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 system and with security and communications. Not taught in the classroom. Demand for the course 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 unbearable 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...

By Kamna 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 has three towers, multiple zip lines, LCD screens and GPS. The LCC 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 new system.

From both the Athletic Association (AA) and Clemson games’ registration times. However, there was a penalty for election code infringement that made the difference for one of the candidates. Nicholas Robson, first-year AE, led all candidates with 146 votes to become the new freshman class president. Filling out the other three freshman representative positions are Eran Mordel, first-year MGT, who placed second with 144 votes; Michael Musgrove, first-year MGT, who received 142 votes and Vanessa Vakiri, first-year BIO, with 140 votes. A total of 1457 votes were cast in total among 15 candidates, all of whom were new freshmen. Voting was conducted via the web starting beginning Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. and ended at 4 p.m. Wednesday. The results were announced Wednesday night by Mike Donohue, SGA elections chair and second-year PUBP. The appointments of new freshman class representatives in the fall out of freshman candidates is a departure from previous years when the elections were held the previous spring out of students who would be second-year students while representing the freshman class.

“I think a lot of freshmen come out of high school really ready to get involved in student government,” Donohue said. “[Picking freshman representatives out of the new freshman class] really makes SGA more responsive to the student body to have more people representing their own type and makes [representatives] more reactive to what [their constituents] want.” The Elections Committee ruled Sept. 10 by a 6-0 vote that one candidate, Katie Flint, first-year CHBE, had violated the elections code by...
Technique
The South’s Liveliest College Newspaper

Founded in 1911, the Technique is the student newspaper of the Georgia Institute of Technology, and is an official publication of the Georgia Tech Board of Student Publications. The Technique publishes on Fridays weekly during the fall and spring and biweekly during the summer.

Advertising
Information and rate cards can be found online at nique.net/ads. The deadline for reserving ad space is Friday at 5 p.m. one week before publication. To place a reservation for billing information, or for any other questions please e-mail us at ads@nique.net. You may reach us by telephone at (404) 894-2830, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Coverage Requests
Requests for coverage and tips should be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief and/or the relevant section editor.

Office:
353 Ferst Dr., Room 137
Atlanta, GA 30332-0290
Telephone: (404) 894-2830
Fax: (404) 894-1650

Editor-in-Chief:
Emily Chambers
editor@nique.net
Telephone: (404) 894-2831

News Editor: Vivian Fan / news@nique.net
Opinions Editor: Kautila Godschek / opinions@nique.net
Focus Editor: Kate Comstock / focus@nique.net
Entertainment Editor: Jennifer Aldoretta / entertainment@nique.net

Sports Editor: Nishant Prasadh / sports@nique.net
Follow us online:
http://nique.net
Twitter: @the_nique

Copyright © 2009, Emily Chambers, Editor-in-Chief, and by the Georgia Tech Board of Student Publications. No part of this paper may be reproduced in any manner without written permission from the Editor-in-Chief or from the Board of Student Publications. The ideas expressed herein are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the Board of Student Publications, the students, staff, or faculty of the Georgia Institute of Technology or the University System of Georgia.

First copy free—for additional copies call (404) 894-2830

Events and happenings across campus next week

### Campus Calendar

By Vivian Fan
News Editor

**Tuesday, September 22nd**

**APOLO 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:** Ferst Center

**Friday, September 25th**

**OUTCASTS UNITED - TALK WITH**

**WHAT:** Six Flags Over Georgia will open its doors for the annual Tech night. Tech students are invited to ride the roller coasters and see the sights at the theme park. Tickets are now $18, and can be purchased until Sept. 24 online at [http://www.sixflags.gatech.edu](http://www.sixflags.gatech.edu).

**WHO:** Student Center Programs Council

**WHEN:** 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Six Flags Over Georgia

**Tuesday, September 29th**

**SGA Student Ticketing Open Forum**

**WHAT:** In response to the student concerns over ticketing, SGA is hosting an open forum for students and other Tech football fans to address criticism directly.

**WHO:** SGA

**WHEN:** 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Flag Building, room 117

---

**Poll of the Week**

What do you think about the library fountain being demolished?

- **3.9%** That’s a fountain!
- **5.0%** I’ll miss them, but I don’t care much about them
- **87.1%** I’m angry that they’re getting rid of another Tech tradition

Based on 739 responses

---

**Elections** from page 1

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 SGA’s other legislative body.

Graduate students have until Friday at 4 p.m. to visit [www.elections.gatech.edu](http://www.elections.gatech.edu) and choose their representation in the Graduate Student Senate.

---

**Events**

- **2009 New Member Class!**
  - Emily Alexander, Lauren Bedwell, Catharina Benson, Arturo Bostick, Joseph Brichet, Christian Brown, Shavonne Brown, Lesha Crutch, Sue Ann Davis, Fields Eichenblatt, Kendall Eide, Courtney Elin, Anna Egbert, Sherry Egbert, Marci Farren, Mary Bej Hamke, Rachel Hare, Mardelle Hartley, Randy Hay, Jusheen Nicola, Joe Jusk, Tara Jackson, Allison Johnson, Carel Kidjo, Kina Kling, Megan Mellinghoff, Kaya McKee, Alex Merz, Mary Michaels, Megan O’Neill, Crissy Pardee, Jessica Pino, Alice Pyle, Sara Snel, Sarah Shervi, GG Stentz, Jackie Tripoli, Kersten Vandervelde, Kate Walker, Kile Woodward, Elena Zha

---

**Advertisements**

Visit [nique.net/ads](http://nique.net/ads) for information
Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Students Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

**Challenge Course**
SGA looked at bill fund to personnel for the new challenge course. Assistant Director for Outdoor Recreation Leigh Jackson-Magennis spoke for the funding of the personnel. Jackson-Magennis discussed the importance placed on having professional man the course by former Institute President Clough and the continued support by President Peterson. She noted that the challenge was designed to meet the demands of students outside the Tech campus, but said outside parties second.

**Concluding remarks**
Students expressed concern about the continued support by President Peterson. They noted that the challenge was designed to meet the demands of students outside the Tech campus, but said outside parties second.

**Conclusions offered**
SGA passed by acclamation a resolution expressing the deep condoleances 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 Stavkevitch acknowledged that it is uncommon for SGA to pass such a resolution for someone outside the Tech campus, but said that because of the tragic nature of the situation and the recent events of sta...
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. Stu-dents 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 encouraged 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 Po-lice 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 meaning-ful 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 Orit 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 was 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.

Room for Rent

In Home Park Neighborhood

Cost: $308/month, including a 1 month deposit and utilities

Description: 5-bedroom home with 2 bath units

Location: 1036B Curran St.
Atlanta, GA 30318 – Midtown near Georgia Tech

Contact: Property Manager at recope4756@yahoo.com for more information

Ticketing from page 1

following Thursday.
“Of a sudden the student section doesn’t feel much like a student section,” said Matt Peter-ka, third-year ME major. “Before, there weren’t many limits to where you could go watch the game with your friends. If you wanted better seats, you had to get to the game earli-er. Now it seems like the seat and section numbers were given randomly. It doesn’t seem as fair that people are paying for their seats now but having less choice in selecting them than a year ago.”

In addition to problem within student seating, some students re-port waiting in a formless mass of students as long as 20 minutes prior to the game against Clem-son. To allay student dissatis-faction, the AA and SGA representa-tives are addressing the issues as quickly as possible.

The two promises that the prob-lems with student ticketing both from online registration and at the game will be fixed as soon as the next game. With student cri-tique coming in after every game, SGA has been meeting with the AA each week to discuss ways to improve.

After last week’s meeting with the AA, SGA promises that stu-dents will be much freer to move through the student section.

“SGA is asking the AA to sig-nificantly decrease the vigilance of the event staff so students are free to move around after the first 10 minutes of game time,” SGA Undergraduate President Alina Staskevicius said.

Also under way is the instal-lation of ten BuzzCard reading turnstiles to expedite student en-trance. These turnstiles will be ready for the next home game against UNC, Sept. 26.

“SGA is working on getting more flexibility on a per game basis for next year. We are also going to try to get the ability to allow people with guest passes to ‘in, out, in, out,’ Staskevicius said. “Eventually, SGA wants it to be possible for students to use BuzzCards, debit cards, and credit cards inside the stadium to pur-chase food and drink.”

We’re continuously asking for student feedback and accepting e-mails. Student government orga-nizes a meeting with the Athletic Association after every football game to continuously improve,” Staskevicius said.
A unique combination of management and engineering majors also collaborated on a trial run of the LCC. According to Sheena Ten Greig, a second-year IAML CS graduate student and Ramblin’ Rock Club member, “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 IAML 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 508, 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 1931. 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 Kake, vice president of the Ramblin’ Rock Club and fifth-year IE major.

Institute President G.P. “Bud” Peterson speaks to attendees at the opening ceremony of the new Leadership Challenge Course.
Game day problems persist
Poorly executed policies diminish fun of game day

The past two home games have been exciting examples of Tech spirit. Unfortunately, many aspects of the ticketing system and in-game administration left much to be desired.

A disappointing number of students encountered extreme delays attempting to enter the stadium. We appreciate that Student Government Association and the Athletic Association have decided to install 10 more student ticketing points at the south entrance of the stadium, but attention needs to be paid to the speed at which students are funneled through the existing entrances at the north gate. While security is obviously a concern, the amount of time taken per student to move them through the requisite pat-down, ID check, voucher check and finally Buzzcard scan is significantly longer than the entrance procedures for all other ticket-holders. These delays are a poor example of customer service to the thousands of students forced to stand in line behind those gates while fans of opposing teams stroll through without hardly pausing.

Once inside the stadium, many of the new ticketing policies severely detract from the game-day experience. Students who get individual game tickets or who attend with friends on guest passes are forced to sit in the south end-zone or upper decks. The prospect of sitting alone in an upper deck without the option of visiting with friends in lower blocks is not very appealing, and is not likely to attract students away from the sections that they patrol. This police-work can detract from the students’ game-day experience and distract from the most pressing issues such as violent or drunken fans. We recommend that the AA instruct the ushers to work with documented block-members to evict people who are identified as nom-members, rather than actively patrolling each section. This would vastly improve relations between students and the staff who are at the games to help things go smoothly.

