CRC Leadership Challenge Course opens to the public

By Kamra Bohra
Contributing Writer

After over four years of planning and design, Tech has finally instituted the new Leadership Challenge Course (LCC) near the CRC. The LCC, which consists of approximately 200 foot jags, 500 foot zigzag lines, LCD screens and GPS, can accommodate up to 64 students at a time. The course is intended to teach students about leadership, teamwork and communication skills not taught in the classroom. Demand for the course has been very high, with programs booked weeks in advance before the opening.

The ticketing system has been soundly criticized by students. Prior to running the course, students and faculty groups must undergo several hours of workshops, focusing on leadership behavior and problem-solving tactics. At each tower of the LCC, participants stop to discuss their progress. At the end of the course a full evaluation of leadership and teamwork techniques is conducted, comparing the effective and ineffective methods of getting across the course.

According to Adventure Recreation Coordinator Matt Marcus, a survey of employers indicates that Tech graduates have unbecalable technical skills, but are lacking in communication and leadership abilities. As part of Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson’s 25-year plan, the LCC will provide students with a different side to their education.

The reason this facility is here is because someone said “What if?” We talked about those things that have in the past and will in the future set our students apart," Peterson said. "Leadership is not a position; it’s a set of behaviors. And you don’t want to wait until you’re in a position to learn those. Then you’re learning the wrong way.”

New ticketing continues to frustrate

By Matt Schrichte
Contributing Writer

While the Jackets’ football season got off to a quick start this year with the team capturing two victories in less than a week, students have been less than thrilled concerning the new ticketing process. Across campus, students have been sounding off on Tech’s newly implemented ticket policy, following issues with the online ticketing system and security at the game.

Despite informational videos and campaigns explaining the new system from both the Athletic Association (AA) and SGA, students still found trouble in using it. Even before the start of the season students began to voice concerns about leadership, teamwork and communication skills not taught in the classroom. Demand for the course has been very high, with programs booked weeks in advance before the opening.

By buying tickets for the Georgia Tech-Colorado State game, Chase Cooper, a senior and member of the Tech football team said, “I could have purchased a season ticket when they were supposed to open up the new ones, I wasn’t able to because they hadn’t been released yet. I guess.”

Once inside the stadium, students found it difficult as well to move through the student sections in the north and south ends of the stadium. Recently added ushers hired by the AA forced fans without the proper ticket voucher away from their purchased seats at the Jacksonville State and Clemson games. The ushers were there to control students from entering into unauthorized sections. However, in some instances at the Jacksonville State game, students without their vouchers were forced to stand. At the same game, students were forced to leave the game entirely.

“I just want to be able to see all my friends during the game,” said Abby Kroll, third-year MGT major. "Needless to say, I’ve been disappointed with the new seating arrangements so far. The Jackets have been doing a great job following the Jacksonville State game, SGA representatives asked the ushers to cut back on section monitoring following the first quarter to allow for more student mobility. However, these changes were not in place for much of the Clemson game the students were supposed to be released on. I wasn’t able to purchase a seat during the week and didn’t have a passing chance when they were released at 8 a.m. on Wednesdays. This was unknown to those in charge in the Athletic Association until 11 a.m., a couple of hours after posting that the new season tickets would go on sale at noon.

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Freshman election results announced

By Craig Tabita
Online Editor

Freshman class representative elections concluded Wednesday with four new appointments, including freshman class president. However, there was a penalty for election code infringement that made the difference for one of the candidates.

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Chalking on areas including the library fountain, Skiles Walkway and on West Campus. Per elections code, candidates are not permitted to chalk anywhere on institute property. As a result, Flint was ordered to remove chalking from all surfaces and her vote total was docked by 15 votes. Flint received 143 votes originally, which would have been the third highest finish and enough to secure a representative position. Because of the penalty, she dropped down to 128 votes. As a result, the penalty dropped her behind five other candidates and therefore out of the running for a position.

