Homecoming 2007
Miller, Abdur-Rahman named Mr. and Ms. GT at Homecoming

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

Overwhelmed with joy just after being named Ms. Georgia Tech during halftime of the Tech/Army homecoming game, Lauren Miller began to cry, but it was when her friend Luqman Abdur-Rahman was named Mr. Georgia Tech that the tears really started flowing.

“It definitely meant a lot to have someone that I knew personally and that I felt was extremely deserving of the honor to get it with me. It just made the moment extra special,” Miller said.

Abdur-Rahman felt the same way.

“Just to be recognized with someone of [Miller’s] caliber is very humbling. That was an honor in itself,” Abdur-Rahman said.

Students entered their votes throughout the week after the semifinalists were selected after an application and interview process, with the winners of the voting announced during halftime and taking the ceremonial ride around the field in the Ramblin’ Wreck.

Both Miller and Abdur-Rahman were sponsored by the African American Student Union.

Miller is a fourth-year Management major from Fairburn, GA. She is involved with numerous campus organizations, including serving as a captain of the GT Dance Team, president of the National Panhellenic Counsel, and honorary chair of Hands On Atlanta, a community service organization, as well as the founder of BOPSOP, a youth mentoring organization.

Upon graduating in the spring, she hopes to continue to graduate school either at Harvard, Stanford or Columbia to pursue an MBA as well as a doctorate in educational leadership.

“I’ve always been passionate about working with children. I don’t think we as a society invest as much in our children as we need to. To me it’s obvious that lots of our children are falling through the cracks and nobody’s doing anything about it…. If we don’t invest in our children then our society is going to be nothing in...”

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Booyah! Jim Cramer’s Mad Money storms campus

By Craig Tabita
News Editor

Jim Cramer brought his popular television show Mad Money to Tech Square on Thursday, Oct. 18, as the latest stop on his Back to School Tour. The taping was originally scheduled in April, but was postponed after the shooting at Virginia Tech.

Cramer said one of the main reasons he chose to visit Tech was the “groundswell” of enthusiasm and support that he observed.

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I love to go where I’m wanted... My experience with [universities] that are open-armed is that everything goes much more smoothly. When I have administration, donors and students that all want me, then it all comes together in better opportunity for me to spend a little time with people and for my staff to put on a better show,” Cramer said.

The program, which airs weekdays at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. on CNBC, was taped during the afternoon in the College of Management courtyard. A limited number of tickets were issued, primarily to Management majors.

He began the day by lecturing a management class and meeting with the GT Investment Club.

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“We held an internal search [for the new position] to have someone who could understand Tech,” said Anderson Smith, senior vice provost for Academic Affairs. The final decision was made after the final two candidates participated in campus-wide interviews.

“Ray had a record of... teaching both the undergraduate and graduate levels... He has a lot of experience working with students as a faculty member and as an administrator,” Smith said.

“I had a very similar role in the College of Engineering. [Taking this role] is a fairly logical step for me. We have a tremendous student body. We have the opportunity to do new things, and we can do the old things even better,” Vito said.

Vito will also be charged with working with Deans, School Chairs and Undergraduate and Graduate Coordinators to ensure all education programs meet the highest standards of excellence as well as ensuring that academic support and service programs for both undergraduate and graduate students are provided to enhance the educational experience.

Some of the programs that will report to Vito include the Honors Program, the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the Office of Graduate Studies.

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

### Undergraduate House of Representatives

#### Debate over procedure delays UHR meeting

*By Emily Chambers, Senior Staff Writer*

This week’s meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives began with debate over the implications of parliamentary procedure in the meetings. The House moved the joint allocation to Musician’s Network out of business, prompting discussion over bill placement.

After last week’s meeting was canceled due to a lack of representatives present to vote, Matt Peeples, executive vice president, moved the bills in new business from that week into old business based on precedent.

Representative George Ray raised the issue that no bills could have been moved into old business without a meeting last week, and as such the group should suspend the bylaws to individually move all bills into old business. After 30 minutes of debate over the appropriate use of parliamentary procedure, the house voted to follow the decision of the chair and keep the bills in old business.

The first bill considered was the Joint Allocation to TEAM Buzz. The group was requesting funds to cover their annual service project. The bill was amended to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) recommendation of $2,563.88 and passed with 41 votes in favor and one vote against.

The second bill was the Joint Allocation to WREK radio. WREK’s general manager Brad Petrick spoke for the organization, requesting $5,000 from Buzzfunds, which may be used for a ground-breaking event or a new location to WREK radio. WREK’s annual service project is planning. The bill for the concert passed 17-14.

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In his report, Brock Wester, president of finance, stated that $27,072, of which the biggest chunk was $10 tickets to non-members of the Tech community. The total amount requested was $27,072, of which the biggest expense was $15,000 for the headlining artist, and the JFC recommended amending the bill for a Technique advertisement at $112.50.

### GSS narrowly passes concert bill

*By Craig Tabita, News Editor*

In this week’s meeting of the Graduate Student Senate, three funding bills passed, one was postponed indefinitely and some minor changes were made to the wording of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) policy.

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In his report, Brock Wester, graduate student body president, informed the senate that a new policy may forbid students from attending classes if they are not currently enrolled in them. This would, for instance, require students who attend language classes but are not signed up for them to audit them.

He also discussed the proposed Undergraduate Learning Center, which will be built on the Skiles parking lot next to the library upon its groundbreaking next fall.

The first bill considered by the senate was a joint allocation to Musician’s Network for a campus-wide concert. Musician’s Network had pulled Copeland out of a poll, which was under new business, but moved into old business so that it would be addressed before Thursday, when a contract with the band would have to be signed.

The ensuing discussion centered around many topics, including whether Musician’s Network had pulled Copeland out of a poll, which they had not but instead judged its popularity using its two million views on MySpace, and alternate sources of funding, which may include $5,000 from Buzzfunds, $5,000 from Student Life Fund, and an estimated $2,500 by selling $10 tickets to non-members of the Tech community.

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### Silver

*By Jen Brown, Student Publications*

Ryan James of Musician’s Network speaks to the GSS about the concert his organization is planning. The bill for the concert passed 17-14.

Senator Grant Farmer strongly opposed the bill, stating that “[the GSS] is not under obligation to give them money on their timetable,” and “I strongly urge [the GSS] to think about what we can use $27,000 in the future.” In addition, senator Linda Harley said that she did not think it made sense to compete with String Break by hosting a big-name band.

Despite the opposition, the bill passed, albeit by the narrow margin of 17-14.

The next bill was a joint allocation to the African Students Association for their Taste of Africa event, featuring African dance, drama, food and a fashion show, to be held Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Student Center Ballroom, asking for $235, $100 of which was for $50 flyers. Varun Prasad, vice president of finance, stated that...
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$1,400 for three students to attend a conference on radio management. The bill was amended down to $400 per the JFC recommendation and passed without any discussion.

Next the house considered a bill presented by Student Government Association. The request was for a Joint Finance allocation of $700 to fund a laptop for SGA meetings. The house passed the bill with 28 votes in favor, 12 votes against and one abstention.

The fourth bill brought before the house was the Joint Allocation to Women’s Rugby. The team, which was only chartered last spring, was requesting an operating budget for the year, including travel fees and equipment. The bill was amended to $9,405 from the Prior Year Account and was passed with 42 in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

Near the house considered the Joint Allocation to the African Students Association. The group is holding a cultural event called Taste of Africa and was requesting funds for advertising and rental fees. The house amended the bill per JFC recommendation, and then further amended the bill to add in a Technique ad as a way to bring the bill in line with the version passed by the Graduate Student Senate and avoid sending the bill to conference committee. The bill was passed by 37-6.

The next two bills considered were respectively the Appointments to the Institute Wide Committees and the Appointment of the Undergraduate Elections Chair. Representative Leah McCormick, the House nominations chair, was unable to contact the various appointees, and as such both bills were postponed until next meeting.

The eighth bill voted on by the house was Changes to the Policy of the Joint Finance Committee. The policy had been sent back to SGA by the Student Activity Committee for two grammatical changes. Discrepancies were noticed between the sections relating to the amendments seen in the house and in the senate, spurring debate over the extent to which the bill could be amended. As a result, the bill was passed unanimously.

The final bill of the evening was the Joint Allocation to Caribbean Students Network. Ryan James, the head engineer, explained that the group was presenting the band Copeland Network. Ryan James, the head engineer, explained that the group was requesting funding. The changes passed 25-1 with one abstention.

The Senate then discussed some wording changes in the JFC policy, clarifying but not changing the meaning of sections relating to organizations’ obligations when requesting funding. The changes passed 25-3.

