online Editor

If you're a Computer Science major at Tech, one of the first things drilled into your head is that Microsoft is bad and open-source distribution software is good. But two graduate students from the College of Computing would beg to differ: not only are they passionate about Microsoft technology, they demonstrated their passion by taking first place for their region at the Microsoft Imagine Cup Software Design Invitational last month.

Peter Pesti and John Gibby, first and second-year master's students in Computer Science respectively, developed and submitted a mobile location-based application called mGraffiti. This program allows users to store text messages at any point on a global map covered by Microsoft's Terra Server, creating virtual "hot spots" that can be accessed and read by other users.

"Originally, the purpose was just to [create] a fun thing for people to use with their PDA and to promote communication and sort of a sense of community between people that don't even know each other," Gibby said. "People will read other people's graffiti and communicate. You might read something that somebody left two years ago, and you sort of feel like you know that person a little bit."

Later, Gibby said, they realized it could have other uses, including keeping maintenance records for telephone and electrical companies or providing disaster assistance.

"[You can] use the hot spots in various geographic regions to...put notes about what needs to be done, what kind of needs people have, what kind of medical supplies need to be delivered to certain places," he said. "So the product is actually a framework for a lot of information sharing applications that are geographically

based."

Microsoft Corp.'s U.S. National Imagine Cup Software Design Invitational is one of nine annual invitationals that call on students to develop advances in global technology using Microsoft software. The Software Design Invitational focuses on technologies that dissolve the

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John Gibby
Master's Student, College of Computing

boundaries between people through the use of Microsoft's .NET Framework and various web services.

The Software Design Invitational is separated into two rounds, with the regional finals in the morning and the national finals in the afternoon. Teams from all over the country received an all-expense-paid trip to Redmond, Wash., home of Microsoft headquarters, for the competition. The national winners will attend the world finals in Yokohama, Japan, in July.

Now in its third year, the Imagine Cup also includes invitationals in algorithms, information technology, office design, rendering, short film, technology business plan, visual gaming and web development.

Gibby and Pesti decided to enter the competition early last semester when Pesti heard about the Imagine Cup through a mailing list. The two were enrolled in a special topics class called Advanced Internet Application Development and saw an opportunity to make use of the material.

"We decided to go for the Imagine Cup and give it as a class project," Pesti said. "So, basically, [we] hit two birds with one stone."

The two stumbled onto the idea of a mapping application while cruising Microsoft and university research sites. They noticed that Microsoft had taken an interest in location-based services, an area of research that their advising professor informed them was particularly active. But developing the idea turned out to be the easy part.

"We started out blindfolded, because there are many elements of the project that we eventually used that we didn't know at first...if we could," Pesti said. For example, the team eventually acquired a laptop and four PDAs from the CoC, hardware that they hadn't originally planned on taking to the competition.

In addition, the team had to become proficient in several applications to make their project work. "This was done in C#...and Visual Studio 2003 and Windows Mobile 2003...and we were actually not familiar with any of these," Pesti said.

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Master's Student, College of Computing

The team also had to figure out how to integrate GPS technology as well as images from Microsoft's Terra Server, which provides satellite imagery of much of the globe.