The ushers should treat the students like other guests, as clients. The ultimate goal of the ushers should be customer service to the paying students. The student tickets might not be the main revenue source for the AA, but the increased costs on top of the athletic fees did provide over $200,000 in ticketing revenue this year.

Above all else the AA should remember that for students, the game-day experience is about enjoying yourself while cheering on your team in the company of your friends and classmates. Difficult entrance procedures, stressful ushers and isolated seats detract from that experience, diminishing home games for everyone who attends.

Rudeness and irresponsibility changes nothing

If there is one buzzword of the last two years, it has been “Change.” From presidential campaigns to university presidential transitions, global warming to healthcare, we have become more aware of the changes in the world around us. For those of us living on campus, we have seen everything from huge increases in the size of the student body to a never-ending labyrinth of construction sites constantly changing on campus.

With change, however, inevitably comes disappointment. From the national stage with the ongoing healthcare debate, to Tech’s considerations of how to change the future, there is always a debate. Now, there is nothing wrong with disagreement; in fact, I enjoy a healthy debate.

The problem is that all too often battle lines are drawn between those who favor “change” and those who oppose it. These conflicts are in need of serious rethinking, if we are to engage in meaningful dialogue. First and foremost, we need to reconsider how we think about change in an abstract sense.

Some say that change is intrinsically good, and that it is a symbol of progression. Others say that there is real value in holding to the traditions that built our current society.

On the one hand, with change, you have the near limitless potential of the unknown. After all, we’re all human, and there is almost certainly a better way to do everything from academia, healthcare, etc. On the other hand, it does represent a small leap into the unknown, and after all, “even the best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry.”

Sticking with the norm also has its pitfalls. It is comfortable and convenient, but it always begs the question, what are we missing out on? Alternatively, the virtue in tradition is that it is both tried and tested. We know exactly how the tradition works, what the advantages are and what the problems are.

A third option is change to the extreme.

Here, I’m talking about revolution. At times, a revolution is exactly what is needed. Civil rights and slavery are perfect examples. In both cases, both heaven and earth should have been moved to right the wrong. Far more often, however, revolution represents a leap into the unknown in a way rarely responsible. Enthusiastic reform movements are exciting, motivating, and contagious, but there seems to be a distinct lack of discussion of the implications of a revolution.

Clearly there are both positive and negative sides to every choice. One is not intrinsically more “right” than another.

Opinions as applied to any issue, the key to deciding should always lie in discussion. The trick to resolving any issue is to be both persuasive and persuadable.

The best ideas come out of community, and community entails discussion. I cannot tell you how happy it would make me to see people out by the campanelle discussing economic theory, or how sustainability should actually work.

One of the biggest barriers between this idea and reality is the lack of civility we often show to those with differing opinions, particularly along the change/no change divide.

“I could write a whole newspaper on the issue of “civility.” Recent days have shown us how few good examples of civility there are in the world, from Rep. Joe Wilson’s outburst during President Obama’s UN speech to Serena Williams’ four-letter rant at the U.S. Open, to Kanye West’s interrup- tion of an awards ceremony.

These examples are only the most recent in a long string of a national culture that seems to be losing its sense of civility. Only once we learn to treat one another civilly, destroy the idea of “change” as either good or bad, and actively engage with one another will we be able to rise above the challenges.

My dream is that we could see more discussions at Tech that embrace that alternative.

One where we first acknowledge that we may be mistaken in our position, and are therefore persuadable.

One where we have thought about our position, and can muster coherent arguments for our opinion.

One where we seek discussions with others to put our ideas to the test, so that we can together seek to build a future rooted in the traditions of the past, but open to the ideas of the future.
Democrats fail in execution, not policy

After facing much criticism from both sides of the political spectrum, President Obama spoke to a joint session of Congress last week about his plan for healthcare reform. The president outlined his vision for reform and re-emphasized his support for a public option, but hinted at his willingness to look at alternative solutions.

Obama’s speech came after a tough Congressional recess in August when the healthcare debate was involved into contentious in-person meetings and open confrontations in town hall meetings around the country, fueled by partisan falsehoods and scare tactics.

But instead of conducting a proper discourse on the issue, the debate was hijacked by misinformed individuals using buzzwords like “socialism” and “Nazis.”

Several of the concerns raised by the GOP are legitimate points of discussion, especially the argument that a public health plan will not work for private enterprises. I concur that more competition should be created by healthcare marketplace reform, but I believe that government has a role in increasing competition, not in disallowing it.

A legitimate concern raised by opponents to mobilize support for a public option is the lack of debate within the Republican Party. Instead of debating the proposals on their merits and moving forward, the party has squandered its support dually from healthcare reform.

We must resist the temptation to look at those with differing political views as enemies and instead engage in a vigorous debate on the issues. Finally, we must be willing to compromise. Only then can we hope to move forward into a post-partisan world where we can get things done.

Mr. West, who has a history of making light of apologies that don’t stick? I’m not trying to say something like this never happens again. That kind of commitment is what makes a short ‘sorry’ real.

Joe Wilson, a South Carolina congressman, also made a impassioned speech this week by shouting “You lie!” during President Obama’s health care speech to Congress. I’m loathe to admit it, but in this case, politics could learn a thing or two from the world of entertainment and sports.

Molly Fangmann
Third-year CE

“The online site is more convenient but learning the new system was confusing.”

Lynn Tsai
Third-year BIO

“The new system is convenient and students don’t have to spend time waiting in line.”

Kenneth Adams
Third-year CMPE

“It really simplifies the system, and I like not having to wait in lines for my tickets.”

Spencer Readon
Third-year EE

“Our ticketing system was more convenient but the new system was confusing.”

Technique - September 18, 2009 - 7

**Saying “sorry” does not always suffice**

No matter where you are or who you are, in every culture there are rules of common decency that engender dignity and condone. This past week, however, has been one of many hugely embarrassing public outbursts that defy this convention completely.

On the night of Sunday, Sept. 13 at the MTV Video Music Awards, Taylor Swift got a huge surprise. After beating out the likes of mega-succeses Beyonce and Beyonce for the Best Female Video award, music artist Kanye West jumped up on stage during Swift’s acceptance speech, grabbed the microphone from her, and declared that Beyonce should have won the award for her “Single Ladies” video.

“...I heard the best videos of all time!” West tackly shouted, stealing the spotlight from Swift, who is 22 years old, who stood to the side looking like she might cry at any moment. Boos rang up from the audience and Beyonce was panned to Beyonce who looked absolutely dumbfounded.

West’s outburst before the MTV cut to a commercial break. (It is important to note, however, that Beyonce has a history of making uncouth outbursts at awards shows (whether he’s draping himself in awards self or flouncing in support of another).

The Democratic Party squared its support and left followers without a roadmap for change

Vijai Narayan Assistant News Editor

“The Democratic Party squandered its support and left followers without a roadmap for change.”

No matter where you are or who you are, in every culture there are rules of common decency that engender dignity and condone. This past week, however, has been one of many hugely embarrassing public outbursts that defy this convention completely.

On the night of Sunday, Sept. 13 at the MTV Video Music Awards, Taylor Swift got a huge surprise. After beating out the likes of mega-succeses Beyonce and Beyonce for the Best Female Video award, music artist Kanye West jumped up on stage during Swift’s acceptance speech, grabbed the microphone from her, and declared that Beyonce should have won the award for her “Single Ladies” video.

“...I heard the best videos of all time!” West tackly shouted, stealing the spotlight from Swift, who is 22 years old, who stood to the side looking like she might cry at any moment. Boos rang up from the audience and Beyonce was panned to Beyonce who looked absolutely dumbfounded.

West’s outburst before the MTV cut to a commercial break. (It is important to note, however, that Beyonce has a history of making uncouth outbursts at awards shows (whether he’s draping himself in awards self or flouncing in support of another).

The Democratic Party squared its support and left followers without a roadmap for change.

Saying “sorry” does not always suffice

No matter where you are or who you are, in every culture there are rules of common decency that engender dignity and condone. This past week, however, has been one of many hugely embarrassing public outbursts that defy this convention completely.

On the night of Sunday, Sept. 13 at the MTV Video Music Awards, Taylor Swift got a huge surprise. After beating out the likes of mega-succeses Beyonce and Beyonce for the Best Female Video award, music artist Kanye West jumped up on stage during Swift’s acceptance speech, grabbed the microphone from her, and declared that Beyonce should have won the award for her “Single Ladies” video.

“...I heard the best videos of all time!” West tackly shouted, stealing the spotlight from Swift, who is 22 years old, who stood to the side looking like she might cry at any moment. Boos rang up from the audience and Beyonce was panned to Beyonce who looked absolutely dumbfounded.

West’s outburst before the MTV cut to a commercial break. (It is important to note, however, that Beyonce has a history of making uncouth outbursts at awards shows (whether he’s draping himself in awards self or flouncing in support of another).

The Democratic Party squared its support and left followers without a roadmap for change.

Saying “sorry” does not always suffice

No matter where you are or who you are, in every culture there are rules of common decency that engender dignity and condone. This past week, however, has been one of many hugely embarrassing public outbursts that defy this convention completely.

On the night of Sunday, Sept. 13 at the MTV Video Music Awards, Taylor Swift got a huge surprise. After beating out the likes of mega-succeses Beyonce and Beyonce for the Best Female Video award, music artist Kanye West jumped up on stage during Swift’s acceptance speech, grabbed the microphone from her, and declared that Beyonce should have won the award for her “Single Ladies” video.

“...I heard the best videos of all time!” West tackly shouted, stealing the spotlight from Swift, who is 22 years old, who stood to the side looking like she might cry at any moment. Boos rang up from the audience and Beyonce was panned to Beyonce who looked absolutely dumbfounded.