The same day this election closed, another poll opened to fill seats in SGAs other legislative body. Graduate students have until Friday at 4 p.m. to visit www.elections.gatech.edu and choose their representation in the Graduate Student Senate.

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**Events and happenings across campus next week**

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**Campus Calendar**

**Tuesday, September 22th**

**Apollo Astronaut Visits Tech**

**WHAT:** Apollo 16 lunar module pilot General Charles Duke will be giving a lecture and presenting the Astronaut Scholarship. Duke was one of 12 astronauts to walk on the moon during the Apollo missions, and will be presenting the scholarship to third year AE major Jonathan Walker.

**WHO:** General Charles Duke

**WHEN:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fertel Center

**Wednesday, September 23th**

**Future Astronaut Lecture**

**WHAT:** Duke University’s Institute of Space Policy will be holding a public lecture to be given by Stephen Quinn, who is one of the leading experts in space policy.

**WHEN:** 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Flag Building, room 117

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**POLLS of the WEEK**

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Next issue’s question: How much would you pay to use the GT Challenge course? Tell us at nique.net

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**OBITUARY**

In remembrance of....

Darrell Russell McClure, library security guard, passed away Saturday, Sept. 12, of a heart attack. McClure’s remains will lie in state today at 11 a.m. at the Willis Funeral Home in Dalton, Georgia followed by a memorial service the next day at 1 p.m. at the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church.

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Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

The Undergraduate House of Representatives debates a bill put forward at this week’s meeting.

Conclusions offered

SGA passed by acclamation a resolution expressing the deepest condolences to the family and friends of Jasmine Lynn. Lynn was a student at Spelman College in Atlanta who was murdered on the Clark Atlanta University. Undergraduate Student Body President Alina Staskevicius acknowledged that because of the tragic nature of the situation and the recent crimes that have a high visibility, that such a resolution expresses the deep condolences to the family and friends of Jasmine Lynn.

In last week’s article on the Mock dorm fire it was erroneously printed that it was the third annual event hosted by the GT police department. The event was the second annual fire-safety event, hosted by the Environmental Health and Safety office’s office of Fire safety.

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Students remember 9-11

By Chaitanya Adgaonkar
Contributing Writer

This week Tech students hon-ored the memory of victims and survivors of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. As a part of the Tech 9/11 Memorial Project, 2,977 American flags were displayed on the Skiles lawn to com-memorate each life that was lost during the tragic attacks. Stud-ents volunteered to help create the flag display on the lawn.

“These flags are our way of showing the world that we re-member and care for the victims and their families of 9/11,” said Chandler Epp, secretary of Col-lege Republicans, which orga-nizes the flag display every year.

A memorial service was con-ducted at Kessler Campanile at 11 a.m., which commemorated the lives that were lost and also honored the GTPD. The pro-ceedings began with a moment of silence to honor the victims of the tragedy. Various speakers then expressed their sentiments about the tragedy.

Sean Donnelly, a Tech stu-dent who spoke at event said, “My uncle was a lieutenant in the FDNY’s Ladder Three Company and was killed in the north tower of the World Trade Center after climbing 60 floors trying to save everyone he could.”

“The flags are a poignant gesture, and my uncle would be proud to see that students set them up on campus every year,” Epp added.

Shawn Henley, a Marine vet-eran who was in Iraq, spoke on a call to action” and encour-aged the audience to not give up on the fight against terrorism around the world.

Nicholas Snider, president of the National Museum of Patrio-tism, formerly a commissioned U.S. Army officer, was the main speaker at the event. Snider spoke about the bravery of 9/11 hero British American Rick Rescorla who was credited with safely evacuating more than 3,700 Morgan Stanley employees, be-fore sacrificing his own life when he returned to look for more sur-vivors in the buildings.

“We must never forget why they died, and we must do our part to build a better America in their honor,” Snider added.