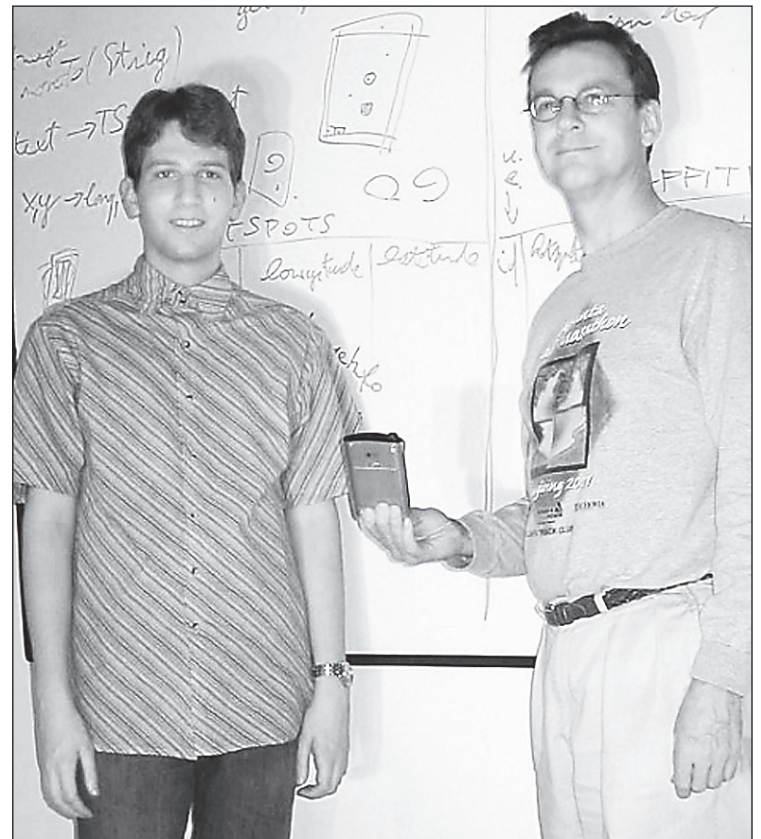


Photo Courtesy Peter Pesti and John Gibby

Peter Pesti (left) and John Gibby (right) explain their application of Microsoft technology. Pesti and Gibby won first place at the Rocky Mountain regional of the Microsoft Imagine Cup.

The entire project took three months, with the team working right up to the start of the competition. Although they were proud of their final project, Gibby and Pesti wish that they had had time to implement additional features.

"There are functionality enhancements that we could add, like searching through the database for keywords, categorizing the hot spots in terms of restaurants or places to go hiking or whatever," Gibby said. "People could do a search or locate different kinds of graffiti through a hierarchy of hotspot types."

However, Pesti pointed out, they had a smaller team and a late start. Whereas most teams in the competition comprised three to four

people working six to eight months in advance, the Tech team had only two people, who started in February.

"Our project was the one which provided the most results with the least effort," he said. "Also...we were the only team in the finals which gave the judges a real live demo system that they could mess around with, that they could try to break."

And for their accomplishments, they took first place in the Rocky Mountain regional (the team was grouped into another region to even out the distribution of teams in each region) and won a \$1000 prize as well as qualifying for the national

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New degree option promotes undergraduate research

By Saumya Dave
Contributing Writer

As part of the Quality Improvement Plan (QEP), the Undergraduate Research Committee approved a proposal on March 10 to enable undergrad students to earn a special degree with a research emphasis, similar to a co-op degree.

The Research Plan contained two parts, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) and the Research Option, both currently awaiting approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. UROP was developed to expand the opportunities for undergraduate research at Georgia Tech. The Undergraduate Research Advisory Group (URAG) is in charge of overseeing all the processes of the UROP and the Research Option.

Dr. Lohmann, member of the URAG, said that the UROP still requires a qualified individual to

occupy the position of the Undergraduate Research Director for the summer. The UROP is in charge of informing incoming students about

"The UROP is attempting to include a Spring Research Symposium, an outlet in which students can showcase their research..."

Dr. Bruckman
Chair, UROP

Georgia Tech's research opportunities during orientation.

Professor Bruckman is the chair of the UROP and was able

to provide detailed information on the committee's aims. "The UROP is attempting to include a Spring Research Symposium, an outlet in which students can showcase their research, within the agendas of different academic units. Currently, only the College of Computing holds this type of an event in the spring."

As a division of the UROP, the Research Option was created as a medium for in-depth research for undergraduates. Although the approval for the Quality Enhancement Plan will not come until December, students can prepare for it by starting with their intended research and signing up the Research Option when their specific school approves of it. A general outline has been constructed and approved; it is up to each academic unit whether to participate in the plan and make individual requirements for it. The College of Computing is the only

academic unit that has currently approved the general outline.

The outline is composed of requirements that the students have

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Dr. McMath
Vice Provost, QEP

to fulfill in order to incorporate the Research Option into their undergraduate career. First, the student must complete nine hours

of supervised research, preferably over a period of at least two terms.

A two-hour class, "Writing an Undergraduate Thesis", is mandatory. During the course, the student must develop a thesis that accurately portrays the results of the research.

The thesis must be approved and graded by two faculty members and will be published in the Georgia Tech Library. Students may also have to present their thesis at a UROP symposium.