The final bill was a joint allocation to TEAM Buzz for its annual community service event on Saturday, Oct. 27, with a total amount requested of $2,705.36. Prasad recommended reducing it to $2563.88 because flyers and banners could be obtained at lower costs, and the amendment to change per JFC policy passed unanimously. However, by this point in the meeting people had left and there was concern that they no longer need SGA to fund it. As a result, a motion to postpone the bill indefinitely passed unanimously.

If you just show up for class, then you can miss a lot,” Vito said. As for the graduate programs, Vito said that Tech does a great job training students for research careers and the question comes down to how to mentor graduate students for success in their academic careers.

“We could do more to help our students in the non-research parts of the careers,” Vito said. Some of the areas where offerings could be provided include speaking and presentation skills, help with grant writing and teaching skills.

In general though, Vito said he wants to make sure students are able to succeed in a rapidly changing world. “One of the things I’d like to see in the current generation of students is that students learn how to learn, you need to be nimble in today’s world, and one way to be nimble is learning on your own and we need to help students develop this ability,” Vito said.

Vito believes Tech has some unique characteristics as a university, including a bottom up approach that is driven by the programs and the faculty.

“We always need to be asking if we are educating students for success in their careers, and how can we as a faculty help ensure this. It’s the small changes that make a difference, you don’t have to turn the whole place upside down,” Vito said.

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OUR VIEWS

Consensus Opinion

Not just a dry spell

With the ongoing rain that has moistened the streets of campus for the first time in months this week, it’s easy to assume that the worst of the drought is over. However, this would be a critical mistake, as we’ve only gotten a few inches of rain in the past few days and water levels remain at their lowest point in decades. Furthermore, there is little evidence that this week’s rain is a sign of more to come—not a good thing when we would need a full-fledged monsoon season to replenish the water supply.

The facilities department is already doing its part, using water recaptured from air conditioner condensation for plants and installing low-flow fixtures, among other measures. But the efforts of the grounds crews and the administration are not sufficient; students need to take up the challenge.

Considering how long the drought has been going on, it’s unfortunate that reactions are only starting to happen at this point. It’s never too late, however; beginning to conserve water now is better than not doing it at all.

There are many strategies for reducing one’s water consumption, many of them obvious (taking shorter showers, for instance). Some of the less obvious yet helpful suggestions include switching to cooking methods that use less water, such as stir-frying or grilling and placing a water-filled container into your toilet tank.

In the end, though, the drought shouldn’t be the primary reason for conserving water; people should conserve it all the time. Atlanta is a growing metropolis with a severely limited water supply, and Tech is one of the largest water users in the city. Students should lead by example on this issue.

Funding follies

The Student Government Association passed several questionable bills this week, allocating $700 to themselves for a laptop and more than $27,000 to Musicians Network for an outdoor performance by the band Copeland.

The laptop, intended mainly to run SGA’s new PRS voting system, will not see enough use to justify the cost. Worse, it appears SGA failed to investigate alternatives like getting a computer instead of the entire set of the Flagship because they would not come out of the Student Activity Fee and be useful to all.

The concert bill, passed by UHR with virtually no debate, came up for discussion only two days before the band’s booking deadline. This is much too late for proper deliberation.

SGA should make sure our fees are spent appropriately; more careful oversight is necessary to achieve this.

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Quote of the week:

"Most truths are so naked that people feel sorry for them and cover them up, at least a little bit." —Edward R. Murrow

Put time, effort toward charity

There are plenty of things that there are just not enough of. Money, time and food are some of the things I can’t shake out of my brain. Too bad, as the acquisition of these things needs to feed the greedy hunger of capitalism that every John and Jane Doe taught their children to embrace. It’s not a totally bad thing because it drives us to be great, but we’ve got to make sure we haven’t lost anything along the way—the spirit of charity, for instance.

I think it’s telling that as a society, we celebrate those who have excesses of scarce things. There’s the ultra-wealthy businessman, the socialite media darling and heck, we even have celebrity chefs.

However, could you name one of the most generous people in the world? For those of you thinking Bill Gates, don’t say it—at least not because of money he’s donated. It takes a lot more than signing a check. In fact, in my own way of promoting an earlier holiday season, I’ll say putting a dollar in your little sister’s hand and telling her to put it in Santa’s red pot during Christmas doesn’t count as charity.

The point I am getting at is that the spirit of giving has to do more with the energy, sweat and effort of your contribution rather than its monetary value. We’ve all seen the human-interest stories that are tacked onto the end of local news broadcasts, ones that introduce the wonderful family that has adopted a dozen kids to give them the loving family.

Too bad the story passes in one ear and out the other, and in an hour, you’ve forgotten all about it. Instead of forgetting, we should be celebrating these people for the sacrifices they have made to quietly give a life and an opportunity to the children they have adopted.

Now, as students, no one is expecting you to go and become a foster parent or leave school and spend the rest of your life working in a soup kitchen. What I’m really talking about is cutting a little time out of your life to provide a helping hand to those who might need it. Community service is one example. Those of you participating in a service organization, you know exactly what I’m talking about.

I was once asked by a mother for tips on getting her children to commit to their community service requirements that they needed for high school. It dawned on me that the very genuine act of getting kids involved with community service is a concept some kids are growing up seeing as a chore. The simple act of community service needs to be sprinkled with a sugary coat of one high school diploma to become palatable, to be sampled once and never again.

Now, I’ll be the first to admit that Tech isn’t the easiest environment to find time to volunteer, but I have heard that some of us have found free time once in a while. For fear of sounding like a kindergarten teacher, even giving a little bit can make a difference.

If you can work at a food pantry once a month, great. If you see someone holding a food drive, don’t stop and think what a good idea this person had, make sure you return and at least drop off a can of soup.

You don’t even have to do anything to donate blood, and the nurses provide free snacks afterwards. Make sure to remember to donate in the summer, because people tend forget to donate when snow and Christmas specials are no longer on the TV.

Even raising money is a good idea. Just make sure you’re not looking to get some kind of recognition for it, because that’s not the point. Don’t be self-serving.

If you do think I’m wrong and have come up with counterpoints to all my examples, try simply helping your parents, or whomever raised you, do chores around the house. Not just because you know it’s your responsibility, but because they’re getting older and might need extra help once in a while.

Now I want to end this editorial on a positive note, so I’ll finish off by thanking those who are living up to this spirit of giving. Those of you participating in BOPSOP, Habitat for Humanities, TEAM Buzz and all the other organizations on the community service page of Tech, I want to thank you and hope you keep doing what you’re doing. For all the other organizations that don’t get that kind of publicity and are still fighting the good fight, this congratulations goes out to you too.

However for the rest of us, let’s not let the spirit of charity die with the last words of this editorial. If you’re doing something now, keep at it as long as you are able. If you haven’t quite gotten around to doing anything yet, let today be the day you put some thought into asking what you can do, and perhaps you can put those ideas into motion.
Personal responsibility sorely lacking

Have you heard the one about the woman in New York City who tried to kill herself by lying down on the subway tracks, then won a lawsuit for over nine million dollars for being hit by a train? What about the engineer who accidentally ran over and killed his co-worker, then sued the railroad for his own mental anguish? And who could forget about the guy who pressed charges against a bunch of fast food restaurants for making him obese?

With stuff like this going on, is it any wonder that the term "personal responsibility" has become completely alien to so many Americans? Considering that a significant number of people probably don’t even know what personal responsibility means, allow me to clarify. Personal responsibility means that you take responsibility for your own actions and that you accept the consequences of those actions.

I’m not saying that if a doctor accidentally amputates your foot, it just sucks for you. But it seems that nowadays when people do something that turns out bad for them, or if life just doesn’t go their way, instead of accepting it as their fault or the way it works they go to the courts to solve their problems and try to put the blame on someone else—not to mention score a couple million bucks.

Looking back over my years, I am deeply troubled at the vast number of potential lawsuits I could have taken advantage of that might have left me set for life. For example, when I was in fifth grade, one of my classmates brought chocolate bunnies to school and distributed them to almost everyone in the class, except for about four kids, myself included. Clearly, I should have seized the opportunity to sue the girl for all she was worth, on the charges of emotional distress and mental anguish. Heck, I also could have sued my teacher, the school, the county and even the company that made the chocolate! And why stop there? To think that all of my student loans could already be paid off if I had just thought like so many other Americans.

This is how the insane lawsuit process seems to work. First, the "victim" hires a lawyer and presses charges against anyone in any way related to the bad thing. Then, he presses some more charges against anyone in any way related to the first group.

