OSCARS, T-Square systems down

By Aravind Krishnan
Contributing Writer

Students, faculty and staff were exposed to several delays last week when trying to access vital campus resources such as OSCAR and T-Square, causing frustration and anxiety for students waiting to register for classes.

The online Student Computer Assisted Registration (OSCAR) system provided slow service to students on Aug. 14, the first day of Phase II registration. Campus departments were also unable to access OSCAR preventing them from adding or modifying sections or providing course permits and overloads to students requesting them. Buzzport and other campus resources dependant on the OSCAR system for information were also affected adversely.

The OSCAR system was down for several hours following the incident. While some campus resources experienced a heightened load during registration, it was generally acknowledged by members of the campus community that the outage that occurred last week was severe and untimely. The outage lasted only a few hours, but during that time students were left distressed wondering whether they would be able to register for classes. The delays seem to have been sporadic, as some students were unaffected by the problems.

The Office of Information Technology problem tackled the problem to a single server that was part of the OSCAR system and took it off service, after which service returned to near normal levels.

“An in-depth investigation by OIT is underway to look at all the possible sources of the problem. Once that report is delivered to the users from OIT, further discussions will occur and a plan will be executed,” said Bud Peterson, at the Budget Town Hall meeting on August 24.

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By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

As funding cuts force schools in the University System of Georgia to revise their budget plans and accommodate projected funding cuts of between four and eight percent, Tech is turning to mandatory state directive to implement employee furloughs to reduce funding cuts across campus, both academic and non-academic.

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Those earning less than $23,660 each year, research and teaching assistants, non-resident aliens on an H1B visa, those critical to life and safety and those on sponsorship money will be exempt from furloughs, causing some controversy.

“Something arises when we do that and I understand this creates some inquiry but I’ll take responsibility for that decision – it was a business decision, and that decision was based upon this $6.2 million we saved compared with the cost of forcing people to take furloughs if they’re on [sponsorship] money,” said Institute President Bud Peterson, at the Budget Town Hall meeting on August 24.

While furloughs are expected to save Tech money, they would still not cover the entirety of the cuts. Furthermore, furloughs are only a temporary solution and cannot sustain budget cuts over the long term. Where the additional money will come from is still to be determined. One way of meeting the remaining budget shortfall is to reduce funding for various departments across campus, both academic and non-academic.

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From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By Vivian Fan
News Editor

Hot Mama

On Aug. 14 at 12:02 a.m., Tech police were called to Mauld- ining Residence Hall after the Hall Director for West Campus re- ported flooding on the first and second floors. The flooding was the result of the fire sprinklers going off. The director stated that the source of the flooding was from a room in the second floor.

The reporting officer inspected the dorm room and found the mother of an incoming freshman. The mother had been attempting to heat some tea in the microwave, which proceeded to light on fire. She then attempted to put out the fire quickly; however, the sprinkler system went off. While trying to stop the sprinkler system, she slipped and struck her chin on the wet floor.

The mother received a large cut on the chin and was then trans- ported to the hospital for evaluation.

A drunk keeps from falling

Police were called to Forth Street, N.W., in front of the Catholic Center Aug. 16 where they found a white male holding onto a light pole. The man, who was heavily drunk at the time, was hanging from the light pole to prevent himself from falling. Upon speaking with the man’s friend (who was not intoxicated), the officer ascertained that both men were not Tech students, but had come to campus to look around after going to a bar in Midtown. The drunk man was taken to Grady Hospital.

A smelly, weedy mistake

Aug. 15, police were called to Brown Residence Hall at 11 p.m. after a complaint of a smell similar to that of marijuana coming from a student’s room. Once arriving at the room, the officer approached the room and smelled no such scent. The officer then spoke to the resident living in the room, who stated no one had been smoking in the room. The officer en- tered the room with consent and found nothing suspicious.

POLLS OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about the downtime of Tech resources like OSCAR, webmail, etc. the first week?

14.2% Huh! I didn’t even notice
17.2% It was annoying but I didn’t care anymore.
9.0% No big deal. These things happen with increased user load.
59.7% I’m severely disappointed. This is an institute of technology!

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By Vivian Fan
News Editor

It’s hardly what you’d call joining the rat race

“Life is what happens while you’re busy working,” doesn’t apply to Deloitte’s Cedric Nube. He’s able to work in risk consultation and toward his dream of running the 100 m dash in the 2012 Olympic Games, simultaneously. All thanks to Deloitte’s belief in career-life fit. Catch up with Cedric at www.deloitte.com/aboutfuture.

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Second-year Public Policy major Mike Donohue addresses an issue at the first SGA UHR meeting.