According to Dr. Leigh Bottomley, current administrator of the President's Undergraduate Award, the Research Option was already approved by the Senate and Undergraduate Committee and is now contingent upon the approval by individual majors at Tech. "It is also up to the specific majors to approve the Research Option and incorporate their own subjects of

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finals round that afternoon.

Furthermore, with graduation looming, the two have considered marketing their product to Microsoft.

"There are a couple of things to try. One is to try to sort of promote it with the Terra Server guys," Pesti said. With Microsoft and Google in heated competition over internet searching and satellite mapping, Pesti said that they might be able to offer Microsoft an edge. "[Microsoft] has Terra Server, but the web interface is pretty cumbersome, so that might be

a point of entry for us to say, 'Okay, we have something similar to what Google has. Do you want to take it? Do you want to improve it?'"

Pesti also said that the judges recommended that the two talk with the MapPoint web service administrators. MapPoint is a programmable Microsoft web service that allows businesses to integrate location-based services into software applications.

For more information about the Imagine Cup and the Software Design Invitational go to imagine.thespoke.net or www.microsoft.com/presspass/events/imaginecup.

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research."

The Research Option transcends the current opportunities for students who are pursuing undergraduate research.

Dr. McMath, Vice Provost of the Quality Enhancement Plan, said that the "very few students are provided with the in-depth opportunity to work with a professor and have it appear on their transcript."

Having an accomplishment directly on a students' transcript is beneficial for students who are going straight into the workforce or who are seeking to attend graduate school.

Several students had encouraging responses when asked to consider the Research Option.

Shivani Patel, a second-year Biology major, says that she would pursue the program. "It sounds

pretty interesting because it would help someone stand out in applying to medical or dental school."

On the flip side, Brian Lockwood, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major who currently helps with research for his department, had some reservations. He said, "[A research option] seems cool, but I don't think a thesis from undergrad work would be that valuable, just not in-depth.... The really good stuff involves really high level...special classes." He went on to say that the idea for a research option was "still cool. It will cement our research reputation."

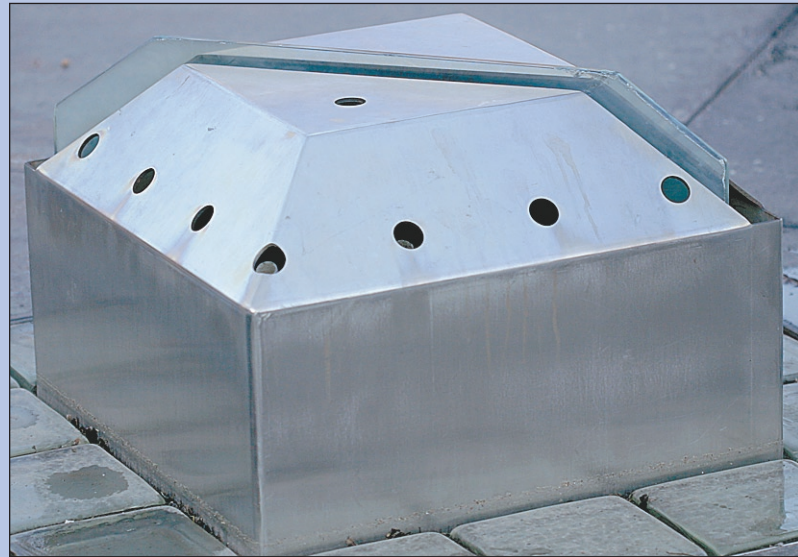
Hopefully, Tech's Research Option will encourage emphasis in undergraduate research as an important hands-on learning tool.

It is expected that each academic department will approve the plan and implement its own requirements by next December.

CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE ON CAMPUS THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN?

Tech Up Close

THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:



Email focus@technique.gatech.edu if you think you know the answer; check to see if you won in the next issue.

Answer to previous Tech Up Close:

Student Center Commons stained glass window

Correct submissions:

None

By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

JUST IMAGINE

A pair of CS grad students entered the regional competition of Microsoft's Imagine Cup and won. **Page 7**

OH-SO SWEET

Women's tennis has reached the NCAA Sweet 16 tournament after winning the ACC tourney. **Page 16**

Guide stays faithful to spirit of Adams



Photo courtesy Buena Vista Pictures

Arthur Dent (Freeman) and Ford Prefect (Mos Def) hitch a ride on an alien ship just prior to the destruction of Earth.