West’s outburst before the MTV cut to a commercial break. (It is important to note, however, that Beyonce has a history of making uncouth outbursts at awards shows (whether he’s draping himself in awards self or flouncing in support of another).

The Democratic Party squared its support and left followers without a roadmap for change.
OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT or NOT

Challenging courses
After many years of planning and construction, the new GT challenge course had its grand opening this week. Tech celebs like Dr. Peterson and Buzz had a chance to fly down the zip-line and test their leadership skills. The course will be open to student groups, classes and non-campus groups, but the truly hot thing is the steeply discounted rates for student groups.

Career-free fair
The recession may be winding down, but hiring for new graduates and interns doesn’t seem to be picking up if the recent Career Fair is any indicator. The event, held at the CRC, was full of employers who had been willing to pay the registration fee earlier this year, but very few seemed willing to schedule interviews or even accept resumes in person now.

Bright white
The Clemson game last Thursday was a sea of blinding white from the fantastic first quarter all the way down to the nail-biting fourth. The Reck Club and SGA managed to hand out thousands of shirts and motivate the alumni base to participate this year. The Tech spirit was so infectious that even the ushers wanted to participate as they patrolled the student sections in their crisp white polos.

Plumbing problems
This past weekend’s Connect with Tech students got a distorted picture of Britain dining hall’s popularity. A pipe burst in the Woodruff dining hall Sunday afternoon. The pipe forced dining services out of Woody’s, so all meal-plan participants had to eat at the student center or Britain, over-crowding both dining halls beyond their normal capacity and presenting a slightly disorganized front to recruits.

GT has exchanges with 60+ universities in over 20 countries.
On some exchange programs, classes are taught in English. With others, classes are taught in the local language. To learn about all of your options, attend a language-specific information session this fall.

Tuesday, September 29
English-speaking countries:
Stu. Ctr. Ballroom (Blue)
Spanish & Portuguese-speaking countries:
Stu. Ctr. Room 324

Thursday, October 1
French-speaking countries:
Savant 308
Japanese & Korean-speaking countries:
Savant 330
English options in non-English-speaking countries:
Stu. Ctr. Crescent Room

Thursday, October 8
German & Russian-speaking countries:
Stu. Ctr. Piedmont Room
Chinese-speaking countries:
Stu. Ctr. Crescent Room

All info sessions are from 11:00 AM—12:00 PM. See http://www.oie.gatech.edu/events/events.php for more information.

Apply by October 1st* for Spring 2010 Study Abroad programs. www.oie.gatech.edu/apply
Visit the Study and Work Abroad Fair on October 20

*For many programs. See exchange application instructions for exact deadlines.

Sorry from page 7
Just like it’s never okay to hijack the spotlight from a deserving young star or to threaten a judge for doing his or her job, it is not alright to belittle the office of the president of the United States in a childish and petulant manner while the president is in the middle of addressing Congress. This should not be awarded or allowed to let slide.

Public tantrums almost never end well. While the act of releasing anger or expressing adrenaline-induced excitement in the form of vocal outbursts may feel good at the moment, points get lost when people realize that these are not the people they want to look up to. There’s something to be said about just being a plain ol’ nice person.

Challenging courses
After many years of planning and construction, the new GT challenge course had its grand opening this week. Tech celebs like Dr. Peterson and Buzz had a chance to fly down the zip-line and test their leadership skills. The course will be open to student groups, classes and non-campus groups, but the truly hot thing is the steeply discounted rates for student groups.

Career-free fair
The recession may be winding down, but hiring for new graduates and interns doesn’t seem to be picking up if the recent Career Fair is any indicator. The event, held at the CRC, was full of employers who had been willing to pay the registration fee earlier this year, but very few seemed willing to schedule interviews or even accept resumes in person now.

Bright white
The Clemson game last Thursday was a sea of blinding white from the fantastic first quarter all the way down to the nail-biting fourth. The Reck Club and SGA managed to hand out thousands of shirts and motivate the alumni base to participate this year. The Tech spirit was so infectious that even the ushers wanted to participate as they patrolled the student sections in their crisp white polos.

Plumbing problems
This past weekend’s Connect with Tech students got a distorted picture of Britain dining hall’s popularity. A pipe burst in the Woodruff dining hall Sunday afternoon. The pipe forced dining services out of Woody’s, so all meal-plan participants had to eat at the student center or Britain, over-crowding both dining halls beyond their normal capacity and presenting a slightly disorganized front to recruits.

Sorry from page 7
Just like it’s never okay to hijack the spotlight from a deserving young star or to threaten a judge for doing his or her job, it is not alright to belittle the office of the president of the United States in a childish and petulant manner while the president is in the middle of addressing Congress. This should not be awarded or allowed to let slide.

Public tantrums almost never end well. While the act of releasing anger or expressing adrenaline-induced excitement in the form of vocal outbursts may feel good at the moment, points get lost when people realize that these are not the people they want to look up to. There’s something to be said about just being a plain ol’ nice person.

Our views: HOT or NOT

Challenging courses
After many years of planning and construction, the new GT challenge course had its grand opening this week. Tech celebs like Dr. Peterson and Buzz had a chance to fly down the zip-line and test their leadership skills. The course will be open to student groups, classes and non-campus groups, but the truly hot thing is the steeply discounted rates for student groups.

Career-free fair
The recession may be winding down, but hiring for new graduates and interns doesn’t seem to be picking up if the recent Career Fair is any indicator. The event, held at the CRC, was full of employers who had been willing to pay the registration fee earlier this year, but very few seemed willing to schedule interviews or even accept resumes in person now.

Bright white
The Clemson game last Thursday was a sea of blinding white from the fantastic first quarter all the way down to the nail-biting fourth. The Reck Club and SGA managed to hand out thousands of shirts and motivate the alumni base to participate this year. The Tech spirit was so infectious that even the ushers wanted to participate as they patrolled the student sections in their crisp white polos.

Plumbing problems
This past weekend’s Connect with Tech students got a distorted picture of Britain dining hall’s popularity. A pipe burst in the Woodruff dining hall Sunday afternoon. The pipe forced dining services out of Woody’s, so all meal-plan participants had to eat at the student center or Britain, over-crowding both dining halls beyond their normal capacity and presenting a slightly disorganized front to recruits.

Sorry from page 7
Just like it’s never okay to hijack the spotlight from a deserving young star or to threaten a judge for doing his or her job, it is not alright to belittle the office of the president of the United States in a childish and petulant manner while the president is in the middle of addressing Congress. This should not be awarded or allowed to let slide.

Public tantrums almost never end well. While the act of releasing anger or expressing adrenaline-induced excitement in the form of vocal outbursts may feel good at the moment, points get lost when people realize that these are not the people they want to look up to. There’s something to be said about just being a plain ol’ nice person.
The Gossip Wars

Anonymous campus discussion sites can foster hurtful sentiments and spread lies

H1N1: Students share experiences about recovery

By Sarah Malis
Contributing Writer

Ever since kindergarten and elementary school, we were taught to say “if we don’t have anything nice to say about anyone, don’t say it.” It seems as though the older we get, the more we reject this advice and continue to spew abhorrent remarks about fellow classmates, professors and even friends. We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.

We are living in a digital age, where virtual markets, relations and sites are booming, which has ultimately created a haven for a World Wide Web-tabloid addiction.

In an effort to feed off of the gossiping trend, various internet gossip sites allow college students to freely and openly rant about peers through anonymous message boards and posts.

While a few of the websites have disintegrated, others have risen up and are spreading like wildfire through college campuses across the nation.

One internet site’s mission statement seeks “to give students a place to vent, rant, and talk to colleagues in an environment free from social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.” The site also has a policy of deleting posts that are deliberately malicious in content, use full names in attacks and attempts to respond to direct complaints from users.

While this moderation is a step in the right direction, the site still promotes repugnant gossip, unnecessary conduct and vicious personal attacks.

Essentially, these sites have become the virtual market, relations and social constraints and about subjects that might otherwise be taboo.
WPA pilot for LAWN offers security, convenience

By Chris Russell
Staff Writer

LAWN’s reluctance to admit us to the Internet is something that many students at Tech have tapped a toe at once or twice. Whether your goal is to start up a night-long raid or just look up an assignment, up until now, LAWN (Local Area Wireless & Walkup Network) has required all its users to log in before showing them anything more than the now familiar white, green and yellow screen.

Recently, though, Tech’s Office of Information Technology (OIT) has been tinkering under the hood to see how this process could be improved.

Though many have already heard about the switch from WEP to WPA-backed wireless service, most of those are only the particularly tech-savvy, even by Tech standards.

In a nutshell, the switch from WEP (for Wired Equivalent Privacy) to WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) means two things. First, the new encryption scheme increases security on the network. Second, that students who choose to access campus wireless services through their web browser may now log in automatically through a new cookie option that works for captive portal login, including a new way to auto-log in a computer used by more than one person for WPA at this time.

“While we continue to make improvements to the web-based captive portal login, including a new cookie option that works for up to 15 days, WPA gives users the ability to enter login credentials only one time,” said Mart Sanders, Wireless Services Manager at OIT.

The security provided with WPA marks an improvement over what was used in GTwireless (WEP).

“WPA users...get the benefit of better security over the wireless portion of their connections to services. However, we still encourage users to practice strong end-to-end and host based security,” Sanders said.

Not only has WPA increased the security of the wireless the students use, it has also allowed OIT to better identify and maintain the network.

“For OIT, WPA has additional benefits, the most important of which is the ability to authenticate users before they are placed on a network or given an IP address. This gives users some ability to scale the network and differentiate services and policies without having to introduce new wireless networks,” Sanders said.

The other benefit of changing to WPA is the ability to log onto the wireless without accessing the LAWN page on one’s browser each time.

“One of the most consistent requests we get for improvements to LAWN is to improve the login process so that users don’t have to type in their username and password as often,” Sanders said.