Peterson addresses UHR

Institute President G. P. “Bud” Peterson addressed UHR to begin the first session of the year. Peterson’s speech dealt with the Strategic Plan initiative that will officially open up to campus on Sept. 3 during the Investiture Ceremony. He discussed the difficulty of trying to plan for what a university should do for students, faculty and other people involved with a university, when the technology and problems of the future are yet unknown. Peterson also emphasized that Tech should strive to define the educational environment. Peterson also announced that there will be nine topics of discussion for the strategic planning sessions, which were being finalized by the steering committee composed of faculty, students and friends of the Institute.

Crime and Prevention Night

SGA saw a bill to allocate $110 for the Crime Prevention and Awareness night. The event is intended to raise awareness about the Crime that has occurred on and around campus. Members of the GTPD and the Atlanta PD will speak. There will also be students speaking about how crime on campus has affected them. Pizza and other refreshments will be provided. GSS approved the bill, as did UHR with a vote of 39-1-7.

Senator Ted Kennedy passes away from cancer

Senator Edward Kennedy passed away at age 77 after a battle with brain cancer. Known as the liberal lion of the Senate, Kennedy was revered for his ability to reach across the aisle and forge bipartisan compromises on a wide range of political issues while still championing Democratic causes. Kennedy became the patriarch of the fabled political family of Camelot following the death of his brothers. Throughout the years, Kennedy was haunted by a reckless private life that threatened his statured public reputation. Following a defeat in the Presidential primaries in 1980 against incumbent President Jimmy Carter, Kennedy plunged into his work in the Senate. His hand touched wide ranging legislation, from education, voting rights to health care, where he favored a single-payer system.

Home sales, durable goods purchases rise

Reuters reported that sales of new homes hit their highest in 10 months last month. It was the biggest gain in home sales since Feb. 2005, and the supply of unsold homes on the market sunk to its lowest level in 16 years. In another report, the U.S. Commerce Department said that a rise in durable goods was up 4.9% in the past month, the largest increase in the past two years.

Space shuttle launch postponed by fuel valve

NASA called off launching of space shuttle Discovery at Cape Canaveral due to fears of a faulty fuel valve. The shuttle is expected to carry payload to the International Space Station. The most prominent payload is a new $5 million treadmill, named after TV comedian Stephen Colbert. A future date for launch will be set.

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JacketPages serves as new organization forum

By Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) and the Office of Student Involvement unveiled a new campus portal for student organizations called Jacket Pages. The website aims to increase transparency into the SGA bill process in addition to providing campus organizations with better tools to manage and communicate with members. It also aspires to provide students who are looking to get involved on campus with a better, more user-friendly experience.

"Jacket Pages is the new software that SGA will be using to communicate more effectively with student organizations. It is going to become the student organization portal for involvement at Tech," said Linda Harley, the Graduate Student Body President.

Tech previously had in place another campus organization portal known as Cyberbuzz. That system was recently taken offline and has been replaced by Jacket Pages. Cyberbuzz faced much criticism from students and organizations for being difficult to navigate and manage student membership.

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vaccines and medication from the national strategic stockpile,” he said.

Although Baker and the Health Services Center have requested a number of vaccines, there is no guarantee that Tech will receive enough for the entire student population. Upon receiving the vaccine shipment, the health center will be given direction as to who and which groups will get the vaccines first.

If the situation worsens, the Health Services Center has looked into providing a second location to better serve students. Although segregated housing for students with the virus has been discussed, the Tech administration has deemed it to be unfeasible.

“Campus leaders have started putting together business continuity plans to prevent any concerns about the illness rising and there being a reduction in workforce,” said Alisa Stankevicius, the Director of Educational Technologies.

“While we wish that we wouldn’t have problems in the first place, part of my hope for the future is that the technical team will continue to respond as effectively as it did last week when problems do emerge,” said Clay Fenlason, the Director of Educational Technologies.

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Prevent swine flu
Students need to do part to keep campus healthy

While swine flu made for a good joke this summer, with the recent outbreak of cases here at Tech, it is time to take the disease more seriously. We appreciate the efforts of the administration and Health Services to contain the spread as much as possible, but now it is time for students to do their part as well.

If you feel at all sick, do not go to class. Go straight to the health center to get treatment or stay in your room. Cover your cough while you are there. The only way to contain H1N1 is to put health before class attendance. Professors are aware of the issue, and should be understanding. It not only saves you from being more ill in the long run, but keeps other students from getting sick.

If you do not feel ill, there are easy ways to prevent contracting the virus. Use the many hand sanitizer pumps put up around campus, and wash your hands often. Be more aware of group gatherings. If you are at a party, be careful. Don't drink out of cups other people have already used. Actually listen to health warnings and take them to heart. Sign up for regular flu shots and prevent the regular flu from adding to the panic of H1N1.

Finally, try and be respectful of those who already have contracted swine flu. It doesn't help anyone to mock people who have come down with something. They imaginably feel bad enough. Pointing out people in masks in public and yelling “Swine flu!” doesn't help prevent disease; it just hurts those already sick.

It would also be beneficial to have better literature and personal hand sanitizer made available to students.