By Andrew Guyton
Contributing Writer

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is everywhere. Google will tell you The Answer To Life, The Universe, and Everything; you might even see someone celebrating Towel Day (May 25). The whimsical yet amazing world and comedic wizardry of Douglas Adams has finally come to the silver screen, after a lengthy wait and a lot of hard work.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy tells a story of an ordinary man, Arthur Dent, (Martin Freeman) whose house is about to be demolished to make way for a bypass. Not only that, it so happens that Earth is also about to be demolished, much for a similar reason. Arthur is rescued by his good friend Ford Prefect (Mos Def) just before Earth is destroyed—and soon finds himself on a ship in a Vogon constructor fleet.

It turns out that Arthur's friend Ford is not from Guildford after all (which would explain the accent), but from a planet somewhere in the vicinity of Betelgeuse. Ford is also a writer for the *Guide*, giving it prominence in the series. This launches an adventure that is very random, or perhaps simply very improbable.

"Imagine for a second that dolphins are more intelligent than humans and have been trying to warn us of Earth's impending destruction... now turn it into a musical."

However, the screenplay (co-written by Adams) manages to take many interesting and funny elements and combine them into an enjoyable work.

Die-hard fans will find many elements that satisfy, and newcomers to Adams' style won't be left in the cold. Similarly, the visual effects team creates stunning environments (think *Earth II*) without letting the visual effects become the story, as in some big-budget movies we can probably think of.

The "aliens" are also masterfully

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Chastain gets some Latin flavor

Guitar legend Carlos Santana and Latin music's it-group Los Lonely Boys will be playing two shows at Chastain Park Amphitheatre this weekend. The first show is tonight at 7 p.m. and the second is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$39.18 to \$98.58.

Masq hosts Dishwalla, others

No, it's not a new way to clean your plates and forks. Rock band Dishwalla, who gave us songs like "Counting Blue Cars" and "Somewhere in the Middle" will be hitting up the Heaven portion of the Masquerade with "special guests" on Wednesday, June 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.

Laughter to ring at Symphony Hall

Thursday, June 9, everyone's favorite "all-American" stand-up comic Margaret Cho will be performing at Symphony Hall Atlanta. Cho's unique brand of comedy has garnered her much acclaim. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$29.50 for the cheap seats or \$45 for a spot a little closer to the front.

Atlanta has new music festival

Just when you thought there wasn't room for another summer concert festival, along comes VIBE Musicfest. The inaugural festival will feature nighttime performances by Lauryn Hill, Mary J. Blige, Ludacris, 112 and many others. By day, VIBE Musicfest is a sort of expo weekend, including celebrity panelists, fashion shows and seminars held by the likes of Magic Johnson and Rev. Al Sharpton. The festival takes place during the weekend of June 10-12, with expo events taking place at the Georgia World Congress Center and concerts at the Georgia Dome.

Don't worry, you didn't miss it

Everyone's favorite summer concert festival, Music Midtown, experienced a date change from years past. Instead of taking place during what is usually the weekend after spring finals, the festival is now scheduled for the weekend of June 10-12. Some performers of note include Coheed and Cambria, the Black-Eyed Peas, Interpol and the White Stripes, but \$75 will get you admission for the whole weekend and a choice of over 100 performers of almost every imaginable popular genre.

Dave Matthews Band takes new stance in familiar territory

By Matt Dulin
The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)

(U-WIRE) —Once you hit the title track of Dave Matthews Band's *Stand Up*, you know it's going to be one good album.

Shortly after you hear Dave wax romantic over a "Dreamgirl" and then recollect the good old days in "Old Dirt Hill," it hits you, and here's the kicker: it only gets better.

Even "American Baby," the single released for radio, improves with the "American Baby Intro," laying the song in a wartime context.

Yes, the band ventures into familiar territory, dabbling in politics, spirituality and sex, among other themes, but Matthews manages to keep a fresh perspective to match the band's fresh sound.

While *Everyday* and *Busted Stuff* were shaky and inconsistent in a quest for a different sound, *Stand Up* is confident, even boisterous. If fans' faith was shaken

with the uninspired electric riffs of "I Did It," they are redeemed by DMB's latest jams.

The album takes the strongest parts of their last two efforts and makes the next logical leap. The band doesn't sound like it did 10 years ago, for sure, and never will. If anything, it sounds better—more finely tuned, more cohesive, more collaborative.