The idea is to sue as many people as possible so as to increase your chances of getting money from someone. Sometimes the plaintiff just doesn’t even care about the money—they say they’re just suing to "prove a point." And of course these rampant suit-happy lawyers who treat the court system like a medical spa—suiting spirits just happen to be in a law firm, though. And you can bet your bottom dollar that their lawyers aren’t interested in proving anything—they’re much more interested in paying for their vacation houses in Majorca.

It’s no wonder that people hate lawyers so much, as, unfortunately, a number of them are in some ways responsible for this phenomenon. What the first lawyers approached about a stupid lawsuit should have done was laugh the potential clients out of the building.

Unfortunately, lawyers are human, so when people come up to them with an idea for some money and/or frivolous not, they recognize that it might just help pay for their retirement (seeing as in most cases, they get paid whether they win or lose the case).

I’m not saying that the lawyers are entirely to blame. It’s really more of this attitude that people seem to have nowadays—"nothing is ever my fault!"—and go to ridiculous lengths to avoid accepting the blame for the consequences of their actions. A couple in New York tried to sue a health club for "loss of consortium" and "emotional distress" because (I’m not making this up) the man supposedly cut his hand on a towel dispenser in the men’s bathroom, leading to a temporary affair with a woman he met online while he was forced to stay home recovering.

I think this "nothing is ever my fault" state of mind comes from the predominantly American belief that we’re more powerful, hence, better, than all the other countries. People seem to have taken this belief to the

**BOOYAH!**

Notable and only moderately crazy stock market expert Jim Cramer came to Tech last week to tape an episode of his popular Mad Money TV show for Fox. Considering how national attention to Tech’s College of Management, which has developed an increasingly good reputation in recent years, Students were also able to benefit from his useful yet occasionally insulting investment advice.

**Festivities for all**

Homecoming’s festivities have more inclusive this year, with traditional events like the Mini 500 and the Tournament of Champions being supplemented by a number of other group events organized by their respective groups like Housing. Homecoming should be a celebration for all of us, and it’s good to see more people involved.

**Random fencing**

The College of Management’s outer courtyard has been completely fenced off and construction equipment now occupies the area. The fencing is ugly and blocks nearly all of the other entrances into the building, The facilities department should let students know that they are trying to accomplish at the site.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

SAG should back policy

Unfortunately, recent years have been marked by litigious attacks upon the ability of student representatives to debate funding decisions freely and to act independently. While no one can control the frivolous actions of others, we can control our response to the concerns generated by them. Over the past several years, such concerns have led to substantial revision of the policies by which SGA allocates the Student Activity Fee (SAF). While frequent consideration of the rules set by SGA is warranted, ensuring that students are treated fairly, the motivation for review must not be fear of lawsuits.

The Institute stands as a center of education, debate, and the refinement of ideas and ideals. Nowhere in SGA, and perhaps on this campus, is the potential for debate over the SAF, funding decisions, and the value to the student body of the events for which funding is requested greater than in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR). The strength of SGA, a source of pride for the Institute, has long been that its members were free to act in what they believed to be the best interests of the study community, unconstrained by undue administrative influence. With the advance of legal threats, however, that era is ending.

The members of SGA are elected to represent the student body—those who pay the SAF, and in whose sole interests policies must be made. It was with tremendous disappointment, but little surprise, that I read that the Student Activities Committee may continue a disconcerting pattern of the apparent administrative influence over decisions regarding the policies of the Joint Finance Committee and the SGA bylaws.

**BUZZ**

**Around the Campus**

**What is your biggest T-Square frustration?**

Peony Park
Second-year IAML

"The fact that some of my professors use it and some don’t."

Mohamed Elgennedy
Third-year ECON

"Why do they always have to change it?"

Roland Krystian Alberciak
Graduate CS

"I can depend on it."

Deborah Ortiz
Graduate CHEM

"I don’t get emails on time."

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Policy
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As a former long-time member of the UHR, I disagree vehemently with the approved policy, and believe that it muzzles student representation in the interest of maintaining overly expansive legal cover for the Techad-ministration. I recognize, however, that this is the policy adopted by the representatives of the student body. The possibility that SAC will refuse to accept this decision is indicative of a disregard for the importance of effective student representation and self-determination.

I would suggest to any adminis-trator for whom the heat of standing for a truly independent student government is too much to take that they get out of the kitchen. There is certainly value to administrators advising students, as long as advice and coercion do not simply go by the same.

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Sly tree removal upsets absent tree huggers
In case Tech had any tree-huggers, the school ensured they’d be away on Fall Break while they removed one of the campus’s largest trees. Bartlett Tree Experts cut down the four-foot diameter tree that used to shade the north end of Yellow Jacket Park.

Cutting down this apparently healthy tree is contradictory to Tech’s stance on environmental leadership. I hope it makes a nice table.

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that consumers can make themselves aware of any major risks, it is still the job of the individual to apply common sense and take the obvious precautions. If you do something dumb, it’s your own fault.

People love to read about these crazy lawsuits. They’re absurd and it’s hard to believe they’re for real. But that’s the really scary thing—they are real. This ridiculous phenom-enon needs to be stopped before it gets out of hand—well, any more out of hand. But in case you don’t agree—and if you’re reading this article while walking to class and you trip and break your ankle—I’d just like to say that I have a good lawyer just in case.

William Welch

Christianity viewed differently
Bill Hamilton’s essay last week is a glimpse into a greater problem with America. The “homosexicism” crowd is part of a larger group of American Christians who demand that we continue to deprive homosexual individuals of equal rights based solely upon their religious beliefs. I do not see any need to analyze the specifics of the argument that homosexuality is a sin according to the bible, because it is apparent to anyone who’s read the bible that the book specifically declares that it is.

No, I do see any need to analyze the different theologies that have sprung up around the particular book.

The greater problem is that America is being held hostage by a segment of the population that demands we bow to their opinions. America has long been a country that holds to the principle of personal liberty and separation of church and state. However, the Christian Right demands that we deny individuals freedom based upon their beliefs.

The first problem with this is, of course, that they have no proof for their religion. Indeed, science has disproved various tenets taught by Christianity over the years. Yet, they demand that America enshrine their religious morality into law and spread the lie that America is a “Christian Nation” despite the massive amount of evidence to the contrary.

There is not one practical iota of difference between a person that believes in Christianity and a person that believes in astrophysics. Both are unscientific beliefs based on absurd principles, but individuals may choose to believe what they will.

The problem comes with the demand that everyone else follow the principles of their religion. Why should the Jews, Muslims, Hindus or atheists in America have to obey Christian doctrine? Throughout U.S. history, Christians have repeatedly pushed to deny individual freedom. I can point at a dizzying array of examples: Prohibition, women’s suffrage, the denial of equal rights for homosexuals and the attempts to force scientific theories such as evolution out of the schools. It is clear that Christianity is the single greatest threat to American freedom.

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Evangelist misrepresents “God’s word” in letter
This past week the Technique published a letter to the editor by evangelist Bill Hamilton, who attempted to interpret God’s word for the campus. The only problem is his interpretation is wrong.

His most egregious claim is that God hates sinners, which is effective-ly everyone. There are innumerable examples: Prohibition, women’s suffrage, the denial of equal rights for homosexuals and the attempts to force scientific theories such as evolution out of the schools. It is clear that Christianity is the single greatest threat to American freedom.

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YOUR VIEWS
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The passage should be translated literally; that is, the practical inter-pretation of the passage and its relevance in regards to context, time period, authorship, etc.

The verse he quoted, written nearly 1,000 years before Christ, came out of David’s comparison of his holiness and virtue versus the sinfulness of his enemies. To interpret this verse as the voice of God declar-ing his hatred of all who do wrong is the height of ignorance.

Additionally, this statement runs contrary to the very nature of God. Were it true, I find it hard to believe that God would send his only son to die for our sins. During his time on earth, Jesus only congregated with sinners. In fact, it was the pious Pharisees and Sadducees whom Jesus referred to as “a brood of vipers” and whose faith he questioned.

Why did he react this way? At the time, these were the men whom ev-eryone considered to be the godliest. But Jesus knew they acted this way for their own glory, not for the glory of God, and he called them on it.

If you want to teach college stu-dents you should spend some time getting to know us and loving us, like Jesus did. Telling us we’re going to hell because we are Sodom and Gomorrah will only invite someone curious about the true nature of God to open the Bible and begin to read.