In the bigger picture, swine flu is no longer a serious joke, it is a serious disease. However, this does not mean that students should panic. Simply take care to recognize the situation and act accordingly.

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Release more season tickets for football games

I have found season tickets to be an extremely important issue to fellow yellow jacket fans. We’re worried that while the by-game tickets will be easy to get for smaller games, the big ones, like UGA and Virginia Tech, will sell out to fans that only want to be there for the big name games.

Many fans want to pay for season tickets (which means they’ll be there for all the games), but will be stuck fighting for tickets with the less invested fans. I’d like to see you stand up for the students who don’t have a voice to cry out with.

I am quite overwhelmed by new system for season tickets. If the system really did run out of tickets mere hours after opening up registration to freshmen, it seemed as though it did, then why did we close off the rest of the student tickets to game-by-game status?

I get the feeling that half of them will sit empty at smaller games, like Jacksonville State, and will be sold out for big games, like UGA or Virginia Tech.

Why not allow the rest of the die-hard fans get guaranteed seating and leave the rest of the tickets to those who don’t care as much about being at every game.

Mathew Kazmier
Third-year MGT

Be fair to Farve

Last week one of your editors, Hahnming Lee, wrote an opinion piece on why Brett Favre should stay retired. Though he made several fair points, I think he was too smugly full of himself.

There are legitimate reasons to be upset with Favre. Packers fans are upset because Favre’s signing with the Vikings is thinly veiled spitefulness. Then there’s the lying. He’s coming back, he’s not coming back, he’s coming back, etc. Why are NFL teams enabling his behavior?

Economically, there’s a short supply of good quarterbacks. Of course Favre is not the quarterback he once was. Hahn writes he’s only “50%” the player he once was, about on par with “Gus Frerotte.” According to Wikipedia, Frerotte was released by the Vikings while Favre just signed a 25 million dollar contract with them. I’m sure some football fan with an access to a keyboard is more knowledgeable than the coaches and managers of a franchise who just won their division and seems to be a quarterback moved from a Super Bowl run.

What of missing training camp though? Having Favre handing the ball off to Adrian Peterson 25 times a game wasn’t exactly a daunting task for him. Peterson’s more than capable of carrying the offense until Favre gets acclimated to the offense.

But let’s assume Lee is right and that Favre is now feeble. If he wants to play and there’s a team willing to pay him and you’re not a fan of said team, why get hysterical? Granted, he should’ve been more decisive about his retirement and not outright lied, but that’s not the issue.

Statistically, most people, including those reading this, will not become passionate about their job. You aren’t willing to persevere in it, regardless of the cost. There’s nothing wrong with that, why spend the extra effort when the marginal utility is so little? Consequently, you see Favre’s situation through your own lenses.

But just because you aren’t willing to ignore the disdain of the public doesn’t mean others shouldn’t. Just because you aren’t willing to suffer through old age, injury and setbacks doesn’t mean others won’t.

If you are going to criticize Favre, criticize his dishonesty; criticize teams that are enabling his comebacks, but to criticize his desire to play? Maybe instead of complaining about how people don’t know when to quit, you should look at those who never know when to begin.

Zimu Yang
Third-year ISYE

Letters to the Editor

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NFL rookie salaries need to be capped

It is no secret that in recent years the massive surge in rookie salaries in professional football has unnerved practically everyone who follows football around the country. Something needs to change. The issue is not just that gigantic contracts are completely irrational and infuriating to league veterans, which they are. As rookie deals continue to increase in value every year, the weaker teams in the league are, in essence, handcuffing themselves by awarding ridiculous amounts of money to completely unproven players that they take early in the draft.

Take a look at the most recent NFL Draft. Georgia quarterback Matt Stafford went to the Detroit Lions at No. 1 overall and signed for six years and $72 million. The most notable aspect: Stafford is guaranteed to receive $41.7 million over the duration of the contract, well over half of the total value and a significant jump from previous rookie deals. It is no wonder that such contracts are unfathomable to him or how he performs. He could suffer a devastating injury and find himself cut before completing his contract. He could, therefore, be a terrible quarterback, and he would still receive more than enough money to sustain him for life.

If Stafford proves inefficient at football he could earn almost $70 million. Although he was a devout Christian, he studied and accepted different religions and never attempted to push his beliefs onto others. He learned from him that it is not our place to judge others, because we cannot do so without ignorance unless we understand them.

The simple quote at the beginning of my editorial has captured the feeling I have been writing about for over the past week. I simply wish that others (very much including the girls at the party) would take this seemingly meaningless quote to heart and live by it. We have so much wisdom to gain from other people that we will never know if we live ignorantly. So even though the event at the party upset me, I realized that I will live so much more richly than anyone who feels it is okay to treat others the way that I was treated that night. My grandfather kept a journal of quotes and sayings he heard throughout his life that had meaning to him. There is a prayer in this journal that stands out to me above everything else and is one that everyone should strive to live by.