Fans who take *Stand Up* to be one more faltering step are gravely mistaken.

In producing *Stand Up*, Mark Batson (who has worked with 50 Cent and Eminem) encour-

aged each band member to explore his own strengths, even if it meant picking up a different instrument. You'll hear piano pieces from Matthews or electric guitar from bassist Stefan Lessard.

In a one-on-one session with Batson, violinist Boyd Tinsley plucked the notes that would

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Episode III puts Vader in his place



Photo courtesy Lucasfilm

By Sam Tanzer
The Stanford Daily (Stanford)

(U-WIRE)—For anyone who's spent the last 10 years in a sensory deprivation chamber, we'll provide a little background.

28 years ago, George Lucas released a movie called *Star Wars*. The movie was filled with unforgettable symbols—the lightsaber, the Jedi and the rasping Darth Vader quickly became part of a brand-new cultural iconography.

The franchise gave Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Alec Guinness career-defining roles. It provided an utterly seductive opposition between good and evil. It collapsed the distinction between nerd and anti-nerd by creating a science fiction world so irresistible that it's impossible not to buy into it.

John Williams' score is irrevocably imprinted on the minds of a generation. So when George Lucas announced that he was making

three more *Star Wars* movies, the world quivered collectively in anticipation.

Unfortunately, there was a slight problem with the prequels—they weren't very good. From the impossibly hard-to-follow plot of *Attack of the Clones* to the tired dialogue and cartoonish action, the first two movies were nothing if not a letdown.

Fortunately, *Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* is better than the first two. Unfortunately, it's nowhere near the level of *The Empire Strikes Back*, which, incidentally, Lucas did not direct.

The film opens by zooming in from an idyllic ship and planet-scape to a fast-paced battle scene that features Anakin (Hayden Christensen) and Obi-Wan (Ewan McGregor) taking on the wheezing robotic General Grievous.

And then comes about 45 minutes of ass-bad dialogue that saps the

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costumed, thanks to the Jim Henson creature shop. We can thank them for the Vogons being what they are today. The music is also well-done and compliments the lovable quirkiness of the film; they even remastered the theme from the original BBC series.

The opener was a bit of a surprise for me, but it was well-made; it also demonstrates how random the movie is. Imagine for a second that dolphins are more intelligent than humans and have been trying to warn us of Earth's impending destruction.

Okay, now turn it into a musical. It doesn't get much more random than that, kids. That serves as an excellent starting point into what is a very complex series. I was laughing, grinning and happy throughout

the movie.

The film's ending left the story open for the adaptation of the other books in Adams' five-book trilogy, but given the difficulties that occurred with making just this one, I don't see it happening. However, if a sequel were to be made, I would be more than delighted.

Don't panic when you read a flurry of negative reviews about *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, and see it for yourself. It's more popular and informative than the *Encyclopedia Galactica*. It's got more practical advice than your parents ever gave you.

If somebody makes a plush Marvin, the maniac-depressed robot, one will reside on my desk. He'll find it absolutely horrible there. Be sure to get a copy of the DVD when it comes out, and always know where your towel is.

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become "American Baby."

Batson's approach was likely a big part of *Stand Up*'s success. The result is a fresh, engaging sound that will lure listeners deeper into the album.

Many songs lean heavily on percussion, which Carter Beauford delivers expertly, eradicating any shred of doubt in the band's ability to jam. Leroi Moore's saxophone is a bit understated, but he gets his own solo to close up "American Baby."

Stand Up is full of the hallmarks of a genuine DMB product: longer songs, head-boppin' jams, lyrical blending and good music.

Verdict: Just in case you were worrying, *Stand Up* is evidence the Dave Matthews Band still knows how to rock.

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momentum right out of the movie like some sort of momentum-sucking insect.

When we finally do get moving again, the payoff is well worth it. Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid) makes a visually stunning transformation from Chancellor to Emperor, the Jedi temple faces an imperial onslaught, and Mace Windu (Samuel L. Jackson) gets his biggest role yet.

Look for some spectacular action scenes with Yoda. There's nothing cooler than a little green guy with a lightsaber. The film's final sequences are as pulse-raising as any in the series, given that Lucas intersperses Yoda's climactic battle that takes place in the Senate chamber itself (symbolism, anyone?) with the obligatory showdown between

Anakin and Obi-Wan.