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individual level, at which they think, “I’m better than everyone else...and if I’m better than everyone else, then there’s no way that anything bad is my fault.” Well, it’s time for a lesson in humility, folks, because bad is my fault.” Well, it’s time for a lesson in humility, folks, because

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OPINIONS

It is the responsibility of the individual to be aware of the risks in-herent in performing certain actions (such as, oh, say, lying down on train tracks), using certain products, etc. While it is true that corporations do advise students, as long as advice and coercion do not simply go by
By Vivian Fan
Contributing Writer

When numerous students across East Campus stepped into surprisingly cold showers Monday morning, most quickly came to the same conclusion. "They’re probably restricting hot water because of the drought," said Davin Green, a first-year Biomedical Engineering major. "I guess they want us to take shorter showers."

While, in the end, the temporary change to colder showers was due to a steam pipe break that morning, the occurrence showed that Georgia’s current water crisis is ever-present in the minds of Tech students. Since early this summer, water levels in the state’s lakes, rivers, and other natural water sources have decreased greatly as a result of a two-year-long drought affecting much of the Southeast. According to state and federal officials, North Georgia and Atlanta’s main water source Lake Lanier only holds enough water storage for three months. Lake Lanier and its reservoirs are more than half-way depleted, and thus, have ceased to be a state of emergency in the entire state of Georgia.

"We are now in the dry cycle of the climate, and it’s the second year," said Professor Artis Georgakakos, director of the Georgia Water Resources Institute (GWRI) at Tech. "The droughts in this region usually last for four years or more... if we are in the second year of the drought now, chances are that we will have a drought next year, and the year after that. So, probably have not seen the end of this crisis.

The GWRI works with state, national and international groups to develop multidisciplinary solutions and information decision support systems for hydrological problems. Currently, the Institute is working with and advising state and federal officials with the Southeast’s water crisis. Along with the state’s Environmental Protection Department, the GWRI has drafted and sent in a bill for a drought contingency plan in the state legislature. According to the GWRI, the current water crisis and drought make up the third most severe drought in recent history, spanning from the early 1980’s until now. The current water shortage has been attributed to four factors: the variability of the weather and climate, severe drought, attributed to four factors: the variability of the weather and climate, severe drought, and mandatory restrictions on water usage.

In his lecture, Dr. Bechtol explained, "In this way, Dr. Bechtol explains, "I think one needs to be very careful... about North Korea getting rid of their nuclear program."

Dr. Bruce Bechtol
Professor

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though, is that Russia, a longtime supporter, has stopped subsidizing them. Much of this subsidization was that of military support. Now that the world power is not aiding North Korea, they need an alternative route. Dr. Bechtol rationalized the United States’ role in the international arena, by reasoning that the United States should take serious caution with the North Korean military by advancing and renewing arms.

These necessary upgrades for North Korea come with a huge price. Many of the tanks and heavy artillery in North Korea are no match for that of the United States, to say nothing of each country’s air force. However, in order to say that North Korea is indistinguishable — they have SCUD missiles with a superior range, Special Operations exceed 200,000 people and have been pursuing nuclear proliferation with some degree of success. In his opinion, Dr. Bechtol defends that Kim Jong-il has been successful in his military pursuits. Even with all the arms they wish to have, North Korea would still have substantial limitations diplomatically. Two or three main necessary supporters for North Korea are China and South Korea. China is an obvious choice: it has support; it has a powerful economy; and it receives a great deal of autonomy from the world’s superpower, the U.S.

The Shins, a Portland-based indie rock band, performed at the Atlanta Civic Center. The band blends alternative, pop and folk sounds.

By Reem Mansour
Contributing Writer

In a recent ranking of ROTC cadets across the United States, Daniel Chapman, a fourth-year International Affairs and Modern Languages (Spanish) major, was ranked eighth out of more than 4,000 cadets. His success is attributed to his hard work and the strong ROTC program here at Tech.

During his senior year of high school, Chapman became interested in the military. "I always wanted to be able to serve in the military and earn a college degree," Chapman said.

Chapman took the ROTC pro-gam at Tech into consideration when making his final choice. "I think one like about ROTC [at Tech] is that it gives you good opportunities to practice leadership skills in ways you normally wouldn't get to," Chapman said.

His journey to success began during his freshman year when he attended briefings informing young cadets of what they needed to do in order to thrive in the future and attain a high ranking in ROTC. A large portion of a cadet’s rank is determined by his or her performance at their home school. Cadets are encouraged to maintain a high GPA and become involved in extracurricular activities, sports, and community service. Chapman instantly became involved at Tech. He tutored students at an elementary school, played intramural soccer and mentored through Gringos y Latinos: Atlanta’s Spanish Service Society (GLASSS).

ROTC proved to be one of Chapman’s greatest learning experiences. "I was given hands-on experience... I learned to speak publicly and give presentations, all of which are part of the training experience here," Chapman said.

The Summers between his freshman and sophomore years, Chapman was eligible to work with real army soldiers. He attended the Mountain Warfare School, a training camp in which cadets saw firsthand how the military operates. He was named the honor graduate at Mountain Warfare School, which means he was ranked number one in performance at this training camp which would count towards his ranking score in later years.

As he entered his second and third years at Tech, Chapman took on more responsibilities. During his junior year, he was in charge of 80 cadets. He also traveled abroad in Spain and Mexico to gain more international perspective of the world he would soon serve in. He attended a 35-day long army training camp in Fort Louis, Wash. known as Warrior Forge. The first three years of Chapman’s ROTC helps prepare cadets for Warrior Forge since one’s performance there is a large component.
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act without the compliance of the
South Korea itself already has
strong backing, and according to Dr.
Bechtol, North Korea cannot and
will not go to war without backing
from its counterpart.

According to Dr. Bechtol, they
could theoretically hide the products
of their nuclear proliferation in secret
caches. “They have not even allowed
us to inspect any of their nuclear
weapons yet, only facilities that
manufacture the weapons...and only
the plutonium weapons. We need to
realize that 28 percent of our com-
merce takes place in Northeast Asia,”
Dr. Bechtol says. He recommends that
people should keep up with the
news because our governments
will soon become involved very
intrinsically.

Dr. Bechtol is an associate profes-
sor of International Relations at the
Marine Corps Command & Staff
College. A former Defense Intel-
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and returns there frequently. Also
the former editor of the Deforu
Intelligence Journal, he now sits on
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of what determines a cadet’s rank
during assessment.

The year before a cadet graduates,
he or she goes through an assessment.
The ranking received, or the Order
of Merit Listing (OML), is used
to determine which cadets are
seeking.

Physical fitness tests, GPA,
involved in extracurricular
activities, sports, community ser-
vice, leadership opportunities and
performance in training camps all
affect a cadet’s overall ranking. The
ranking then affects the probability
of receiving a position in a particular
branch of the military as well as the
first assignment.

Chapman recently returned from
the Ranger Challenge, a competi-
tion in which teams from Georgia,
Florida and Puerto Rico compete in
eight different events. Tech was able
to send a group of 12 cadets to the
tournament. The team placed first
in its tier and seventh overall.

Chapman hopes to start his army
officer training in January. He
will go through three Basic Officer
Leadership Courses (BOLC) before
becoming an infantry officer and getting
assigned to a location and unit.

Chapman encouraged current
students to keep a high GPA and
become involved in community
service.

“I would really recommend doing
some kind of study abroad. You won’t
understand the global perspective
until you’ve experienced it firsthand,”
Chapman said.

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**Drought** from page 11

The shutdown of the released water, appeal of a June verdict that denied day). In response, Perdue has filed an (totaling nearly 3.2 billion gallons a month). The Army Corps releases approximately 5,000 gallons of water per second from Georgia’s Lake Lanier downriver in Alabama and Florida, of endangered mussels and sturgeon of a legal battle between governor Sonny Perdue and the Army Corps of Engineers. Because of the presence of endangered mussels and sturgeon downstream in Alabama and Florida, the Army Corps releases approximately 5,000 gallons of water per second from Georgia’s Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River in order to sustain their environment (totaling nearly 3.2 billion gallons a day). In response, Perdue has filed an appeal of a June verdict that denied the shutdown of the released water.

Reflecting on all of the factors, one of the largest strains on the water source has been the subject of a legal battle between governor Sonny Perdue and the Army Corps of Engineers. Because of the presence of endangered mussels and sturgeon downstream in Alabama and Florida, the Army Corps releases approximately 5,000 gallons of water per second from Georgia’s Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River in order to sustain their environment (totaling nearly 3.2 billion gallons a day). In response, Perdue has filed an appeal of a June verdict that denied the shutdown of the released water, but has not received a decision. Thus, this has caused numerous bans and curfews in water usage from the state government in the past few months.