"Dear Lord, give me the wisdom to pursue the Truth, and spare me the company of those who think that they have found it."
Greek Life wants to open its doors to rest of Tech community

After the conclusion of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) Rush and the Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) Recruitment last week and the continuing recruitment of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) and the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), we could not be more proud to be Greek here at Tech. With the largest number of women going through recruitment this year here at Tech than ever before, and now 7 National Panhellenic chapters on our campus, a Christian sorority, and national engineering sorority, 31 IFC fraternities, 4 historically African-American sororities and 4 culturally African-American fraternities, 4 culturally based fraternities and 3 culturally based sororities, 55 Greek organizations in all…the opportunities for new membership into Greek Life are soaring.

What many do not know about Greek Life is the doors of opportunity that it opens for all members of our community. Not only do we have some of the best and sometimes only social events on campus have leadership positions held all over campus, and have strong bonds of friendship, but also every member of the Greek community knows that being Greek means so much more than all of that.

What is most important to us about being Greek is that we are given a unique opportunity that we know we would not take back. Fraternity brothers and sisters are bonds that cannot be explained, but usually, we’re only seen during Homecoming and know that we see us during Greek Week and too often not seen by others in the Tech community. Students know us for our philanthropy events, too often for our social events, see us during Greek Week and Homecoming and know that we exist, but usually, we’re only seen on the surface by others.

We know that we appear like we have a lot of fun, which is a piece of the Greek experience, but we hope everyone looks deeper into what it means to be a Greek.

Kyle Hanofee, Andrew deRussy, Vedant Gupta and Brian Tyson
Greek Leaders

Festivities are unequaled anywhere else on campus. Greeks have a lot of fun, and this we know is one of our greatest strengths, especially while balancing the ridiculous academic atmosphere.

Most importantly, being Greek here at Tech provides students with leadership opportunities within individual chapters and campus as a whole. We agree that holding leadership positions and being active on campus has stemmed largely from growth within our chapters. From here, chapter leaders launch into campus leadership thanks in part to our network of brothers, sisters and friends. We know because of this, we have developed exceptional leadership skills that will benefit us throughout our lives.

We are Greek leaders that are on the path to creating a more unified Greek community. This stands as one of our main goals for all 55 Greek organizations, and we hope that with a combined effort, our Greek community will grow and prosper as one body on campus for years to come.

The benefits of joining a Greek organization are endless, although often not seen by others in the Tech community. Students know us for our philanthropy events, too often for our social events, see us during Greek Week and Homecoming and know that we exist, but usually, we’re only seen on the surface by others.

We know that we appear like we have a lot of fun, which is a piece of the Greek experience, but we hope everyone looks deeper into what it means to be a Greek brother or sister and all that it has to offer. We’re not simply looking for membership, but rather, we would like to share our experience and friendship with anyone on campus. Spending just a few years in our distinctive Greek community has provided all of us with more than we ever thought possible when joining as freshmen.
The rumor mill is abuzz with stories of what’s happening in the College of Architecture. Students know something is up, but few hard details have been released and concerns and rumors are spreading more quickly than new information.

Many have created quite a buzz around the College of Architecture because students are worried about the future of the college’s curriculum.

In a nutshell, the College announced recently that it will be reviewing its curriculum, with an eye towards interdisciplinary education, much like the College of Computing’s Threads program. That “interdisciplinary” aspect has some students and alumni uneasy as to how the program will be changed, with fears ranging from students’ studies losing their focus to the understanding that the College’s entire undergraduate program will be condensed down into a single degree.

Here, it seems like the COA might have made a mistake by releasing too little information initially, as students seem a great deal more panicked than may be strictly necessary at this point, and few seem to really have a solid grasp on what is happening.

All three of three students approached for this article had strong opinions on what was going on, yet all three gave vastly different answers for what they believed the changes would entail.

Rumors circulating around the college have students worrying that their education is going to suddenly become more generic, or that their field may even be nonexistent when they return to Tech as alumni.

One large concern is how such a change would affect the employability of Tech’s graduates and the relevancy of their education.

Many are very concerned that, with the rumored degree changes, their degree will not be worth as much in the future as it has been. As the rumors state, that the curriculum could become very general.

Olivia Kaye, a fourth year Building Construction major, says, “A lot of local employers have signed (an online) petition saying that they have always looked for Tech graduates, but since the degree isn’t as specific, they’re going to start looking elsewhere.”

Judging from what members of the faculty and staff are saying, however, this seems highly unlikely.

Alan Balfour, the Dean of the College of Architecture, said in a letter to alumni, “Let me be clear that we have no intention to eliminate any of the three disciplines. In fact, the intent is to advance the offerings in each of the disciplines to make our graduates the most talented in their chosen fields,” which would suggest that each of the three undergraduate disciplines will, at the very least, keep their individual integrity.

“The last thing we want to do is throw everything in the same pot and cook it till it’s just brown mush. That’s not the idea at all… Our goal is to see how we can make [each field] stronger… identifying what is core to them and making it stronger, then seeing what is not there, and bringing that to the table as well,” said Sabir Khan, the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education and the one spearheading the current happenings.