But even at its best, the action is too heavily reliant on glittering special effects—taking down AT-AT's with tow cables in *The Empire Strikes Back* is more compelling than anything the prequels have to offer.

But what holds *Episode III* back from greatness is the script. The dialogue is rife with trite love vows, absurd absolutes and too-explicit ideological extremities.

All in all, *Revenge of the Sith* is pretty mediocre, but that doesn't mean I didn't enjoy the hell out of it. And it doesn't mean I don't welcome the excuse to re-watch the original trilogy.

But as the *Star Wars* saga comes to end, the most lasting effect of *Episode III* may be merely to confirm the status of the originals as cinematically untouchable.

CHIMP SHRIMP AND FRIENDS

Original
Comic
Strip



By Mark Parsons: gtg546q@mail.gatech.edu

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keep playing.” Tech played Florida State next and sent them home with their fifth consecutive loss to Tech. Tech defeated the Seminoles 18-2 and forced the 10-run mercy rule to be put into effect. The rule was a new addition to the tournament and came into effect after the losing team bats in their half of the seventh inning. Tech had to overcome perhaps their greatest obstacle in the championship game. Virginia had beaten Tech in the previous six contests and Tech was trailing 3-2 going into the top of the seventh. The team finally broke through against the Cavaliers pitchers for two runs. The Jackets held on and Matt Wieters picked up the save to go along with the victories that he picked up in the first two games of the tournament. “I guess you could say that it was sweet revenge [to beat Virginia],” Hall said. “They had our number and beat us six straight times. To beat them for the championship that’s a feather in our cap.” Junior Shortstop Tyler Greene was named as a first team All-American by USA Today Sports weekly to go along with his ACC Tournament Most Valuable Player honors and being named as a first team All-ACC selection. He is the 13th player in Tech history to earn such honors by at least one publication. Greene is batting .370 with 12 home runs, 69 RBIs and 30 stolen bases on the season. Wieters was named first team All-ACC and was the Freshman Player of the Year. Wieters delivered early in the season to earn National Player of the Week honors and was

twice named conference player of the week. Wieters is batting .368 with 63 RBIs and only 26 strikeouts on the season. The right-hander also has a 2.68 ERA in 24 appearances with six saves. Wieters also boasts a three-to-one strikeouts-to-walks ratio. Hall has been awarded the ACC Coach of the Year for the third time in his 12-year tenure at the helm of the Jackets. Hall has the most wins (526) and the highest winning percentage (.699) of any coach in the history of Tech. “It’s a team award,” Hall said. “It says that our team played very well. I give the players and my coaching staff equal credit. I think it’s a reward that should be shared by everyone on the team and the staff. It’s not one person that makes this team go.” Junior outfielder Steven Blackwood and sophomore third baseman Wes Hodges were also named as first-team All-ACC selections. Tech will be hosting a regional starting today where they will be playing Furman at 4 p.m. Furman has won their last seven games. The South Carolina Gamecocks and the Michigan Wolverines who will be in action in today’s first game join the Jackets and Paladins in the regional. The winner of each game will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. while the losers will meet at 12 p.m. South Carolina has been to each of the last three College World Series, while Michigan has won 22 out of the last 27 games that they’ve competed in. The last time that the Gamecocks were in Atlanta for a Regional was in 2003 when the Jackets were swept out of the tournament without the two teams ever meeting.

“I guess you could say it was sweet revenge ... to beat [Virginia] for the championship, that’s a feather in our cap.”

Danny Hall
Baseball head coach

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“After dropping the first set, I thought that there was no way I was going down,” said Shosho. “I thought that I still had so much left in me to give, so I came out in the second set and fought from the first point on.” They met up the Hurricanes in ACC Championship final. After picking up the doubles point, the Jackets lost the first three single matches but battled back and won the final three matches of the day. Alison Silverio captured the Most Valuable Player honors for the tournament. “I think it’s so hard to win an ACC title and it’s hard enough to get into the finals, much less complete the task by winning the tournament,” Shelton said. “The girls on the court are the ones that got it done though, they deserve all of the credit.” The Jackets were selected to

“The girls played well, and it was a convincing win...”