Some students should keep in mind, though, that the ability to automatically log in could be dangerous on a shared device, and the LAWN website cautions against configuring any computer used by more than one person for WPA at this time.

“The main thing that users need to know is that what is changing with WPA is when and how you authenticate, not what network you are on. You are still on a LAWN network when you authenticate via WPA, but you’ve done a network based authentication operation to be joining a network or given an IP address,” Sanders said.

The change to Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) will enable students to log on to the LAWN network and stay logged in for up to 15 days with enabled cookie settings and also provides more security.

The new encryption scheme increases security on the network. A WPA cookie option that works for captive portal login, including a new way to auto-log in a computer used by more than one person for WPA.

The change to WPA makes it easier to automatically log in and improves security. However, some students may need to keep in mind that the ability to automatically log in could be dangerous on a shared device.

WPA Fast Facts:
- the new encryption scheme increases security on the network
- a new cookie option could keep your login info for up to 15 days at a time
- WPA was created in 2003 to supersede the then-current standard, WEP

The change to WPA means that students who choose to access campus wireless services through their web browser may now log in automatically through a new cookie option that works for captive portal login, including a new way to auto-log in a computer used by more than one person for WPA.

The LAWN website said, “Our experience to date with WPA has been mostly favorable; however some problems do exist and can be very frustrating. By using this service you will help us to better evaluate and make improvements before the service goes into production.”

Sanders said that in addition to the switch to WPA, many of the wireless nodes across campus are currently being upgraded, meaning that Tech students who on Tech’s wireless networks could see a jump in their data rates.

The change to W-Fi Protected Access (WPA) will enable students to log on to the LAWN network and stay logged in for up to 15 days with enabled cookie settings and also provides more security.

The change to WPA makes it easier to automatically log in and improves security. However, some students may need to keep in mind that the ability to automatically log in could be dangerous on a shared device.

WPA Fast Facts:
- the new encryption scheme increases security on the network
- a new cookie option could keep your login info for up to 15 days at a time
- WPA was created in 2003 to supersede the then-current standard, WEP

The change to WPA means that students who choose to access campus wireless services through their web browser may now log in automatically through a new cookie option that works for captive portal login, including a new way to auto-log in a computer used by more than one person for WPA.

The LAWN website said, “Our experience to date with WPA has been mostly favorable; however some problems do exist and can be very frustrating. By using this service you will help us to better evaluate and make improvements before the service goes into production.”

Sanders said that in addition to the switch to WPA, many of the wireless nodes across campus are currently being upgraded, meaning that Tech students who on Tech’s wireless networks could see a jump in their data rates.

The change to W-Fi Protected Access (WPA) will enable students to log on to the LAWN network and stay logged in for up to 15 days with enabled cookie settings and also provides more security.
LED lights offer potential green alternative

By Andrew Nelson
Contributing Writer

What used to only be found in instrument panels and holiday light bulb strings, LED (light-emitting diode) technology shows great promise in lighting the way for Tech to become a more economic and environmentally-friendly campus.

Facilities faculty has completed several lighting renovation already on campus, leading converting all the lighting in the Tennenbaum Auditorium to LED lamps. This project alone reduced electricity consumption by 39.2%, and light per square foot more than doubled. They also installed LED can lights on the second floor of the Price Library.

“We are currently working on several projects in the IBB building to convert high ceiling fixtures to LED lights, which will eventually expand this to other buildings. The architecture building is next on the list,” said Stanford Fong, Facilities department Electrical Engineer I.

“Light, output and energy usage are the greatest factors in LED lights’ benefits. Since LED lights last ten times longer, they don’t burn out as quickly and less of the energy emitted is heat, saving money for Tech.”

Fong said. Such a fixture could save 85% in energy.

Facilities will soon procure a street light test unit to evaluate more demanding applications on campus like streetlights, emergency lights and shop lights. Thanks to a recent cost drop in LED, the lower power requirement and longevity, any light fixture that is on a great deal of time is or too energy intensive should be a good candidate for an LED application.

Indoor lighting sees a change for the better as well. The pervasive use of fluorescent lighting in classrooms has garnered criticism for eye strain and headaches from the (through too fast to notice) lights’ high-frequency flickering; however, LED lighting is flicker-free. Fluorescent lamps are also less efficient, less longevous, and less environmentally friendly—they contain mercury.

In this sense, changing the lights may actually directly improve student and faculty performance and comfort.

Tech has been a leading institution in lighting technology. In 2002, AICE professor Russell Dupuis earned the highest national honor in science, the National Medal of Technology, for his work in developing and commercializing LEDs in applications like traffic lights and automotive lighting.

More recently, a top international chemical company, Solvay, has invested over $100 million in the Center for Organic Photonics and Electronics (COPE) in organic applications of LED.

Technology, for his work in developing incandescent in lighting output,” said Fong. “LEDs can save a great deal over incandescent lamps. For example, the light we are installing in the Petit building is a 12-Watt bulb as compared to an 80-Watt incandescent in lighting output.”

The Petit building is a 12-Watt LED light bulb as compared to an older incandescent in lighting output.”

The Tennenbaum Auditorium in the IC building recently underwent a renovation that converted its fluorescent lights to LED.

Since Tech is smaller than many other colleges, the college gossip problem can be seen rippling throughout campus. An accurate student population could actually make the drama more apparent, direct and personal.

The anonymous student said, “I think at Tech with such a close knit community it is a really big deal. When [one of the websites] first came out, everyone was reading it. I think its popularity has decreased but people definitely still read it. The sites should definitely shut down because the fact that it is illegal (slander) it has ruined lives. People have killed themselves over stuff written on them and transferred schools.”

Nothing like that should ever be taken down has gotten me nowhere,” the anonymous interviewee said.

While some students have been personally victimized on the college gossip sites, other Tech students have seen the consequences moderated by their predecessors.

“While some students have been personally victimized on the college gossip sites, other Tech students have seen the consequences moderated by their predecessors.”

While some students have been personally victimized on the college gossip sites, other Tech students have seen the consequences moderated by their predecessors. Savannah accepted the Institute’s energy strategy, and it now uses a revolving loan to fund its energy renovation projects, which will almost immediately repay the city through energy savings.

Despite Savannah’s acceptance of the technology, and it now uses a revolving loan to fund its energy renovation projects, which will almost immediately repay the city through energy savings.

While Tech undergraduates are often exposed to personal attacks online, the data shows that they aren’t just a客场 issue. The same attacks happen on campus.

“While Tech undergraduates are often exposed to personal attacks online, the data shows that they aren’t just a客场 issue. The same attacks happen on campus.”

The internet sites get more and more popular across college campuses, the virtual bashing has become a massive epidemic and almost an addiction for many students.

While many state courts are trying to get these negative sites blocked from schools, many students continue to spread malevolent remarks about classmates. Even though World Wide Web gossip columns may appear to be an “underground” problem at Georgia Tech, it doesn’t change the fact that these sites still run and persist.

All students have the right to speak their minds; however, when it gets to the point that a student’s words intentionally provoke or attack a fellow student, these sites should be questioned by bystanders.
due to H1N1, as a doctor’s note verifying the illness was all Fisher had to provide.

Another statement on the H1N1 page says, “Fortunately, we are learning that this new flu seems to be causing mostly moderate, uncomplicated illnesses in the U.S., with most people recovering without medical intervention. We all are advised to remain alert not alarmed...and always practice good hand washing.”

The symptoms of the Swine Flu include fatigue, fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and runny or stuffy nose.

Students that believe that they have the H1N1 Virus are instructed to stay at home and self-isolate themselves until their fever breaks without the help of a fever reducing medication.

The Health Services website also offers a list of emergency health services to contact when Health Services is closed if the students believes that they are be-

Preventing the spread of the H1N1 Virus:
- If you believe you have the virus, stay away from other people as much as possible
- Cover your cough
- Wash your hands frequently and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer often
- If you know you have the flu and have to leave home, wear a facemask in public
- Sanitize common area items, such as door knobs, with a sanitizer on a regular basis when living with a person with the virus
By Robert Solomon
Contributing Writer

In the two years since the full-band rhythm genre was launched with Rock Band, the popularity of musical rhythm games has started to decline, with unit sales dropping almost 50% this year versus last year. It is certainly understandable; there are only so many plastic instruments a person needs to buy. The novelty of the genre has largely worn off as well, with the saturation point long having been exceeded by Activision churning out four full Guitar Hero games this year alone.

As with any other sequel, there has to be some sort of evolution in form to remain interesting. The novelty of first-person shooters would not have been sustained without the improvements in control systems and graphics. It is not just the technical improvement but innovation in gameplay that keeps this genre alive, as seen in brilliant titles like 2K Games’ Bioshock or Valve’s Half-Life Portal.

Rock Band developer Harmonix, a company founded by musicians, seems to understand this better than Neversoft, who seems to be shoveling Rock Band also has its presence enhanced in the overall mix, because if you were actually playing in a band, that’s how it would sound.

Harmonix is a developer that understands the value of such subtleties, and they permeate every inch of The Beatles: Rock Band. Very quiet ambient sounds play when you go to a submenu while the details at the edges move ever so slightly, supported by a visual style that is nothing short of an artistic marvel.

If there is this much detail in the menus, you can imagine the gameplay to be enhanced. With Rock Band, there has been subtle visual cues like the slight shaking of the note rails when you hit the bass drum pedal, or a crowd that will show a very slight cry of disapproval when a long note streak is interrupted before resuming their cheers. The instrument you are playing in Rock Band also has its presence enhanced in the overall mix, because if you were actually playing in a band, that’s how it would sound.

With The Beatles, Harmonix is clearly spelling out the evolution of rhythm gaming. It is not the quantity of notes on the rails, but their quality. Rather than looking at the notes as a challenge to conquer, they are instead turned into something to experience. When you play the bass lines of Paul McCartney, you are focused intensely on how his playing supported the composition of the song. This may lead to plastic guitarists actually preferring the bass in this game.