One student fear—that the College will move to a generic B.S. in Design—may even be a non-issue.

“The B.S. in Design is one possible solution; we’re not necessarily going that direction. We’re starting with a review of the core disciplines, and making them sharper… We understand the panic—no one wants their degree to go away—but there’s truly nothing to worry about,” said Teri Nagel, the Communications Officer for the College of Architecture.

Khan again explained that each of the three areas of study will remain intact.

The majority of the changes being made are designed to provide students with the chance to study more specialized, interdisciplinary topics.

Student with the option of studying strings of cross-discipline, problem-based classes in fields like energy usage, sustainability, and material studies—topics currently only available at the graduate level—providing opportunities for students to work with other specialties within the college and even with experts from other colleges.

When asked about the reasons behind the change, Khan and Nagel said that, aside from providing students with several administrative benefits (like shared opportunities for scholarships and internships and a more streamlined advising process), the program aims to make Tech students stand out in their respective fields.

“The question is, are we going to graduate [someone] who looks just like someone from [any other university]? Or are we going to graduate someone with the core competencies, [who also has] the added pluses that can only happen at a technological research institution with dozens of other disciplines?” Kahn said.

Alumni in general have had their interest piqued by the program, both positively and negatively.

By Chris Russell
Staff Writer

The College of Architecture is currently discussing revisions to its undergraduate curriculum. The changes being considered are intended to make Tech’s Architecture students more competitive in the job market, while also providing them with a broader range of opportunities.

One of the most significant changes being considered is the creation of a new interdisciplinary program that would allow students to combine courses from multiple disciplines. This would enable students to pursue a more personalized education, tailored to their individual interests and goals.

Another proposed change is the introduction of new courses that focus on emerging technologies and industries, such as sustainable design and digital fabrication. These courses would prepare students for the future of architecture, where technology and innovation are becoming increasingly important.

Some students and faculty members have expressed concern that these changes could result in a dilution of the College’s core disciplines. They argue that the College should maintain its focus on the traditional areas of study, such as building design and construction.

However, others believe that the changes are necessary to keep Tech’s Architecture program relevant and competitive in today’s rapidly changing world. They argue that by embracing new technologies and ideas, the College can remain at the forefront of architectural education.

Overall, the changes being considered by the College of Architecture are aimed at ensuring that students have the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the job market, while also preparing them for the challenges of the future. Students and faculty members are expected to play a key role in shaping these revisions, as they are the ones who will ultimately benefit from them.

By Kenny Phillips
Senior Staff Writer

Georgia Tech’s campus location in midtown Atlanta has forever allowed the good works of the Institute’s attendees to make an impact in an urban environment with help to food clinics, planting trees for Trees Atlanta and innumerous amounts of volunteer work around the community.

However, these may not be the most difficult to accomplish individually, but the organizations at Tech offer a touch of wisdom and efficiency when dealing with these projects.

TEAM Buzz is prominent in Tech philanthropy. Their moniker Tech Enhancing Atlanta Metropolitan is simplified to the mnemonic device of TEAM, and they work students, faculty, alumni and staff to collectively coordinate in community service events.

The call is out now for even more members to join up. Volunteers as a project coordinator starts next week, and group and individual registration begins later after Sept. 14 to reach the goal of 2000 participants in 35 different service venues.

A group like TEAM Buzz works through delegation and bureaucracy to be successful. Chair of Project Coordinators Marleen Kanagawa explained that delegation and organization within the process gently eases the students into a loose association allowing them to work on projects based on preference.

The project coordinators are required to attend only one orientation to go over the necessary steps and needed motivation.

Of course, the light touch TEAM Buzz specializes in leaves much individual motivation necessary to accomplish the goals.

Project coordinators must facilitate direct contact with the outside event and become acquainted with the event’s location. This is effective when combined with directing and transporting their fellow volunteers may seem a daunting task, but there are many who would laud their experiences as remarkably rewarding.

“I had a great time, a lot of fun,” said Graham Miller, a second-year ME and previous TEAM Buzz volunteer project coordinator. Miller is also the Philanthropy Chair of his Fraternity chapter, the Gamma Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi, and whose involvement shows the deep connection Greek life has with TEAM Buzz. Additionally, the Betas and other Greek organizations have taken great pains, given much sweat and strived in extraordinary labors to earn a tradition of do-gooding for Tech’s community.

As a point of fact, Tech Beautification Day is but one of the
Portable technology promotes obnoxious behavior

By Hamza Hasan
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While technology tends to enable its users to integrate and better their lives, it also yields second hand effects that make life more difficult for others.

In social situations, people tend to follow a certain etiquette, but when technology and sociality mingle, the effects are less than desirable.

This week we’ll look at the top ten most annoying things people do with technology.