Bryan Shelton
Tennis head coach

convincing win, which feels good. We took care of the doubles point, and then we got off to a good start in the singles and were able to close the door at the end.” Tech’s run ended with a 4-3 loss to the eventual national runner-up

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exclamation point was the tournament. It was just confirmation that we were the best team.” Tech swept through the ACC tournament without a loss. Sallinger pitched 19 out of a possible 21 innings and didn’t allow a run in any of the three games. She was named the ACC Tournament’s Most Valuable Player. The team defeated North Carolina State in the first game 2-0, then beat Virginia in the second game 3-0 before winning a 1-0 game against seventh seeded Virginia Tech in the championship game. “It was very exciting to win our second ACC Championship,” Sallinger said. “I’m honored to win MVP honors and I was just trying to pitch as well as I could to give my team a chance to win.” Despite being ranked as high as No. 16 in the polls at the conclusion of the ACC Tournament, the Jackets

“... we weren’t hitting when it became crunch time.”

Ehren Earleywine
Softball head coach

were a No. 3 seed heading into the Athens Regional. “It was disappointing that we were a three seed,” Earleywine said according to ramblinwreck.com. “It started us off on a frustrating note.” The Jackets defeated Kansas twice in the regional, but lost to Georgia twice. In the first game, Sallinger pitched all nine innings to pick up the complete game after extra innings. Tech was unable to carry the momentum and were defeated by the Bulldogs 8-1 to send the team

Texas Longhorns. After winning the doubles point, each of the singles matches stayed close until the end. The No. 17 doubles team of Miller and Silverio qualified as an at-large for the doubles tournament that was held in Athens last week. Miller and Silverio ran into the No. 9 Florida doubles team and fell (6-4, 6-1). They finished the season as the top doubles team in Tech history with an overall record of 26-13. Freshman All-American Miller advanced to the Sweet 16 in the singles competition. Miller’s campaign came to an end against Northwestern’s Audra Cohen (6-3, 2-6, 6-0). Miller’s 42 wins this season breaks the previous Tech record of 30 that was set by Bobbi Guthrie (1997-98) and Jaime Wong (2000-01). Tech will be returning every player next season with the exception of Baylor transfer Dasha Potapova who was the No. 2 singles player on the team this season.

into the loser’s bracket. In the top of the first inning, second basemen Aileen Morales suffered a fracture in her foot after turning a double play. Georgia’s Kim Wendland slid hard into second base, taking Morales out of the game. Wendland was hit by a pitch at the top of the fourth inning. Tech defeated the Jayhawks 5-2 in their second match up. The Jackets were down early on Sunday in the championship game against Georgia. A seventh inning rally fell short and the team lost 2-1. “The bottom line was that unfortunately we weren’t hitting when it became crunch time,” Earleywine said. These were the final games for a group of seniors that includes Jessica Sallinger, Kirin Kumar, Katie Donovan and Liz Bartle. Since the group has arrived on campus the Jackets have gone 188-76. Sallinger leaves Tech holding the ACC record for strikeouts (1,398) and career wins (109).

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Jack declares for NBA draft

Junior guard Jarrett Jack announced on May 5 that he would be making himself eligible for the upcoming NBA draft. Jack has elected to not sign an agent and will be eligible to attend the NBA's pre-draft camp in Chicago on June 7-10 at his own expense.

Jack has until June 21, a week before the draft, to remove himself from consideration, or he will lose his remaining eligibility.

Jack led Tech to the Final Four in 2004 and has led the team to a 64-37 record under his watch. Jack is currently 26th at Tech in career points (1,265) and fifth in assists (543).

Golf starts NCAA Championship

After a final round push to finish 3 strokes above No. 10 Georgia Southern, the No. 3 Jackets made the cut and will be playing this weekend for the NCAA Championship in Owings Mill, Md.

This will be the team's eighth consecutive year playing for the NCAA Championship. They have finished in the top-five four of the last five years.

Track advances eight to NAAs

The women's track team placed sixth and the men finished 25th at the NCAA East Regional this past weekend. Senior Dore Madere broke the school record in the women's discus throwing 170 feet, 9 inches and Chaunte Howard won the East Region women's high jump title for the second consecutive year.

Ashlee Kidd, Andriane Lapsley, Shantrell Moss, Dana Rogers, Brandy Depland and Montrell Person all qualified to join Madere and Howard for the NCAA Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

Warren gets top job at Jacksonville

On April 20, assistant coach Cliff Warren accepted the men's basketball head coaching position at Jacksonville University.