This attention to quality shines through the visual representations of the band members themselves. The historic venues and artistic dreamscapes behind the members look so good that you may lose focus on the notes you are supposed to be playing. These wouldn’t matter if The Beatles themselves didn’t look right, but they strike the perfect balance between realism and style. This contrasts with the resurrected musicians in the Guitar Hero series that look like they came straight from the uncanny valley.

As the venues change from small clubs to large stadiums to Abbey Road Studios, the appearances of The Beatles change slightly to denote the passage of time. When the final rooftop concert ends in Story mode and the final codas of “The End” plays, players feel that they have experienced The Beatles’ own journey from the optimistic

By Zheng Zheng
Staff Writer

It has been almost four years since the original Guitar Hero transformed the gaming world with its innovative plastic guitar controller and gameplay reminiscent of the seminal game Dance Dance Revolution. Since the introduction of the drum set and the microphone, the multiplayer cultural phenomenon that is enjoyed by a large audience has become one of today’s leading franchises in gaming. Guitar Hero 5, the latest installment of the series, was highly anticipated since its announcement, and the game, released in the U.S. on Sept. 4, has indeed lived up to both its reputation and expectations.

The official playlist of Guitar Hero 5, easily the most important aspect of the game, contains a mixture of 85 songs from 83 distinguished artists. Although the numbers are impressive, the wide variation in style and genre between songs is problematic for a player looking for multiple favorites. Guitar Hero 5’s playlist ranges from folk rock (Bob Dylan) to modern British alternative (Arctic Monkeys) to heavy metal (Megadeth) to grunge (Nirvana) to Bon Jovi. While it is easy to pick up and play a song that suits your taste, it is hard to find similar ones later on.

However, this is somewhat mitigated by the additional downloadable songs and through GHTunes, a feature introduced back in Guitar Hero World Tour, which allows for player-created music to be used within the game. Aside from the playlist, the most noticeable components that separate Guitar Hero 5 from its predecessors is its improved features.

Players are now given the opportunity to jump in at any point in the middle of a song instead of having to wait for the song currently being played to end and having to join the fun from the main menu. Furthermore, multiple players can now play the same instrument, preventing further struggle on who’s playing the lead guitar and who is going to get stuck with the bass. Last but not least, the band no longer automatically fails a performance if any single player fails more than three times. This will increase game time and prevent better players from being dragged down by first-timers.

To make the game more accessible, two brand new gaming modes are supported by Guitar Hero 5. “Party Play” allows players to switch instruments and difficulty levels mid-song, a feature greatly appreciated in social settings where people switch in and out more rapidly. The other is called “Mockfest”, in which players can pick interesting rules or challenges to each song in a playlist beforehand. Though the game will only be slightly altered, the refreshing gameplay change will be enjoyed by casual players.

The single-player Career Mode also underwent some interesting upgrades, as new random challenges are set prior to each song played in a venue, providing the opportunity to earn exciting rewards like new guitars, clothing, etc. for the band. These bonus challenges are specific to each instrument and can each be completed on three different difficulty levels.

The maximum star rating that a band can achieve has also been increased from five to nine. Five of the stars are earned from the regular game play, the sixth for a perfect 100% performance, and the last ones are based on the level of the challenges met by the players. As some of the challenges are quite difficult and require that strategies be planned ahead of time, hardcore players will find these new features more appealing.

Taking its cue from Nintendo’s Wii, the Xbox 360 version of Guitar Hero 5 will

See Guitar Hero 5, page 15
GT1000 students are invited to hear best-selling author and New York Times reporter Warren St. John discuss the role of community in his latest novel Outcasts United—the true story of a refugee community near Georgia Tech’s campus.

Book signing, September 25
Barnes & Noble Bookstore @ Georgia Tech

7:00 p.m.

“Truly unforgettable, Outcasts United offers a stirring lesson in the power of a single person to transform the lives of many.”
“I Saw Her Standing There” to the howl of John Lennon in “I Want You (She’s So Heavy).” There are so many rock legends involved. It’s the pulsing heart of a game that will only be meaningless when a struggling fan of convoluted mysteries and twists. The characters seem to be driven by sky-high ambitions, and in pursuit of reaching to the top, mortality is an unknown territory. The show delves into the lives of seven incredible characters, each with his or her story to tell. There is compelling suspense, fashioned by a sense of total ambiguity in the identity of Sydney’s murderness. The “you can’t put your finger on it” melodrama is what evokes the terror that keeps you musing until the end. What’s interesting, however, is the fact that the “suspects” seem to have their own reasons for wanting Sydney out of the way. It’s the pivotal and powerful drama of Sydney, which points out the grandeur of her actions, and the grandeur of her character control over other characters’ lives. In a sort of hackneyed style, Hollywood’s reality is also set forth in the show through the million-fold underlying dirty tricks of achieving one’s goals. Pride and dignity truly seem to be meaningless when a struggling photographer, Jonah (played by Michael Rady), has no other option but to give in to a deal where his short film is directed only out of fear that he might spill a secret about the very director, showing his filmmaking talent and ability far from any recognition. On the other end, an aspiring doctor, Lauren (played by Stephanie Jacobsen), agrees to sleep with a man out of downright desperation for money to pay for medical school. It’s the scuffles of these characters that leave a touch of reality in the show, right in the face of viewers laying ethics on a pedestal.

However, if you thought these were the only striking elements presented in the show, wait until complex relationship triangles unfold in the form of an almost Greek tragedy type drama, with the trio of Michael (played by Thomas Calabro), his son David (played by Shawn Sipos) and the ever-influential Sydney. Sydney being a common lover of both the father and the son seems almost unreal to digest at first. However, when her persuasive personality is assessed, and it is only leveraged by her ways of blackmailing and threatening David to get back with her. And guess what? The saga of love conundrums doesn’t stop here. Ella (played by Katie Cassidy), a publicity agent for Jonah, is a publicity agent for Jonah, and also seems to be falling for David to the point of turning him against his girlfriend, Riley (played by Jessica Lucas), who is reluctant to marry Jonah out of the doubt that he is not mature enough.

Although this might suggest an instance of sanity and gravity in relationships, the show twists the whole idea at the end when Ella’s orientation is revealed, in the form of her kissing a girl at a bar. Needless to say, the show renders relationships for pure pleasure and fun, discarding any significance. Overall, the characters hold a duality, and a somewhat slick personality, which gives all the more reason to watch the show.

Vader (played by singer-songwriter Ashlee Simpson), who only recently arrives in Los Angeles, is shown to behave in a sort of eccentric way, and with her comment to Lauren, “We’re good girls,” she drops a hint for the viewers to look beyond what appears. Not to mention, with a clip of Sydney threatening to evict Ella and to ruin her career soon before her murder, another suspicion presents itself.

Even simple and innocent characters seem to be out of line when it comes to achieving their goals, and that’s another dismissal at the trustworthiness of any of the characters.

“Fair is Foul, Foul is Fair,” is most certainly an apt a slogan for the storyline of the show. In essence, if you’re into a plot with a fair deal of dramatic experience and a largely suspense-packed, gripping sequence of events, Melrose Place is the show for you.
Short film 9 goes feature length, wows audience

Shane Acker’s 9 takes the audience on an extremely fast-paced thrill ride that maintains its momentum from the opening credits to the very end.

The film is backed by the legendary producer Tim Burton and an all-star cast of voice actors that includes Elijah Wood, John C. Reilly, Jennifer Connelly and many others.

The story of 9 originated from a short film by the same title. The director, Acker, received an Oscar nomination for this short film, giving him the chance to turn his eleven-minute short into a feature-length movie. While 9 may not be a truly Oscar-worthy film, it still entertains the audience from start to finish, which is one of the most important things movies should do. At only an hour and 19 minutes, the movie has no time to slow down, and the movie’s intensity never dies down as a result.

The film begins in an old, abandoned house where a doll wakes up in a world where life seems to be completely wiped out. This doll has been given the spark of life by an old scientist and is given the name “9” because he is the ninth doll that the scientist has brought to life.

This doll, voiced by Elijah Wood, quickly discovers that he is one of the few remaining life forms in a dark, post-apocalyptic world. Though he manages to find others like him, he also discovers that they are not completely alone.

The dystopian world of 9 is set devoid of human life because machines have replaced men. These machines have eliminated all life on Earth, and the nine dolls are their next target.

As the movie progresses, the machines become more and more frightening. They certainly fit in with the dark and somewhat scary setting of the film, and they quickly turn potentially boring moments in the movie into intense action scenes. The anticipation of these scenes only adds to the intensity of the movie.

At first, it seemed like the ending of the movie left something to be desired, but that quickly changes. The ending ultimately fits in with the rest of the movie, so much so that it was actually turned feature-length, wows audience

Envisioning the post-apocalyptic genre successfully, the movie de- niches the animation into a usable form of storytelling. As the movie progresses, the machines become more and more menacing, taking over the world. Granted, this isn’t the most original plot. It is actually repeated over and over in books and movies, but the plot still manages to capture the imagination of the post-apocalyptic genre fans.

The animation is also one of the key parts of the movie, and it clearly has Tim Burton’s stamp all over it. It’s nothing short of superb, and the fire and explosions in the movie are particularly phenomenal.

The film definitely would not have the same effect if the animation wasn’t so attractive, and the visuals are really the most important part of the movie.

Acker’s short film didn’t even use dialogue because he believed that the visuals were able to tell the whole story. In an effort to make the feature-length movie more commercial, much dialogue was added. Fortunately, it does not detract from the movie. In fact, the voice acting is really good, and it gives each doll a more defined personality.

9 is one of those rare movies where the film actually lives up to the promises that are made in the trailer. The trailer manages to capture the excitement and intensity of the movie and doesn’t make any empty promises.