1. Texting too much

Texting is a light way to carry on a conversation or to simply get a quick message across.

Some people, however, tend to have entire conversations through text messaging, even when it’s possible to call the other person and talk to them more quickly and normally.

The most unreasonable thing people do is have a conversation in person and then pick up their phones and cut off the outside world while responding to a text.

It isn’t that difficult to text, so people need to stop cutting off real life conversations to write barely coherent messages to someone who can’t even bother to call.

2. Unreadable English

Whether it’s all caps, “leet” speak or unnecessarily abbreviated words, it can be difficult to discern what people are saying and how they’re saying it.

When someone writes in all caps what they say, it either sounds angry or really important.

Most of the time, it isn’t much of either. “Leet” speak, the meme involving the replacement of letters with numbers, is unbearable, and is also very inefficient, since it’s easier to type letters than numbers.

By far, the worst of electronic communications is the use of abbreviations and intentional misspellings, such as the replacement of “x” with “s.”

Most people think they might be hip or cool by typing as if though they can barely type, but the end result is that the receiver can barely read the message.

3. Inopportune Conversations

Sometimes phone calls are important, like those relating to classes, home or work.

It’s always annoying when a good conversation or intimate moments are marred by a lengthy, fun conversation when the real fun should be with hanging out with friends in person.

A good example is when a friend is driving another friend, and the passenger picks up his phone to chat away, while useful moments in real life trickle away.

In this case, technology warps a person’s priorities.

4. Facebook Invite

Facebook can be a useful tool to network and socialize, and is considered the best social networking device.

However, Facebook has been corrupted by invites not only to useless groups and events that pertain to nothing in which a person has no interest, but also to worthless Facebook applications.

Though the Facebook layout has improved, it can still be difficult to patrol a person’s page without running into annoying games, quizzes or simply stupid things (like the LOLcats app).

“Every time I get an invite for something stupid, I respect that person a little less,” says Josh Adair, a 3rd Year ME.

It might be easy to block the invites, but occasionally it can be a catch 22 to drop someone that’s needed as well as annoying.

5. Facebook Stalking

Again, Facebook has been corrupted by recklessness. Facebook stalking is not only a waste of time, but also detrimental to a person’s socializing ability.

It’s easy to read a list of a person’s interests, but much harder to interact with the person in real life and learn common interests.

Though it’s a challenging task to talk about real topics with real people, it’s one of those things that’s worth the effort.

Not only is it worth the effort but it also saves you from looking like a true stalker when you speak to people in person.

6. Inappropriate use

Technology in classrooms is a double-edged sword.

While reading along in lecture with a personal copy of the presentation is helpful, people abuse the system by going to class to not pay attention.

“If you’re going to class to do that, then don’t come,” says Katie Brawsell, a 2nd Year Architecture major. Sitting in on a mid-level CS class, it’s very possible to find people not paying attention by playing World of Warcraft.

Though that’s an extreme example, chatting on AIM and GChat tend to distract the student from the importance of class.

Most harmful is Facebook surfing. Stephen Crouse, a 2nd Year Architecture major, explains that “It is really distracting when people get on Facebook during class.” Facebook’s addictive nature draws more than the first-hand surfer, with one screen distracting many students.

Other annoying forms of technology during class are the use of cell phones and even portable gaming devices, both of which can click the nearby attentive student to madness.

7. Obnoxious ringtones

At their most frustrating when they go off in class, phones can very easily ruin a calm, productive
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Students pack care-packages for the Atlanta Humane Society, located off of Howell Mill, while volunteering with Team Buzz Service.

Greek projects of Greek Week Philanthropy with the fraternity and sorority houses teaming up to gather over 1000 volunteers for the event under the Director of Greek Projects and the financial support of Student Government Association.

Mr. Miller said that their fraternities are more than willing to pour their will and muscle to projects off-campus.

Major projects including volunteering at Taste of Atlanta, the Goshen Valley Boy's Ranch, and the Dogwood Festival are filed under their usual annual events.

Moving away from the Greek society, there are more specific organizations of Georgia Tech that take time to help others.

Humanitech, a purely student volunteer organization, provides technical support as part of their mission to improve the efficiency and capabilities of individual humanitarian projects.

This organization’s goals seem phantasmal but perhaps it is only because they are a new organization whose kick-off meeting for the fall is sitting just a week away on Sept. 3.

Either way, Tech students always manage to find time out of their busy schedules to help out in the community and hopefully improve the lives of others.

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Gun control debate continues

By Chris Russell
Staff Writer

How would you feel if the person sitting next to you right now had a gun in their lap? I’m not talking about a madman armed with an assault rifle here; just an average student, surfing Facebook next to you in lecture, with a holstered pistol (maybe a small Beretta or Colt) on his belt. Would you be terrified? Or just shrug it off?

The right not to carry a firearm on campus is an incredibly contentious topic, with activists on both sides of the debate arguing that campus would be safer if things went their way.