Warren has been on Head Coach Paul Hewitt's staff for the last eight years. In that time, he helped lead Tech and Siena to a combined seven postseason berths, including four NCAA Tournament bids.

Warren had been instrumental in developing point guards Tony Akins and Jarrett Jack. Warren has added the Tech influence to his staff by hiring former forward Jon Babul and former point guard Winston Neal.

Baseball captures ACC Tourney crown



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Third baseman Wes Hodges throws the ball to first. Hodges was among three players named as first team All-ACC selections for Tech.

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Tech baseball won the ACC regular season championship and the tournament title. They are now preparing for the NCAA Regionals that start today.

The ACC regular season title came down to the final weekend of play. The Jackets needed at least one win and a Miami loss to guarantee the title. Tech lost the first two games at North Carolina by one run each. The Jackets came alive beating North Carolina 8-1 in the series finale to clinch their second consecutive ACC regular season title. The team was predicted by the conference coaches to finish third in the conference at the start of the season.

For the second time in three years, Tech has captured the ACC Tournament Championship and earned the automatic spot in this weekend's NCAA Regional.

"I think the ACC regular season you are playing everybody and the team that plays the most consistent from beginning to end wins," Head Coach Danny Hall said. "That says a lot about our club's consistency. In the ACC Tournament, when the

league's best eight teams are participating, we were the best over those five days. That says a lot, too. They are different but equal."

Tech opened the tournament against eighth-seeded Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons jumped out to a 7-0 lead at the end of the third inning. Tech refused to give up and came roaring back putting six runs

on the board in the bottom of the fifth. Tech trailed by one going into the bottom of the ninth. A throwing error brought in the tying run and Wes Hodges hit a sacrifice fly to drive in the winning run.

In Tech's second game, Florida State scored a run in

the sixth and three in the seventh to take a 4-0 lead. Tech responded with five runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to advance to the championship game of their bracket.

"You don't want to get behind the way [we] did," Hall said. "To our team's credit they kept battling and won those games. You have to play the game as it unfolds and it doesn't matter whether we are way ahead or way behind you have to

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Softball falls to UGA



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

All-American Jessica Sallinger prepares for a pitch. Sallinger helped the softball team win the ACC regular season and ACC Tournament.

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

With the conclusion of the NCAA Tournament and the graduation of several seniors, including All-American pitcher Jessica Sallinger, the Jackets softball team has come to an end of an era. The Jackets won the ACC regular season crown as well as the ACC Tournament before finishing runner-up to UGA in the Athens Regional.

Tech's season ended with a .780 winning percentage and came one win short of the school record for wins set in 2002. Tech clinched the

ACC regular season on May 6 with a win over Maryland and a record of 11-4 in the conference, earning the team's first ACC title.

"The regular season was more exciting to win for me because it showed more of a theme of success over time," Head Coach Ehren Earleywine said. "When you're talking 15, 18, 20 games in the regular season and then in the tournament we just won three games and we are champion. The regular season was exciting for me in terms of it showed that we had consistency and the

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Women's tennis reaches first Sweet 16; run ends with difficult loss to Texas

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Tech's women's tennis team ended the season as the No. 6 team in the nation after advancing to the school's first ever Sweet 16. The team rounded off the year by winning the ACC regular season and the ACC Tournament. The Tournament win was the school's first conference championship in tennis. The Jackets season came to an end at the rackets of eventual national runner-up Texas (4-3), and the team concluded their season with a record of 21-4.

The Jackets captured the ACC regular season title after tying Miami with a 9-1 record in the league, but held the tiebreaker after defeating the Hurricanes earlier in the season. The team clinched the title with a 5-2 victory over North Carolina.

"It seems like every time our backs are against the wall, we are finding the answers out there on the court," Head Coach Bryan Shelton said as reported by ramblinwreck.com. "After losing yesterday to Duke and knowing that we had to come in here and win today to get that title, we really stepped up big."



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Freshman Kristi Miller aims a backhand. Miller advanced to the Sweet 16 in singles.

Tech followed up by winning the ACC Tournament. Tech knocked off Florida State 4-1 to reach the semifinals where they defeated North Carolina 4-2. Junior Lyndsay Shosho clinched each of the matches for the Jackets.

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