Especially for a short-film turned feature-length, 9 takes all of the promises from the trailer and delivers an explosive and fast-paced thriller that ranks as one of Tim Burton’s best movies.
**Theme CROSSWORD: FORESIGHT**

**ACROSS**
1. Part of AARP, abbr.
5. Hooch
10. Historic civil-rights city
15. Outlined
19. White or Blue river
20. Brown pigment
21. Mannerism
22. _The Emerald Isle_
27. Bon — (high society)
28. Scene
29. Orchid-tuber meal
30. Firstborn
31. Los —
33. Remedies
34. _/T_h_ e Emerald Isle
35. Start of a quip by George Carlin: 6 wds.
36. Nostrils
37. Relative of a Don Juan
41. Item of value
44. Cringe
45. Goes after game
46. Force
47. Welfare
48. Sea eagles
49. Adds extra fat to
50. Betting game
51. Letters on a dial
52. Fashion
53. Big blood vessel
54. Detroit player
55. Legless creature
56. Zone
57. Lost: 2 wds.
58. Game for horsemen
65. Like cupcakes
66. Passage for vessels
67. Nucha
68. Romanian currency
69. Furnishings
71. Prepares apples for pie
72. Zodiac sign
73. Sign
74. Norse deity
75. — -cornered

**DOWN**
1. Bryant or Baker
2. One of the Chipmunks
3. Jargon
4. Ariz. neighbor
5. More bustling
6. Leaves unmentioned
7. A woodwind
8. Buddhist sect
9. Some deletions
10. Fashions
11. Western Indians
12. Floodlight
13. Farrow the actress
14. Nonbelievers
15. Make numb
16. Midway attraction
17. Fiddle in Greek myth
18. Yarn woven across the warp
24. _Ait_
25. Less common
26. Rains and Fitzgerald
27. _/f_lower:
28. Showy
29. Figured in Greek myth
30. _/t_h_at boy
32. Sword
33. Cried like a rook
34. Zoo animal
36. Like some analogies
37. Drapery hardware: 2 wds.
38. Showy flower: 2 wds.
39. _Weathercock_
40. Love god
41. State in India
42. _Perr_
43. _Disbelief_
44. Go slowly
45. Saragio
46. Made a miscalculation
47. _Ne'er-do-well_
48. Metric unit, for short
49. _/f_i_ller
50. Metric unit, for short
51. Letters on a dial
52. Circus performer
53. _A Titan_
54. Big books
57. Dogpatch resident
58. Played on a fife
60. Image
61. _Rowed_
62. _Mont- — -Michel_
63. Slowly, in music
64. Territory in Canada
65. Like cupcakes
66. Passage for vessels
67. Nucha
68. Romanian currency
69. Furnishings
70. Whirlpool
71. Rustic dwelling
72. _/f_lower:
73. _Liberal_ —
74. _/f_i_ller
75. _/t_h_rottle
76. Done without looking
77. Choir member
78. Public employees
79. Fanatical
80. Aim
81. Wear, in a way: 2 wds.
82. Representative
83. Tibetan
85. Sex
86. Portent
87. Thrift
88. Something untrue
89. Peace goddess
90. Glittering headband
91. _Sing a certain way_
92. Charge
93. Opposing one
94. Nosebag
95. Stylish
96. Blockhead
97. _/t_h_at boy
98. End of the quip: 6 wds.
99. Make numb
100. Gallic reply
101. _That boy_

---

**Flu Shots Available!**

**Flu shots available at no cost to eligible students, spouses, & domestic partners.**

$25 fee for GT staff and faculty (BuzzCards, credit cards, or checks only!).

**Protect yourself and those around you.**

The single best way to protect against the flu is to get vaccinated each year. (CDC, 2008)

**Make your appointment TODAY.**

**Appointments are REQUIRED.**

To make an appointment: [https://www.myappointment.health.gatech.edu](https://www.myappointment.health.gatech.edu)

For complete schedule: [www.health.gatech.edu](http://www.health.gatech.edu)
Piled Higher & Deeper by Jorge Cham

Post hoc vs Post-Doc

The Post hoc Fallacy
To incorrectly assume "A" is the cause of "B" just because "A" preceded "B".

The Post-Doc Fallacy
To incorrectly assume you'll have a job just because you have a Ph.D.

e.g. "All Professors have Ph.D.'s, therefore getting a Ph.D. means you'll get a Professor job (right)?"

"Now what??"

Non Sequitur by Wiley

WE'LL LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE...THINGS CAN'T GET ANY WIERDER.

OK...SO WHAT'S NEXT?...

BECAUSE YOU MADE THE SACRED CALL ON THE HOLY ONE...

I STAND CORRECTED ON THE MISTRESS FACED.

MENNAH...

WEA...? WHERE DO THEY GO?

OH, NO... NOT AGAIN.

...TOO LATE.

I'VE GOTTA FIND THEM BEFORE IT'S...

CROSSWORD SOLUTION FROM PAGE 17

ACROSS

ASSN  BOOZE  SELMA  DREW
NILE  UMBER  TRAIT  EIRE
IMAVISIONARY同一  HEADOFF
TONSITE  SALEPELDEST
ANGELES  CURES  PILE
A  PERNARES  CASANOVA
ASSET  GOWER  HUNTSRAM
SAKE  ERENS  LARDS  KENO
SSE  TREND  AORTA  TIGER
ASPAREAATSEAPOLO
MYTIMEPROBLEMISONLY
ICED  CANAL  NAPE  LEU
DECOR  CORESARIES  INK
ODIN  CATER  BLIND  ALTO
EDS  RABID  POINT  TRYON
SYMBOLIC  WRONG  PUT
OMEN  CHOK  E  FALSI
CAFTAN  CHAOS  LASS  RIO
ONERANDAHALFHOURS  AHEAD
STEN  ANISE ounce  INRE
TIDY  RACER  PIKES  MEAL

DOWN

OK...I HAVE TO GET YOU GONE OUT OF HERE.

NAM?

BECAUSE THIS IS TOO DANGEROUS?

HOW ARE WE IN DANGER? THEY PROBELY US!

STAY AWAY FROM THE PROPHETS OF DESTINY, LIZARD-BOY!

I DIDN'T SAY IT WHO YOU WAILS IN DANGER.

STAYAway FROM EXPOSURE.

CONTAMINATION REGULATION!
Non Sequitur by Wiley

Technique

COMICS

DILBERT® by Scott Adams

WHAT KIND OF MOOD IS HE IN?

TINA, YOU CAN'T WORK AT HOME ANYMORE BECAUSE THE ADMINS CAN'T DO IT, AND THEY'RE JEALOUS.

I'M A TECHNICAL WRITER, WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN TO THE ADMINS THAT MY JOB IS DIFFERENT FROM THEIRS.

WHEN YOU FIND A BIG KETTLE OF CRAZY, IT'S BEST NOT TO STIR IT.

FROM NOW ON, WE WILL REFER TO ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS AS OPPORTUNITIES.

ONE OF YOUR IDIOT SPAWN WAS PLAYING WITH THE OVEN AND BURNED DOWN YOUR HOUSE.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITY?

YOU'RE PAYING CONTRACTORS TO DO WORK THAT I COULD DO IF I WEREN'T ALWAYS IN UNPRODUCTIVE MEETINGS.

YOU COULD HIRE TEMPS TO ATTEND THE UNPRODUCTIVE MEETINGS FOR ME AND FIRE THE MORE EXPENSIVE CONTRACTORS.

WHY DON'T I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU JUST SAID? BECAUSE IT MADE SENSE!

MOVING FORWARD, WE WILL GO AFTER THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT AT THE END OF THE DAY.

I LIKE THE WAY YOU USED HUMOR TO MOCK THE VACUOUS WAY MANAGERS SPEAK.

WHICH PART WAS HUMOR? I'LL JUST BE QUIET NOW.

NEGOTIATING IN A BAD ECONOMY

MY COMPANY IS SO POOR THAT WE NEED A 20% PRICE REDUCTION OR WE'LL GO BELLY-UP.

MY COMPANY IS SO POOR THAT OUR ONLY CHANCE OF EATING INVOLVES THROWING OFFICE SUPPLIES AT LOW-FLYING BIRDS.

SHALL WE SAY 10%? OUR HEALTH PLAN IS "SCREAMING."

WHY DO YOU SAY YOU WANT DEATH?

MARS IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE, BORN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SUN.

ALL HAIL THE MONKEY GOD OF MARS!!

WELCOME TO MARS, NEW REFUGEES FROM DEATH.

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR ROLE MODELS, IDOL.

BUT, BUT, IT'S NOT TRUE.

HELLO TO MY MURAL LITTLE KID.

JEFFREY AND I ALMOST GOT EATEN BY DINOSAURS, THEN WE WERE TOLD BY APES WHO WORSHIP CAPTAIN EDELLA AS THEIR GOD AND BURY THEIR PARENTS TO RAIN.

WHATEVER YOU SAY YOU WANT, DENY.

HA HA!

SNORK

WHICH PART WAS HUMOR? I'LL JUST BE QUIET NOW.

MOVING FORWARD, WE'LL GO AFTER THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT AT THE END OF THE DAY.

I LIKE THE WAY YOU USED HUMOR TO MOCK THE VACUOUS WAY MANAGERS SPEAK.

WHICH PART WAS HUMOR? I'LL JUST BE QUIET NOW.

NEGOTIATING IN A BAD ECONOMY

MY COMPANY IS SO POOR THAT WE NEED A 20% PRICE REDUCTION OR WE'LL GO BELLY-UP.

MY COMPANY IS SO POOR THAT OUR ONLY CHANCE OF EATING INVOLVES THROWING OFFICE SUPPLIES AT LOW-FLYING BIRDS.

SHALL WE SAY 10%? OUR HEALTH PLAN IS "SCREAMING."
I wish I had a sliverable name for all the tall guys and girls trying to find each other FB group tall techies.
Why won’t Glenn Beck deny the rumors that he raped and murdered a 10-year old girl in 1990?
Dear Sundash, you chew way too loudly.

Ladies, looking for a Cuddle Buddy? Check Facebook.

Turn all the fountains back on. :-(

I guess even the school is making sure we’re not getting laid.

When looking for condoms on campus, I found that West side only has 8 packs. I guess even the school is making sure we’re not getting laid.