To help alleviate the situation, Tech’s Department of Housing has recommended ways for students living on campus to cut down on their own water usage. In an email sent to students living on campus, Housing suggested that students conserve water by easily changing their routines by taking shorter showers; not letting the water run while washing dishes, brushing teeth, or shaving; doing only full loads of laundry; using tap water sparingly; avoiding using garbage disposals. Even small reductions in water usage such as these could save up to 750 to 1,500 gallons per month.

Student organizations and groups have begun to conserve water and “go green” in an effort to help the environment in even greater scales. For example, this year’s Honors Program has begun a project called the “Carbon Challenge” to help alleviate tension on the environment.

“Our campus is a microcosm of the rest of the city. I think the future.” Halka said. “On an even greater scale, Tech can also do its part to help conserve water now, and invest in water-saving technologies and procedures for the future.”

“Your campus is a microcosm of the rest of the city. I think the university as a whole could look into this and set an example for the city as well. I know this can make a difference. I just don’t know what the total volume of water we use here is. Whatever we can do to conserve, it’s a good thing.”

Georgakakos also commented on the use of water by the Tech community. “I don’t think we are over-using water, but I think it’s a good overall principle to live by. Water is a very precious resource... we, especially in this region, never thought of it as scarce, because we have a lot of it. But the truth of the matter is that in many, many parts of the world, people have that thought in their minds, and [are conscious] about how much water is used.”

After all, in the end a short, cold shower beats having no shower at all.

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**Making Friday Lectures more interesting**
The city of Atlanta had the great honor of hosting His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the 14th Dalai Lama this past week as he accepted a position as an Emory Presidential Distinguished Professor.

The three-day long visit culminated in a public speech given at Centennial Olympic Park. Despite the rain, which every speaker jokingly attributed to the Dalai Lama as divine providence, thousands of attentive listeners gathered to hear native Tibetan music, Buddhist chanting and enjoy a traditional dance courtesy of monks from the Drepung Loseling Monastery.

The Dalai Lama was formally introduced by James Wagner, President of Emory University, who spoke at length about the relationship between the Tibetan struggle for independence and the American Civil Rights movement that is so central to Atlanta's history as the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Dalai Lama himself began his speech with an invocation of Dr. King. "I did not get to meet him, but I met his late wife, and through the stories I heard of him, and his use of the nonviolent form of change, I am very moved," said the Dalai Lama.

As first he spoke through a translator, humorously responding to flattering comments made about him in his introduction. Claims that he had ever studied medicine were quickly refuted, as he revealed that the most he knew about medicine was how to take it. He then switched into English, and began a well-practiced speech on human potential and the moral future of humanity.

"We all have the same potential for anger, hatred and jealousy, these things are part of our nature. On the other hand, compassion, harmony and brotherhood are also things we share together," the Dalai Lama said.

The great potential of humanity lies in our ability to show affection for other human beings, the Dalai Lama explained, in the seed of compassion that all human beings share. This potential is not divinely given, but inherited through the love of our mothers, given to us by those who raise us. As humans our very survival as infants depends on the affection of others, as such we are able to show compassion toward fellow human beings that other creatures cannot.

The Dalai Lama believes that this potential for compassion should be used to maximize human capabilities and transform society. Religion is not even a necessity in order to achieve this potential, for religion is about a love of humanity, and while it is a positive approach, it is not the only one.

The human values of affection and compassion can be taught rationally without religion as well, as the foundations of self-confidence in contemporary society. This self-confidence brings inner strength, reduces fear, and eventually leads to inner peace.

"Firstly we individuals should build inner peace. Through inner peace, outer peace can be achieved."

Tenzin Gyatso
The 14th Dalai Lama

"The idea of one truth one religion is good for your faith, but for society we must acknowledge many truths, many religions."

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The 21st century should be a century of this era, and hopefully we will have many religions. All religions have different philosophy, but at the end they all have the goal of making good people, and so I think they can all exist together," the Dalai Lama said.

When asked about his stance on the Beijing Olympics, he responded that he supported the People's Republic of China as a nation, and believed that as a powerful, populous nation they deserved the games, and that hopefully the focus on that great nation will highlight the human rights issues at hand and be a catalyst for change.

Finally, at the request of Emory President James Wagner, he explained his views on the integration of western science and Buddhist knowledge.

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Congressman John Lewis (D- GA) exchanges a handshake and bow with the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism.

The Dalai Lama reminded university students to use their limitless potential to encourage diplomacy and minimize violence.

"The Dalai Lama reminded university students to use their limitless potential for good, to go out into the world and find something that gives their life purpose. "Less army, more Peace Corps," said the Dalai Lama to rapturous applause from the crowd.

The Dalai Lama then answered questions that had been pre-submitted through a website.

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Affleck debuts
Gone Baby Gone

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

By Jennifer Aldoretta
Contributing Writer

The Shins electrify Atlanta fans

The defining thing that makes the music that we listen to music is the effort it has on us. I spent most of my high school afternoons listening to music, and many of those times consisted of James Mercer of The Shins and myself spending a little quality time together.

This past week, however, when I was given the opportunity to experience The Shins first hand at the Atlanta Civic Center, I realized that sometimes, live performances are completely necessary, especially when The Shins are the ones performing.

Picture this: everything was dark. Everyone was still, but above the steady chatter of anxious fans were their heartbeats and quick, excited breaths.

The only light to be seen was the steady, slow-moving stage lighting that illuminated the stage; from red…to blue…to green…to red. The fog machine so strategically placed made the stage and its lonely instruments look murky and mysterious.

The show opened with the indie rock group Vetiver. Their first song was one called “Busted,” which had a very country feel. The lead singer was extremely captivating with his melodic voice and animated motions.

Unfortunately, for most of their performance, Vetiver was missing a guitarist who was running late due to a late flight into Atlanta. Eric Johnson, a member of The Shins, kindly stood in for the missing musician for a few songs.

Lucky for me, the member of Vetiver who was M.I.A. for most of the performance ran onto the stage just in time for his guitar solo, after which he announced, “Does anybody have a beer?”

Portland-based The Shins are an indie rock band that draw on a variety of sounds, including pop, alternative and country styles. As mentioned before, this is Ben Affleck’s first outing as director, yet he avoids mistakes one might expect from a newbie. In fact, his style seems polished, professional and low-key. He doesn’t appear desperate to overdo things, and it works out for the best.

Ben Affleck, just when I thought you couldn’t get any dumber, you go and do something like this… And totally redeem yourself!

But seriously. Dumb and Dumber quips aside, Ben Affleck’s directorial debut Gone Baby Gone is good enough to make you forget about his participation in duds like Daredevil and Gigli. He commands the film as though it is already second nature to him.

Like last year’s winner-of-all-things-good The Departed, Gone Baby Gone takes place in Boston. Patrick (Casey Affleck), along with his girlfriend Angie (Michelle Monaghan), is a private investigator who is hired by the family of a young girl who has gone missing. Patrick has strong ties with the neighborhood locals, and thus an advantage over the regular police when it comes to obtaining information. But the more Patrick discovers, the less he understands, and what constitutes morality takes hold as the central theme.

So on paper, Gone Baby Gone looks just like an old-fashioned detective story, and in a way, it is. It doesn’t do anything gimmicky or flashy; it just tells a straightforward narrative.

On the other hand, it is within the story itself that the film gains its complexity. Predictability of the outcome is low because so few clues are given to help the audience in solving the mystery before the characters do.

For example, at one point I had thought everything was figured out; the case was closed, done and done. In reality, we were only halfway through the movie, and twists aplenty lay ahead. Butt not the ridiculous, out-of-this-world kind of twists that leave you rolling your eyes. No, these are the good kinds of twists that you hope for in these kinds of stories.

This particular story happens to be based on the novel by Dennis Lehane. This isn’t the first time one of Lehane’s novels has made it to the big screen; in 2003, Clint Eastwood directed the film adaptation of Mystic River. Both Mystic River and Gone Baby Gone seem to owe a lot to their original works because both tell such engaging stories.

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**All In offers relaxing listen, fails to amaze**

By Vivian Fan  
Contributing Writer

“All In” is Mike Errico’s fifth and latest album. Upon being handed Mike Errico’s All In, the first feeling seemed only to grow worse. While the lyrics sound a bit trite and the chorus lines are repeated multiple times throughout both songs, the instrumentals definitely shine (and even beyond perhaps everything else).