In conjunction with SGA, the service also included a ceremony to honor the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) for the work they do in helping keep campus safe. The day was also marked as “Thank a GT Police Officer Day.” Members of the GTPD were honored with a thank you card from the stu-dent body and SGA. Members of GTPD also spoke at the event.

The GT 9/11 Memorial Proj-ect was founded by Tech Stu-dents in 2003 with the objective of memorializing the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2003 in a mean-ingful way.

“We will never forget the tragedy of 9/11, which shook our world and still affects every stu-dent, I am so pleased to see this project continue on campus,” said Ori Sklar, CE ’08, who co-founded the GT 9/11 Project in 2003.

This year a record 214 Ameri-can college and university cam-puses are holding events to com-memorate 9/11 on this eighth anniversary of the tragedy. The flag memorial and ceremony served as a fitting tribute and en-couraged students, faculty, alum-ni and community members to memorialize those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and rural Pennsyl-vania on that day.

Nearly 3000 flags were planted on Skiles Lawn last Friday to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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by the seat of your pants!” added Matt Marcus, assistant outdoor recreation coordinator of the CRC. “The course definitely challenges a group of individuals to work together as a team—true learning occurs when you realize that pulling together or supporting each other makes it much easier for each person to get across,” said Julie Anne Williams, organizational development project director, who tested the LCC with other members of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) in one of the first trial runs.

A unique combination of management and engineering majors also collaborated on a trial run of the LCC. According to Sheena Richards, the Technology and Management Program Coordinator, “staff did an excellent job of reaching [their] goal of honing [their] students’ leadership and teamwork abilities through unique and untraditional methods.” The LCC is considered very innovative and some Atlanta corporations will be using the program to train their own employees.

“We combine these skills with Tech’s academics, and you’ve got a world class student!” Marcus said of the LCC’s benefits.

Institute President G.P. “Bud” Peterson speaks to attendees at the opening ceremony of the new Leadership Challenge Course.

Reck club brings back T-Night

By Nancy Thanki
Contributing Writer

On the evening of Sept. 9 a crowd filled Bobby Dodd Stadium for T-Night, an event dedicated to informing the campus community about Tech traditions hosted by the Ramblin’ Reck Club.

Also known as Traditions Night, the event returned to campus after a brief hiatus, with the last T-Night being held in 2006. The organizers hope to make it an annual tradition once more.

While the event was geared towards incoming freshmen, many different facets of the Tech community came out to support this burgeoning tradition. Representatives from various athletic teams came out to support their respective sports.

“We’re thankful for everyone coming out, helping out, the Athletic Association, the band, the cheerleaders and the Glee Club,” said Jason Rodzik, a second-year CS graduate student and Ramblin’ Reck Club member.

The night began with a run through of different cheers and the presentation of a brief history of Tech. “This is a really important thing to bring back, especially for freshmen. I wish this happened when I was a freshman,” said Kristen Greig, a second-year IAM student.

Cries of “What’s the good word?” and “To hell with Georgia!” reverberated throughout the stadium into the night. As the event progressed, many lesser known traditions and facts were shared. These facts included tidbits such as the history of Buzz, the Ramblin’ Wreck, T-Man and other past Tech mascots. In addition, the event showcased a demonstration of the Mini 500, a tricycle race held during Homecoming week around Peters Parking deck. Attendees were also introduced to the Freshman Cake Race, which has been held since 1933. Students compete in a half-mile foot race through campus, the top-three finishers of which receive a baked cake. The top finisher from both sexes receives a kiss from Mr. and Mrs. Georgia Tech, respectively.

T-Night was a bringing together of the Tech community to celebrate traditions that have lasted over 100 years, and organizers hope that this tradition can continue on into future years.

“The reason why Tech is better is because of our traditions. Being able to come out and celebrate is why I love Tech!” said Dane Kalez, vice president of the Ramblin’ Reck Club and fifth-year IE major.

The Goldfellas made an appearance at T-Night, an event held to commemorate Tech traditions and inform new students about Tech’s past. The event was held for the first time after a three year hiatus.

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