With events like Virginia Tech fresh on students’ minds, the debate has only increased with time. The recent crime wave and near-Tech’s campus has the student population looking into new ways to deter crime and defend itself. Currently both Tech’s policies and state laws absolutely forbid the possession of a firearm or weapon on Tech’s campus.

By Georgia state law, bringing a firearm within 1000 feet of any college campus is a felony punishable by a fine of up to $10,000 and 2-10 years in prison.

“Anyone student, or otherwise, who is found to be in possession of a firearm (or any other weapon listed in the code section as restricted) will be charged accordingly,” said Officer Ian Mayberry of the GTPD.

However, some, both on and off campus, are pushing for a change here. Some gun-rights advocates argue that current laws encourage crime on campus, in that an area where students carrying valuables are guaranteed to exist and weaponry is guaranteed not to be is an irresistible target.

It’s quite possible the idea of armed students would deter potential criminals, but it’s also entirely possible that the presence of firearms on campus would make a fatal run-in more likely.

With the stakes so high, many students feel that risking the change simply wouldn’t be worth it. Nicole Bond, a third-year Computer Science major, feels that these policies should stay the way they are: sans guns. “I just wouldn’t feel safe with guns on campus,” said Bond.

Not all students feel the same way, though. Evan Wise, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major, feels that the right to carry a weapon would make campus safer.

People are always going to have guns, so when you take a specific area like a college and say “We don’t want anyone here to have guns here”, you’re just chang- ing the behavior of people who want to obey the law,” said Wise.

Wise argues that the possibility of running into an armed student would, at the very least, make criminals think twice before coming to Tech’s campus.

According to the website, concealedcampus.com, an activist group aiming to legalize concealed weapons on college campuses, “College campuses, though typically safe, do play host to every type of violent crime found in the rest of society, from assault to rape to murder. Recent high-profile shootings and armed abductions on college campuses clearly demonstrate that ‘gun free zones’ serve to disarm only those law-abiding citizens who might otherwise be able to protect themselves.”

Still, it seems as if the majority of students are still uncomfortable with the idea of firearms on campus, yet many are dead against guns on campus.

Many, including Bond, seemed unconvinced that allowing students to carry a concealed weapon would do anything to improve security. Concern for an increased possibility of a fatal encounter seemed to balance out any extra feeling of safety the presence of firearms on campus might offer.

Organizations like the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence cite evidence that this might well be a valid concern.

According to their site, “The number of crime victims who successfully use firearms to de- fend themselves is quite small.” According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports and the Centers for Disease Control, out of 36,694 Americans who died by gunfire in 2006, only 192 were shot in justifiable homicides by private citizens with firearms.

Police officers know that the very thought of a gun on an escalator situation, so that instead of simply losing your wallet, you can lose your life.

That’s why many law enforce- ment organizations – including the International Brotherhood of Police Officers and the International Association of Chiefs of Police – oppose the weakening of CCW laws.

10. Flash games

Flash games can be played in private, but honestly, college is about reaching out and experienc- ing more of the real world.

Especially in an urban environment like Atlanta, no one should have to spend all day play- ing cheaply made games in his or her dorm.

Other people generally can not play and it distracts that person from making friends, playing sports or doing a number of useful things because they are busy play- ing useless games.

Though the occasional flash game is appropriate, most people turn it into an obsession, and annoy the rest of the community by playing in class, posting games on Facebook (and then inviting others to it and simply staying inside, sacrificing precious real world time for the virtual world.

Though this list could easily be extended, it identifies some of the major problems with abuses of technology.

A person simply needs to be consid- erate and set his or her pri- orities straight to avoid technolo- gical and social clashes.

For those who are surprised by something on this list, perhaps those persons should consider ex- tra research in the area to make sure that they are not committing technology faux pas.

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Funny newspeople deliver
Seth Meyers of Saturday Night Live and John Oliver of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart bring laughs to the Ferst Center for the Arts

It is only the second week of school and the semester has started out with a bang. This past Friday, Georgia Tech’s Ferst Center for the Arts proudly presented Seth Meyers and John Oliver, both from popular television shows, as well as a tale involving former Governor Sarah Palin and a man in a moose suit. The spectacle was the perfect entertainment for the young comic.

Seth Meyers, anchor of Saturday Night Live’s “Weekend Update” segment, led off the evening by elaborating on the lifestyle of modern youth in the American culture. From futons to hangovers to online shopping, nothing was out of bounds or outside the realm of discussion for the young comic.

Meyers also drew material from his experience as a cast member on Saturday Night Live, sharing unforgettable anecdotes on an embarrassing incident with a musical guest as well as a tale involving former Governor Sarah Palin and a man in a moose suit.

Entertaining as the bits were, the highlight of Meyers’ portion of the night came from the audience participation that showed off Meyers’ improvisational skills and highlighted the ‘Tech audience’s appreciation of the comedian. The cooperation and responses from the audience made the evening even more enchanting.