Errico is raw about his feelings about a decaying romance, from his voice to his use of acoustic guitar, electric guitar and drums. In the same nature, “Run” is quite possibly the highlight of the entire album. Of all the songs on the album, “Run” is not just a compilation of the same lines sung over and over again, but a emotional look into a broken man, a contrast from the somewhat sharp words of his earlier songs. He sings, “I’m getting to escape from! The rush of air that burns the lungs! But something there keeps telling me? Run,” and at that point, leaves his heart for the listener to see and hear.

From “Run,” Errico shifts to a more mellow sound. The music molds together, and while nothing is that impressive, I could not help but close my eyes a bit to have his words sink in to “You Could Be Anywhere.” A sharp contrast to his emotional voice from before, the last half of All In is relaxing and leaves you feeling a little like you want to go to sleep.

By the end of the first listen, the All In is only good at best, and nothing amazing. The album strikes me as only decent. It has some catchy songs and some fantastic instrumentals, but other than that there is little or no allure to it.

However, upon the second, third, and even fourth listen, All In does seem to sound better. Regardless, Errico’s somewhat raucous but always smooth voice and passionate guitar instrumentals are more than just catchy. The music indeed speaks to the listener, but it isn’t without fault.

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Wolves in the Throne Room delivers expressive black metal sound

By Adam Azzabi
Coordinating Writer

In the backroom of The Earl, eerily quiet, you can hear the music slowly, pulsating amidst the soft sound of drum cymbals for what seems to be another minute. Then chaos erupts as the eerness becomes a dense blurring of distorted fury, the softness becomes a maelstrom of assaulting bass drums, and a gurgual, tortured shriek of unintelligible vocals pierces your ears and reverberates in your head. You realize you are witnessing a black metal show, and this is Wolves in the Throne Room.

A three-piece band of two guitarists and a drummer from the forests of Olympia, Wash., they try to live in self-sufficiency in a house in the woods, cultivating their own livestock and growing their own food, seemingly eschewing civilization. It would appear that they attempt to live the stereotypical image average black metal bands claim to glorify: isolation, misanthropy, paganism, the occult, melancholy and the list goes on of things that invoke emotions which seem like a terrible end to a bad day. The originality of sound is what makes or breaks a black metal band, as otherwise they would just be regressing to the ordinary sound that has already been perfected by their predecessors. Hailing from the Northwest, Wolves in the Throne Room successfully conveys a sound that conveys the beauty and unforgiveness of the natural world.

Diadem of 12 Stars, their first full-length release, vehemently states that they have something important to say. However despite copious ideas and powerful delivery, it falls slightly short at delivering a cohesive statement that would leave you satiated, though Diadem is a landmark on its own. The band’s most recent release, Two Hunters, is unyielding in its presentation of a succinct musical odyssey over four tracks, flowing with relentless viciousness and serene radiance.

The two guitarists weave together, with one belting out thick assailing riffs while the other explores melodious passages, the drums crashing and pounding behind them. The song is seamless in its transitions and while passages repeat, new ideas are constantly presented with harsh recession and redundancy is nonexistent.

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Second Wives showcases roots and talent

By Jarrett Oakley
Contributing Writer

Have you ever heard of anyone from Cairo, Ga.? Aside from the best-selling author of Running with Scissors, Augusten Burroughs, this rural Georgia town has been relatively quiet and content in its southern country anonymity until now.

The Second Wives, a power alterna-tive rock trio of brothers born, bred and fed on rock and roll since the cradle recently came to Tech. Intent on untilting the sound palette of the “boys from Syrup City” played a face-melting show, proving why they just might have the elements to make it big.

The youngest brother and drum-mer Julian Brown is already a rock prodigy at the age of 16. Yet what he may lack in age he makes up for in underground at Columbus State University and the songwriting genius of the group, strums a light-ning quick lead guitar and belts out rousing vocals. “[We] definitely plan on pursuing music thoroughly during and after college,” Perry Brown said.

Perry Brown is also proud of his southern roots. This was apparent when Perry blared over the immense sound system “The Evangelist,” when Perry blared over the immense music thoroughly during and after rousing vocals. Perry Brown started with the classic “Born to be Wild” by Steppenwolf. It then led into a teeth-chattering, fiery cover of “Biller in the Head” by Lauren’s favorite musical group, Rage Against the Machine.

However, the band played more than just heavy hitting, jump-up-and-about tunes. “Month Before May” and “I’m Coming Home” are slow, melodic pieces that reference love of the brothers’ beloved mother and girlfriends that would melt the heart of any unsuspecting girl.

A good friend of the Second Wives, Mark “Lucky” S. Lee got on stage and beat-boxed through some of his rap collection of his own creation, including each rap icon as Ti and 2 Pac. Mark has a brand new titled album coming out this fall. He says about his life because you want to spin something real. If you dont’ think of them at some point. What do you go to do it? What do you go to do it? The Second Wives have the pedigree to be a phenomenal alternative music presence in the future. Unique to their own intentions, their blend of country and classic rock cultivates their musical talent into one great, well-rounded performance.

With wrapping up the evening, the Second Wives brought the house down with a grooving and raucous cover of Blue’s “Song 2” and left the entire crowd roaring, with beads of sweat pouring down everyone’s face. The Second Wives have the pedigree to be a phenomenal alternative music presence in the future. Unique to their own intentions, their blend of country and classic rock cultivates their musical talent into one great, well-rounded performance.

The band’s main motivation for any concert is to rock out each and every patron, and in this regard they succeeded immensely. Their musical semblance is as dispersed and variable as a synthesis between mumps, the Clash, and indie rockers like Ryan Adams. The band devilishly hinted at a potential release in the near future after Christmas. Keep an eye on this band, because the sky’s the limit for these jammie boys from Cairo, Ga.

Ed Harris provides another stand-out performance as Detective Remy Breslin. Harris already proved he could play a scary guy in David Cronenberg’s A History of Violence, and here he is able to recreate that by becoming a man whose motives we’re never really sure of.

I can readily come up with very many problems with the movie. The pacing can be a bit slow at times, and the story is like the detective stories from the days of yore, so it isn’t groundbreaking. But when the story is as engrossing as this, it doesn’t need to try and redefine its genre. The film never pretends to be more than it is. Hats off to you, Affleck brothers.


The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra performs “A Fairy Tale Halloween” Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. and 3:50 p.m. in an annual tradition. The show will feature musical selections and dances highlighting witches and magic from a variety of fairy tale productions.

Fall Out comes in

Chicago-based punk pop emo rock band, Fall Out Boy, will play Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gwinnett Arena as part of their Young Wild Things Tour. Also performing will be bands Gym Class Heroes, Plain White T’s and Cune Is What We Aim For. Tickets are $30.
Two Bits Man bewails bathrooms, architecture and the internet

Architects would have you believe that a lot of things matter when they determine if a building was designed well. I, Two Bits Man, will contradict them despite never having taken an architecture class in my life. My criteria for a building: decent wifi, decent temperature, decent bathrooms, and a common area. If they can't afford those four things in a building, then something’s wrong.

This entire train of thought came when I attempted to use a bathroom just before a math test in Skiles. I really had to use the bathroom, and when you really need something, you're a little indiscriminate as to the source. For example, food and dining halls, sex and that hookup you had last year but regretted a few minutes later. I know you needed it, and you kind of regret it; that's why they sell Axe Snake Peel in the grocery store and give out free condoms in the Health Center.

So, in this one-person bathroom, most of the space is empty, as if they'd intended to put a real restroom there but changed their minds at some point. I wouldn’t have been entirely unsurprised to walk out of that bathroom to find myself at a gas station in a small, dirty Midwestern town. What really bothered me, though, was the non-working sink. I discovered the sink’s difficulty (and by “difficulty” I mean “impotence”) after having soaped my hands, at which point you stand there and wonder what to do next. Since my test was slightly more important than immediate cleanliness, I dried the soap off of my hands, noting the writing on the sink that described my situation as “tragic.”

Now, this is a somewhat rotten start to the day, but my woes continued. After my test, I went to use a proper bathroom in the Student Center, only to be disappointed by the feeble (and by “feeble” I mean “impotent”) sinks in the Student Center Commons. Their definition of water conservation is that you get a bit of a drizzle when you place your hand right next to the sensor. I can spit harder than those sinks can “pour,” so I don’t know how the designers believed that you could actually wash anything with them. Not that the average Tech student gets dirty near the Student Center, but I shouldn’t have to worry about this crap (I bet the bathrooms near UGA’s Turf Management building(s) have real bathrooms). Also, who invented the motion sensors in these bathrooms? They flash when you sit down, when you get up, when you open the stall door, and when you close the door, as if they’re inconveniently located in a nursing home. At least most of you are smart enough to not spray on the seat or the floor… yet while many of you out there were smart enough to get into this esteemed university, you apparently failed to figure out how to aim properly.