Hey tall people FB group Tall Techies.

When looking for condoms on campus, I found that West side only has 8 packs. I guess even the school is making sure we’re not getting laid.

Men’s Fall Season Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Tournament</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9/18 - 9/21</td>
<td>Southern Intercollegiate Champ.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/3 - 10/11</td>
<td>ITA All-American Championships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9 – 10/11</td>
<td>Bulldog Scramble</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/12 - 10/26</td>
<td>Southeast Region Championships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/6 - 11/9</td>
<td>ITA Indoor Championships</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The men’s tennis team travels to Athens this weekend to open the season at the Southern Intercollegiate Championship. They will also host the Georgia Tech Fall Invitation in two weeks from Oct. 3-5. The Jackets did not have any seniors last season, so the team will not have to worry about any potential drop-off in talent.

Junior Guillermo Gomez has led the way for the Jackets on the court in his first two seasons, going 25-14 overall in singles and 12-6 in dual-match play. He was a top-16 seed in the NCAA Singles Tournament over the summer and reached the round of 32 before falling to Steve Johnson of USC.

Sophomore Kevin King will be another player to follow this year after a strong showing in his first season as a 17-year old freshman. In August, the left-handed King defeated the nation’s top overall junior tennis player, Alexander Domijan, in the fourth round of the USTA National Championships.

King played primarily at the No. 2 position for Tech and went 12-9 during the dual match season. His experience against top collegiate competition early in his career should help him improve in his sophomore season.

Six other players return for the Jackets, including lone senior Austin Roebuck. A quartet of juniors in Doug Kenny, Miguel Muguruza, Eliot Porvin, and Ryan Smith provide the team with a talented lineup on both the singles and doubles fronts, and sophomore Dusan Miljevic will look to improve in his sophomore season.

In addition to not losing anyone from a season ago, Tech has acquired three more players to bolster the squad. Freshman Magin Ortizis comes to Tech as the former top-ranked player in Colombia and South America. He finished in the top-10 in 2004 and 2006 at the South American Tennis Championship and held the No. 1 singles ranking in Colombia in the 12, 14 and 16 age groups.

The Jackets’ other freshman this year, Juan Spiri, is also from Colombia and was a top junior player in his home country. Spiri has reached an ITF Junior world ranking as high as No. 48 in singles play and has earned a total of 56 singles wins, and he has competed in three World Junior Grand Slam events.

Tech acquired a transfer in junior Dean O’Brien from Tennessee Tech. O’Brien was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year last season as he posted a 19-6 overall singles record and a 12-7 mark in doubles. He had a 17-1 singles record in dual match play at their No. 1 position with an 8-0 record in conference play.

Head Coach Kenny Thorne will be entering his 12th season leading the Jackets. He has a record of 141-116 at Tech, and has led his team to eight berths in the NCAA team tournament.
Technique - September 18, 2009 - 21

2009 Women's Tennis Team Preview

By Steven Lappetta, Assistant Sports Editor

This weekend marks the beginning of another season in women's tennis as the Jackets host the Georgia Tech Invitational tournament. The Jackets had a national ranking of No. 8 at the end of the 2009 season and reached the round of 16 at the NCAA Tournament for the fifth straight year.

This will be Head Coach Bryan Shelton's 11th season leading the program. Shelton has guided the team to ten straight NCAA Tournament appearances, two ITA National Indoor Championships and the 2007 NCAA Championship.

The departures of Christy Striplin and Noelle Hickey leave only two returning upperclassmen in senior Amanda McDowell and junior Sasha Krupina.

McDowell won the 2008 NCAA Singles championship as a sophomore and is the only returning player from the 2007 national championship team. She struggled early last year, but rebounded to finish strong in singles and doubles. Krupina played mostly at the No. 5 position last year and recorded a 12-10 singles mark in the dual-match season.

The team returns four other players from last year's squad, all of whom are sophomores, in Irina Falconi, Lynn Blau, Hillary Davis and Viet Ha Ngo.

Falconi, who joined the team last season as a five-star recruit, immediately had an impact at Tech as she earned 30 singles wins in her freshman season. She recorded a 16-9 dual-match singles record while competing alongside McDowell in the top two spots in the lineup last season, and in late August she had the opportunity to compete in the U.S. Women's Open wildcard round.

Blau will see more action after starting in 11 singles dual matches. She had a 6-5 singles record in the dual season but went 5-0 against conference opponents. Blau had a 10-9 dual record in doubles and saw some playing time alongside McDowell.

Davis ended the tournament season with a 10-4 singles record and finished the fall ranked No. 30 in the ITA South Region. She played doubles alongside Krupina in the dual-match season but never competed in any singles matches during that time.

Ngo saw success in her first season at Tech as she played in the No. 6 spot on the lineup. She ended her first season with a 13-5 dual-match singles record and an overall singles record of 20-11.

Freshman Elizabeth Kilborn will be the new face in Tech's lineup this season. The Marietta, Ga. native led Walton High School to four straight region and state championships as her team went 116-0 during her four years there. Kilborn was rated the No. 2 recruit in Georgia, No. 7 in the Southeast region, and No. 22 in the nation.

Women's Fall Season Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Tournament</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9/18 - 9/20</td>
<td>GT Invitational</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/6 - 10/11</td>
<td>All-American Championships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/22 - 10/26</td>
<td>South Region Championships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/5 - 11/8</td>
<td>ITA Indoor Championships</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/6 - 11/8</td>
<td>UNC Invitational</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CCT is now close to campus in the “DISTRICT” at Howell Mill above the Wal-Mart next to La Parilla

-20 DRAFTS
-20 PLUS HDTV’S AND ALL THE SPORTS PACKAGES
-1/2 PRICE WING WEDNESDAYS
-5 PITCHERS OF HOUSE BREW
-KITCHEN & BAR OPEN LATE
-TEAM TRIVIA TUES AT 6:30 AND THURS AT 6:00

GREAT PLACE TO WATCH THE GAME WHEN THE TEAM IS AWAY!!

10 WINGS or 1 Cheese Dip FREE!!
(With purchase of two sandwiches, burgers or entrees)
Done In ONLY!
Not valid with any other offers
EXP 10/30/09
1801 HOWELL MILL RD
404-351-1957
the Jackets an early 14-0 lead. Tarrant also had a strong game at cornerback; most notably, he deflected a deep pass to Clemson running back C.J. Spiller on the Tigers’ final drive of the game to prevent Clemson from reaching field goal range.

“Tarrant has been good. He needs to help my team in big ways like that,” Tarrant said.

Another prominent member of the unit, junior kicker Scott Blair, accounted for 18 of Tech’s 50 points in the Clemson game. Nine came by way of field goals, but Blair also connected on his first career touchdown pass late in the first quarter.

On fourth-and-13, Johnson called a trick play. He called back the offense and sent the field goal unit onto the field near the sideline. Rather than attempting a 51-yard field goal, Blair took a direct snap and threw to a wide-open Thomas, who broke away from one defender on a route to a 34-yard touchdown.

The junior contributed with his leg as well. He had a second-quarter field goal to increase Tech’s lead to 24-0, and in the first half of the game, Blair also connected on his second field goal to increase the Tigers’ lead to 24-0, and in the first quarter his leg as well. He had a second-
touchdown.

Blair should also benefit from the fact that redshirt sophomore Chadier Anderson has taken over the punting duties for the Jackets, allowing Blair to concentrate on placekicking and kickoff.

Anderson has had good and bad moments in the first two games, but against Clemson he was generally solid throughout. He made six punts for an average of 46 yards per punt. Tech’s coverage unit allowed the Tigers to make only one punt return in the game.

Staff Picks

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Game 1</th>
<th>Game 2</th>
<th>Game 3</th>
<th>Game 4</th>
<th>Game 5</th>
<th>Game 6</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tennessee vs. #1 Florida (28.5)</td>
<td>UF</td>
<td>Tenn.</td>
<td>Tenn.</td>
<td>UF</td>
<td>UF</td>
<td>UF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas Tech vs. #2 Texas (17.5)</td>
<td>UT</td>
<td>UT</td>
<td>TT</td>
<td>TT</td>
<td>UT</td>
<td>UT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#3 USC (-20) vs. Washington</td>
<td>USC</td>
<td>USC</td>
<td>USC</td>
<td>USC</td>
<td>UW</td>
<td>UW</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE Louisiana vs. #5 Mississippi (NL)*</td>
<td>Miss.</td>
<td>Miss.</td>
<td>Miss.</td>
<td>Miss.</td>
<td>Miss.</td>
<td>Miss.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Temple vs. #5 Penn State (29)*</td>
<td>PSU</td>
<td>PSU</td>
<td>PSU</td>
<td>PSU</td>
<td>PSU</td>
<td>PSU</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Florida State vs. #7 BYU (7)</td>
<td>BYU</td>
<td>BYU</td>
<td>BYU</td>
<td>BYU</td>
<td>Push</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#8 Cal (14) vs. Minnesota</td>
<td>Cal</td>
<td>Cal</td>
<td>Cal</td>
<td>Cal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#10 Boise State (7.5) vs. Fresno State</td>
<td>BSU</td>
<td>BSU</td>
<td>BSU</td>
<td>BSU</td>
<td>BSU</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#11 Ohio State (20.5) vs. Toledo</td>
<td>Toledo</td>
<td>Toledo</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td>Toledo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tulsa vs. #12 Oklahoma (17)</td>
<td>Tulsa</td>
<td>Tulsa</td>
<td>OU</td>
<td>Tulsa</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#19 Nebraska vs. #13 Va. Tech (4-0)</td>
<td>Neb.</td>
<td>VT</td>
<td>Neb.</td>
<td>Neb.</td>
<td>VT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Texas State vs. #15 TCU (NL)</td>
<td>TCU</td>
<td>TCU</td>
<td>TCU</td>
<td>TCU</td>
<td>TCU</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rice vs. #16 Oklahoma State (32-5)</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td>OSU</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#18 Utah vs. Oregon (4.5)</td>
<td>Utah</td>
<td>Utah</td>
<td>Utah</td>
<td>Ore.</td>
<td>Ore.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duke vs. #22 Kansas (2-2)</td>
<td>KU</td>
<td>KU</td>
<td>Duke</td>
<td>KU</td>
<td>KU</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>#23 Georgia vs. Arkansas (4)</td>
<td>UGA</td>
<td>UGA</td>
<td>Ark.</td>
<td>Ark.</td>
<td>Ark.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>East Carolina vs. #24 UNC (7.5)</td>
<td>ECU</td>
<td>ECU</td>
<td>ECU</td>
<td>ECU</td>
<td>ECU</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E. Michigan vs. #25 Michigan (24)</td>
<td>UM</td>
<td>UM</td>
<td>UM</td>
<td>UM</td>
<td>UM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Mississippi and Penn State tied for No. 5 in this week’s national AP poll.
Volleyball from page 24

made several early attack errors as the Tigers built a four-point lead. The Jackets went on a late run to close the gap to 24-23, but the Tigers won the final point to tie the score at 18, then won four straight points. Tech took the final set 25-20 to win the match. The balanced attack was key for the Jackets, but they made a number of attack errors. A strong defensive effort helped make up for the errors, though. Janitor libero Jordan McCullers notched a career-high 25 digs, and the team’s net play was solid.