Bathroom humor aside, having access to LAWN is very important to me; how else am I going to ignore my professors and read fark.com all day? The only areas that don’t get coverage are the higher floors of some buildings on the edge of campus, and the green spaces. It’d be nice to have great LAWN coverage in the middle of Yellow Jacket Park, but I have no idea where they’d hide a wireless hotspot other than burying it. If only I’d expanded LAWN a few blocks north, so I could just use it and ditch an unnamed cable provider (their commercials are cool, though). I’ll buy anything that sounds remotely like the Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy with unreliable internet service. No, if I want real internet, I have to come to campus. I’d love it if LAWN was offered in Homepark, but the odds of that are only slightly higher than it being offered in Athens. Nevertheless, I can dream of better internet service.

And to close up this week’s entertainment, I’d like to emphasize that common areas are just as important as a fine porcelain throne. If you believe the stereotype of CS majors being antisocial creatures, then you haven’t heard about the billion group projects we have to do, nor have you seen the commons or the many labs in which these projects are done. It’s as if the CoC is actively trying to make us spend time with other people. Even worse a game from EA a couple weeks ago. ECE majors don’t know what they’re missing. You call that engineering? Do you get free ice cream? I didn’t think so.
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1. Make less sticky
2. Except
3. Booth
4. Graceful horse
5. City in Florida
6. Potter’s need
7. We’re off — the wizard…”
8. Not anybody
10. Scale tone
11. Garments for messy eaters
12. Poison
13. Mccartin and Stevens
14. Stew pot
15. McCartney and Stevens
16. Poison
17. Luck: 2 wds.
18. Lounges on campus: 2 wds.
19. City in Florida
20. Poster Spots
21. Wrap for sushi
22. Not anybody
23. Carrots for messy eaters
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26. Employment
27. Greek goddess
28. 3 wds.
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34. Farm implement
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36. Sorrowful hymn: 2 wds.
37. Luck: 2 wds.
38. “A Fish Called…”
39. Dry gulch
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42. Kind of blonde
43. Graceful horse
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46. Police action
47. Cloth worker
48. Goes quickly
49. Down
50. Horse
51. Saccharine
52. Western Indian
53. “-goodness!”
54. Employing
55. Actor -- Kilmer
56. Stylus
57. Priests’ vestments
58. Employment
59. Kind of blonde
60. Born: Fr.
61. Kind of blonde
62. Employing
63. Kind of blonde
64. Long lock
65. Like some steaks
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us that he would be ‘all right’ and just told us to go out there and play hard,” Grant said.

Consequently, Tech stole away the second half with dominating defense, a diversified running game and some well-timed passes.

Tashard Choice left the game during the first quarter with an injured knee. Choice carried the ball more than 30 times in the past three games despite a nagging hamstring injury. Furthermore, Choice still leads the ACC in rushing yards for the second consecutive season. During the match-up on Saturday, Choice was able to run for 24-yards and a touchdown in his limited time.

“Without [Choice] being out there, we definitely knew that we had to pick up everything and become a little bit crisper in our blocks. I think we came out there in the second half and made great adjustments...”

Mike Cox
Senior Fullback

“It felt good. I haven’t had that feeling in a long time. I was actually wondering how much Coach Bond was going to run it this week. I know everybody on the offense was bounding on me saying that ‘they weren’t going to run it’. But I knew it was a great play, and I’m just proud to show my abilities and why I’m like a ‘running bull.’ They said that they were going to use it, but I didn’t think that I was going to get to carry the ball as many times as I did today,” Cox said.

“We can finally get [Cox] some carries. He’s been on us for a while about that. But that was good to get him some carries and almost broke that last one for a touchdown...I’m happy for him,” Bennett said.

The Tech defense proved to be a dominating force, easily stopping the opposition. They held the Black Knights to just 188 net rushing yards and the starting receiver to less than 100 receiving yards. Tech also forced three interceptions from the opponents, including one caught in the endzone.

Choice recently underwent surgery and will not be able to play in the next home game against Virginia Tech. However, there is still a strong chance that he will play in the remaining games.

“Despite winning 3-0, Tech’s average margin of victory was just four points, including a 33-31 win in the second game.”

Callie Miller contributed with 11 kills and five blocks. The Jackets continue their homestead with matches against conference foes N.C. State and North Carolina today and tomorrow, respectively.
**Midseason Football Report Card**

By Akshay Amarreni

Tech heads into its bye week before the final stretch of the season. The Jackets played below expectations this season. Some expected the team to perform better than last year's team that made it to the ACC Championship game and the Gator Bowl.

So far, the team has shown flashes of dominance. Against Samford, the team rushed for nine touchdowns and racked up 69 points. The team's defense shut down Clemson's running back tandem of C.J. Spiller and James Davis in a 13-3 victory.

Unfortunately, the team has been able to visit Orange Stadium and play Miami and still come away with a victory. The Jackets fell to in its rushing attack and its stout defense to power the squad to its third consecutive victory over the Hurricanes.

Unfortunately, the team has had a tendency to fall behind against teams because of sloppy play and turnovers. Against Virginia, the team fell behind 21-7 and against Maryland, the team had to overcome a 22-13 deficit. The two eventual losses saw Tech mounting a comeback that fell just short in the fourth quarter.

The team will now enter into the second part of its season that will see several difficult matchups. Virginia Tech always provides a difficult test for Georgia Tech while Georgia has bested the team for five straight years. Even historically inferior teams Duke and North Carolina have found more success this season. The Jackets must correct its ills if it wants to go to a bowl game or possibly the ACC Championship game.

**Defense**

Tech defense has played well this season, but has underperformed in the first half. Against Boston College, Tech allowed an opening drive touchdown and another drive that ended inside the Tech 10-yard line on a turnover. Against Virginia, the Jackets gave up two long drives for touchdowns in the first quarter. Against Maryland, Tech stopped Maryland on the first drive but then gave up three long touchdown drives of 84, 66, and 72 yards on Maryland's next three possessions. Tech also allowed a 63-yard drive to Army in the first quarter that resulted in a touchdown. In all four of those games, the Jackets were able to settle down and stop the team for the rest of the game. Tech's defense played four shut-down quarters against Clemson and Miami, but needs to do that consistently to be successful. The team has continued to blitz the quarterback throughout the season, finding success against less seasoned offensive lines and less experienced quarterbacks, but having its worst game against Boston College's Heisman candidate Matt Ryan and the Golden Eagles.

Defensive MVP: Darrell Robertson (4.5 sacks, 13.5 TFL, FF, fumble return TD)

Honorable Mention: Vance Walker (5.5 sacks, 10 TFL, 3 FF)

**OFFENSE**

The Jackets’ offense has performed very inconsistently this season. The Jackets scored 33 and 69 points against Notre Dame and Samford respectively, but since then have broken 20 points just three times, twice in road losses and once against Army. In ACC play Tech has averaged just 18 points, going 2-3 in the five games. The bright spot in Tech's offense has been the rushing offense. For the second year in a row, Tech leads the ACC in rushing and is one of the national leaders. Tashard Choice individually leads the ACC in rushing this season with 804 yards, over 200 yards better than the next highest (Lattimore (MD), 625). The passing game has really let the offense down this year. Quarterback Taylor Bennett has completed just 51.4 percent of his passes this season for two touchdowns and three interceptions, but has been plagued by several dropped passes from his inexperienced receiving corps. In order to consistently win games, Tech must force the opponent to respect the passing game in order to open lanes for backs in the running game.

Offensive MVP: Tashard Choice (864 rush yards, 24th in the nation).

Honorable Mention: O-Line, TE, FB: 5 sacks allowed

**Special Teams**

Special teams have been the most improved aspect of Tech's game this season. Last year, Durant Brooks was a finalist for the Ray Guy award and has only improved in his second year, posting a better punt average as well as net punt average. Travis Bell has returned to the form that earned him All-ACC honors his freshman year and is second in the ACC in scoring, well on his way to breaking the single season school record of 19 field goals.

Last season Tech averaged last in kickoff coverage, allowing two kickoff return touchdowns of over 95 yards each. This season, Tech has gone from worst to first in that department. Part of it has to do with the new kicker Philip Wheeler, who has wrecked havoc on the special teams this season with a missed field goal at the Maryland game with time winding down, a game that Tech won to overcome a 21-3 deficit. The two eventual losses saw Tech mounting a comeback that fell just short in the fourth quarter.