“In the end, we executed, and that’s what we’ve been talking about…finishing the game, finishing the match,” Johnson said.

The victory gave the Jackets an early edge in the conference standings. They now sit atop the conference at 1-0 in ACC play.

“This was huge for us, because we want to be 1-0 and on top of the ACC…To be on the top for two weeks and sitting golden is definitely nice for us…I know a lot of teams that were ranked higher than us will be 0-0 after tonight,” Hunter said.

Tech faced a tough battle the next day against Southeast Missouri State, but the Jackets managed to pull out a victory in four sets (26-24, 22-25, 25-13, 25-20).

The first set was close throughout, with the Jackets and Redhawks ending up tied 13 times in the set. The Jackets pulled ahead at the very end, and Hunter’s seventh kill of the set gave Tech a 26-24 first set victory.

Neither team was able to break away in the second set and built up a 12-8 lead, but Tech fought back to force the set into tiebreak points. With Ole Miss up 28-27, the Jackets won three straight points to take the set and tie the match.

A six-point run put Tech ahead 6-3 in the third set, and a late 8-2 run gave the Jackets a 20-16 advantage. Tech won the set 25-18.

In the final set, the Jackets fell behind 8-6 but proceeded to win 17 of the next 22 points. A kill by sophomore middle blocker Asia Stawicka ended the set and the match in favor of the Jackets.

With the wins, the Jackets improved to 7-2 on the season, including a 1-0 mark in ACC play.

Roderick earned tournament MVP honors after contributing on all fronts in Tech’s sweep; she hit .429 for the weekend with 33 kills and seven digs while committing just six attack errors. On Monday, she was also named the ACC Player of the Week and became the second Tech player to win the award this year.

Clemson points in between to go up 12-5. Mead ended the match with a service ace to win the set and match for the Jackets.

The balanced attack was key for the Jackets, but they made a number of attack errors. A strong defensive effort helped make up for the errors, though. Janitor libero Jordan McCullers notched a career-high 25 digs, and the team’s net play was solid.

“In the end, we executed, and that’s what we’ve been talking about…finishing the game, finishing the match,” Johnson said.

The victory gave the Jackets an early edge in the conference standings. They now sit atop the conference at 1-0 in ACC play.

“This was huge for us, because we want to be 1-0 and on top of the ACC…To be on the top for two weeks and sitting golden is definitely nice for us…I know a lot of teams that were ranked higher than us will be 0-0 after tonight,” Hunter said.

Tech faced a tough battle the next day against Southeast Missouri State, but the Jackets managed to pull out a victory in four sets (26-24, 22-25, 25-13, 25-20).

The first set was close throughout, with the Jackets and Redhawks ending up tied 13 times in the set. The Jackets pulled ahead at the very end, and Hunter’s seventh kill of the set gave Tech a 26-24 first set victory.

Neither team was able to break away in the second set and built up a 12-8 lead, but Tech fought back to force the set into tiebreak points. With Ole Miss up 28-27, the Jackets won three straight points to take the set and tie the match.

A six-point run put Tech ahead 6-3 in the third set, and a late 8-2 run gave the Jackets a 20-16 advantage. Tech won the set 25-18.

In the final set, the Jackets fell behind 8-6 but proceeded to win 17 of the next 22 points. A kill by sophomore middle blocker Asia Stawicka ended the set and the match in favor of the Jackets.

With the wins, the Jackets improved to 7-2 on the season, including a 1-0 mark in ACC play.

Roderick earned tournament MVP honors after contributing on all fronts in Tech’s sweep; she hit .429 for the weekend with 33 kills and seven digs while committing just six attack errors. On Monday, she was also named the ACC Player of the Week and became the second Tech player to win the award this year.

Bailey Hunter bumps the ball during last Friday’s win over Clemson. Hunter led the team with 25 kills in the weekend tournament.

Yellow.

JACKETS.

Am I the only sane driver in this town?

Is there a sliver app for Android, or Blackberry, or Windows Mobile (screw the phone users)?

Einstein’s Coffee > Starbucks Coffee

Seriously, enough with the bad parking jobs in the city.

What the hell is oodle?

I need more hours in a day. A 40 hour day is good.

I relate just about everything to Harry Potter. It makes me happy.

JOIN BEERS!!!!

I just submitted like 5 slivers…one of them has to get published…

AMSA: I’m on a plane!

Whoever said Organic Chemistry is fun, is gay.

Workin’ at the CRC…doesn’t get better than that! :)

Go Dallas Cowboys.

play. (So much for that Mac address login)

I’m selling an alarm clock. $5 dollars. will help you wake up for

What can you do with 5 yards of fabric? Make a toga, kilt, curtain, tents, tablecloth, dress up like a hobo, stay warm and cuddle, feel Scottish (if plaid)...possibilities are endless! :)
Volleyball wins Courtyard Classic

By Richard Davis
Contributing Writer

Tech’s volleyball team followed up the Thursday night football victory over Clemson with a home win of their own over the Tigers, as the Jackets prevailed in five sets (25-21, 23-25, 25-16, 15-25, 15-8) in their first ACC game on Friday night. A day later, the Jackets defeated Southeast Missouri State and Ole Miss to win the Georgia Tech Courtyard Classic as they swept their second home invitational tournament of 2009.

Against Clemson, the Jackets’ offensive balance proved to be key as they held off the Tigers to earn their first ACC victory. Four players finished the match with at least 10 kills, led by sophomore opposite hitter Bailey Hunter’s 19. Senior middle blocker Brittany Roderick notched 15 kills and hit a team-high .619 for the match. Senior outside hitter Chrissy DeMichelis and freshman rightside hitter Monique Mead contributed 13 and 12 kills, respectively, and junior setter Mary Ashley Tippins had 57 assists.

“Our (middle hitters) did a heck of a job, and I have to take my hat off to them, because (Tippins) did a really nice job of keeping them involved in the offense, and it was just really nice to see them execute … I’m really proud of our middles for the way they showed up and played tonight,” said Head Coach Tonya Johnson.

“It’s nice that we have a versatile team, and it’s not just one player that’s not just the main hitter for us every time,” Hunter said.

The first set of the match against the Tigers was tightly contested between the two teams. The Jackets’ larger lead in the final set was just five points and their longest rally only lasted for four points, but they won the first set 25-21. Clemson kept the score close, but Tech trailed only once during the opening set and saw strong play from their front line as Roderick, Hunter, and DeMichelis combined for 14 kills in the set.

The Jackets got off to a slow start in the next set, dropping the first three points to Clemson, and they never recovered.

See Volleyball, page 23

Special teams unit demonstrates major improvement

By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

After the 2008 season, Head Coach Paul Johnson had few positive things to say about the Jackets’ special teams unit. Johnson highlighted special teams as an area in which the team would need to improve dramatically after the team struggled in nearly every aspect last season.

Over the team’s first two games, and particularly in last Thursday’s home victory over Clemson, the Jackets have shown numerous signs of progress throughout the unit. The team has put a great deal of effort into improving their performance on special teams throughout the offseason.

“Every day before practice, we go through special teams, and we watch film on special teams and have meetings. They’ve put more focus on it so we can put more energy into it,” redshirt sophomore cornerback and punt returner Jerard Tarrant said.

Punt returns were an especially troubling area for the Jackets in 2008, as the three Tech players who went back to field punts last season; then-sophomore receiver Tyler Melton, then-freshman A-back Roddy Jones, and then-senior receiver Andrew Smith—combined for an average of just 6.7 yards per return and frequently struggled with fumbles.

The Jackets’ punt return unit received a boost in the offseason with the return of Tarrant, who was slated to be the starting punt returner for the Jackets last season before he received a season-long suspension.

Upon returning, Tarrant won a competition with several others for the job this summer, and the move paid off immediately. When Tarrant returned a second-quarter punt for a touchdown, it marked the first time Tech had scored on a punt return since Jonathan Smith took one back in 2003.

Tarrant confirmed the reports that he had guaranteed he would return a punt for a touchdown in his first game. “I thought about it the whole time in camp….Since it’s been so long, I’ve been talking about it since I came here about returning a punt in my first game,” Tarrant said.

The speedy cornerback had an even better performance in store against Clemson. When the Tigers lined up for what would have been a 55-yard field goal attempt in the first quarter, Clemson kicker Richard Jackson took a direct snap and made a pooch punt. Tarrant, playing deep near the end zone, caught the short punt at the Jackets’ 15-yard line with three Clemson defenders immediately in front of him. He evaded all three and ran down the sideline for a 45-yard punt return.

Jerrad Tarrant crosses the goal line for a touchdown after his 85-yard punt return in Thursday night’s home victory over Clemson.

See Special, page 22