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**Defensive MVP:**

Philip Wheeler gets the sack in the game against Clemson. He has led a defense that has wrecked havoc in the backfield.

**Offensive MVP:**

Demaryius Thomas jumps for a ball against Army. He is one of the many players on the receiving corps.

**Special Teams MVP:**

Durant Brooks punts another ball away after a stalled drive. He has led the special teams for the second straight year.
Get a divorce. All the cool people are doing it.

Armed male cheerleaders are soooo much hotter than GT male cheerleaders and the Army female cheerleaders are actually tall enough to watch the game versus the GT midgets. I'm beginning to think it is political.

Atlanta has THREE months of water left, GT sent out an email to on campus residents asking not to waste water, then that SAME night the sprinklers in front on Hemphill were on for hours!!! WHAT was that tech??

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What is the point of giving us homework on stuff we don't know how to do? Why can't you just lecture us about it first? Yeah, I know we talk through your lectures, but dude.

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gorsk, 8-4. The team of Hickey and Stripin lost to Miami’s Farah and Sreenaath, 8-4. In the second round, McCray and Miller beat Tow du Annabelle Baras and Rawia El Sni, 8-4. Flower and Johansson also advanced with a win over Kennesaw State’s Madekannson and Ayano Tanaka, 8-0.

Two Jackets advanced past the quarterfinals on the third day’s matches. Miller got through teammate Flower to reach the semi-finals with a straight set, 6-1, 6-1 win. McCray beat Miami’s Bianca Eichhorn, 6-4, 6-3. UGA’s Hyndman beat her second straight Tech opponent in this time it was Stripin, who lost 6-0, 6-2. Both Tech players battled their way through the semi-finals as well. Miller beat FSU’s Rybakova, 6-4, 7-6 (5), while McCray beat Eichhorn, 6-4, 6-3.

Miller and Flower advanced to the doubles final, 6-1 (ret.). Johansson and Flower lost to Florida’s team of Srebrovic and Whitney Benik, 8-1. McCray and Miller defeated teammate Miller in the finals of the singles draw to win the title in a straight set win, 6-1, 6-3. Miller then joined McCray to win the doubles title over Miami’s Farah and Sreenaath, 8-5.

In men’s tennis, the team was at Charlottesville, Virginia. David North returned to singles action this weekend for the men’s tennis team and Guillermo Gomez continued his excellent start. Gomez and North also competed together in doubles, winning their opening round match over David Guy and Grega Terez of Charleston Southern University, 8-2. Jose and Miguel Muguruza also won their opening doubles match over 10th seed Damon Gooch and Mason Schmermerhorn of Elon, 9-7.

In the early round singles matches, Gomez continued his excellent play defeating Citadel’s Danny Destefani, 6-1, 6-4. Gomez lost his opening round match to Clay Donato of UNC-Charlotte’s Roy Schel, 7-6, 6-0. His third round match was a walkover win when Virginia Tech’s Brandon Corace retired with a wrist injury after losing the first set to Gomez, 7-5.

Gomez continued his run with a fourth round win over another Virginia Tech player, Nicholas Delgado, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2. Gomez lost in the quarterfinals though, in a close match to Virginia Tech’s 5th seeded Dominic Inglot, 7-5, 6-7, 7-5.
Tennis competes in fall tourneys

Last weekend, the Tech women’s tennis team continued their solid play during this fall season with a sweep of the singles and doubles championships in the ITA South Regional tournament at UGA. Playing at UGA, the site of last season’s NCAA tournament, Amanda McDowell ended Kristy Miller’s 17-game tournament win streak in the final to take the singles title. Miller and Whitney McCray, the top seeded doubles pair, won the doubles title over familiar opponents in Miami’s Romy Farah and Caren Seenauch.

Opening the tournament, the Jackets won six of their seven first round matches and five of their six second round matches. Top-seeded Miller beat USF’s Liz Cruz, 6-3, 6-0. Miller then lost a set against Miami’s Romy Farah before finishing her off as well, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0. Third-seeded McDowell battled through her first round matches beating Florida State’s Carolin Walter, 6-4, 6-1 and USF’s Jannette Bejlkova, 7-5, 6-1.

Among other seeded Jackets were Chrissy Striplin who beat USF’s Natalie Guerra, 6-1, 6-2, and Maroba Nikitova of Georgia State, 7-6(8), 6-1. Seventh-seeded Maya Johansson beat Elvira Serrot, 6-3, 6-2. Johansson beat Georgia of Mississippi, 8-1. Flower and Johansson beat Georgia State’s Martina Nikitova and Mateja Podžamič, 7-6, 6-3 and Miami’s Caren Seenauch, 6-3, 7-5. Kirsten Flower, the last of the seeded Jackets, won her opening matches over Alabama’s Tiffany Welker, 6-4, 6-4, 6-5, and beat UCF’s Elvira Serrot, 6-3, 6-2.

The other opening round winner was freshman Noelle Heickey, who upset sixth seeded Monike Dancievic of UGA with a 6-7(5), 6-0, 6-1 win. Heickey then second seeded round match to Miami’s Bianca Eichkorn, 6-0, 6-2. Eighth-seeded Whitney McCray was upset by Katie Rybakova of Florida State, 7-5, 6-4. McCray won her first round consolation match over Preethi Subramanian of Mississippi, 6-3, 6-0.

The third round featured Tech winning four out of five matches. Miller beat UGA’s Cameron Ellis, 7-5, 6-4. Flower defeated another UGA opponent, this time Naoko Ueshima, 7-6(3), 6-4. McDowell got through Auburn’s Melissa Koning, 6-3, 7-5 and Striplin upset 12th ranked Diana Srebotnic of Florida, 6-4, 6-3. The only singles loss on the day was UGA’s Kelsey Hyndman beating Johansson, 6-1, 6-1.

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Volleyball moves past Maryland, BC

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Will Blackwater be a terrorist group soon?
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The Jackets overcame early errors and tough Maryland blocking in order to come away with the victory.
Tech survived the game, exchanging games back and forth throughout the match. Tech dominated in the first game, taking the game 25-21. While the Jackets set the tone for the match, the Terps stormed back and took control of the second game, tying up the match at one piece with a 23-23 win. Tech won the next game, 30-24, but lost the fourth game 28-30. Going into the fifth game, Tech had lost its three previous heartbreaking games on the season. Despite their lack of success in previous decisive games, the Jackets were able to pull out the victory with a 15-10 win in the game.

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Tech lets its group of running backs lead the offense in the game against Army. The Jackets went on to win by a score of 34-10. Rashan Grant earned 119 rushing yards during the game.

“I feel like I’m ready [to be a starting running back]. I’ve been playing here for five years. I’m older, stronger and a little bigger. I think, collectively as a whole for the running back position and the players that we have, we are capable of collectively holding the load,” Grant said.

Grant was the leader of Tech’s offense throughout much of the game before leaving with an ankle injury. Furthermore, Jamaal Evans started the game before leaving with an ankle injury. Additionally, Jamaal Evans won its division title and earned themselves a berth into the Colgate Water Polo Association National Championship being held at the University of Arizona. Tech matched up with Clemson and Tennessee en route to the finals. The team scored 50 goals and allowed only 10 goals.

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We were a little frustrated in the first half because we knew that things were not going smoothly.”

Taylor Bennett
Junior Quarterback

Morgan Burnett jumps for an interception in the end zone.

Jamaal Evans evades two defenders while running with the ball. He helped carry the load after Tashard Choice went out.

We have a ‘three-headed monster’ with Dwyer, [Choice] and [Evans]. They all bring something to the table that we’re going to be pretty confident...They can go to a bunch of different places and start...so I think we’re definitely very fortunate to have that depth at running back,” said Taylor Bennett, the starting quarterback.

Both quarterbacks Taylor Bennett and Josh Nesbit split time during the day, with Bennett taking most of the passing duties and Nesbit running the ball on certain downs. While Bennett completed 13-of-24 passes for 207 yards, Nesbit averaged about six yards each attempted run. “[Having the five-receiver set] is something that I love and something that I think we execute well...We want to win more than 20-10 our team in crutches to motivate the rest of the team. ‘Tashard is always Tashard. He was getting pretty choky up and emotional when he was saying that he couldn’t be out there playing with us anymore, but that is why he is the captain here. He definitely got us up and rallied up the troops, but you could tell that it was definitely hurting him that he couldn’t be out there,” said Mike Cox, the starting fullback.

During halftime, Choice just told us to go out there and play like we know we can. He told

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The drought is becoming worse and worse and some methods of how to conserve water are described for readers. Page 11

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