John Oliver took the stage after Meyers, and he went down a more personal and global approach to the evening. Oliver’s end and his personal tale about Oliver’s arrival on a refugee ship, for example, the “prawns” are forced to sign contracts to be evicted, a concept that they do not even understand, by their foreign oppressors.

By Zheng Zheng
Staff Writer

Blomkamp’s somber District 9 brings a new twist to the alien invasion science fiction trope

In a world of giant Rock ‘Em Sock ‘Em Robots, comic adaptations, horror rehashes and TV remakes, District 9 stands as one of the most original movies in recent years.

Stylish and innovative, this film is a perfect conclusion to the otherwise standard summer movie season, which for the most part consisted of only franchise continuations.

Despite the aliens, District 9 is not a run-of-the-mill sci-fi movie. Through the use of a documentary style and a cast of unknowns, the film creates a sense of realism that films rarely attempt.

It begins with our planet receiving visitors from another world. Naturally, humans of the world look to this occasion with a mix of hope and fear, anticipating either a new era of technological enlightenment or devastating war.

Instead, what they receive are refugees; aliens far away from home, desperately trying to survive.

They come to our world starved and frightened, an all too familiar story in Earth’s history. The aliens, while insect-like and slightly grotesque, invoke pathos through their seemingly emaciated bodies and large, naive eyes. They’re referred to derogatorily as “prawns” and forced into District 9, living in cramped, filthy conditions where they must forage for garbage.

The allegories for racism flow throughout the movie. The clear references to the cruelty of apartheid regime in South Africa are displayed in the suffering and inhumane treatment of the “prawns.”

At the same time, their suffering is universalized. In the eviction scene, for example, the “prawns” are forced to sign contracts to be evicted, a concept that they do not even understand, by their foreign oppressors.

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**Entertainment**

**Mad Men illuminates darker side of ‘60s culture**

By Kristin Hanson  
Staff Writer

The lives of Don Draper, his beautiful wife Betty and their two lovely children may look perfect from far away, but behind closed doors this 1960s picturesque family is anything but.

“Mad men” are the New York ad men who sell not just ideas, but ways of life to brands just making it big in the 1950s and ’60s, such as Clearasil and Crest.

The mad men spend their days sitting in board meetings at Sterling Cooper, never far from a glass of whiskey and their nights of winning and dining with potential clients.

Alongside the mad men are their secretaries who are hiding just as many secrets as them. In a town as ruthless as New York, some will do anything to get ahead.

*Mad Men* has won an Emmy and Golden Globe with its first two seasons. It is a show that is almost completely about character development. There are reasons to love and hate each and every one of them. Even the most lovable characters have a dark side.

Don Draper seemingly has it all. The show begins with Don as Head of Accounts, and in the second season he becomes a partner in the company. Everyone loves him, but no one knows the details of his past or the fact that his name isn’t even Don Draper.

Traditional 1960 family values go out the window in *Mad Men*, and it isn’t uncommon for the executives to leave for a few hours during the day to rendezvous with certain ladies who are not their wives.

While Don is making plays in the boardroom and the bedroom, there are several young up-and-coming executives that would do anything to become Head of Accounts.

In the finale, the question as to whether or not Don will move back in is answered by Betty finding out she is pregnant.

Season three starts out with another peek into Don’s past, showing how he came to be adopted and why he wants to bury his demons as deep as possible.

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**Television**

**Mad Men**

**Network:** AMC  
**When:** Sundays, 10 p.m.  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Starring:** Jon Hamm, January Jones, Vincent Kartheiser, Elisabeth Moss  
**Our Take:** ★★★★★

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I love all of the redheads on campus!

GTlogin is awesome!

How come housing couldn’t identify and fix my broken dish-washer OR stove all summer?

Which is worse, housing or parking?

me 1770: the class that proves you couldn’t draw a straight line if it were to save your life

new kids on the block

Professor wants us to finish the problem at home? HAHAHA! EuraSIA...SAI...SAI...SAI!

is it just me or does the Whistle now sound like it used to?

Shafted by GT on the second day. New record.

The companile has water!

Easy free way to exercise at Tech: WALK, don’t ride the bus.

undergrad EE ranked 5th!!

It’s Thursday at 12:23pm and I’m sitting in cs class 3 beers deep. Natty ice at noon. Fantastic.

I just saw someone going to class on a segway. fml

There should be “save the juice” stickers on profs offices.

CHEEEEEEEEZ-IT. delicious.

There’s melk on my pillow!

School starts again...fml

Eeee!

The Don...that is all

The sliver should sue twitter...

Where are they Joker!

Hey OSCAR, I hate you too

We tried to warn people of Obama...

Yet again, Thursday afternoon and drunk in another class...

Ways I could spend today: 1 Go to classes 2 Watch porn 3 sliver how am i going to get into the cheetah for free without football ticket stubs?

that’s gonna be about three fifty

Zack built 1 road and bought 1 d card in settlers... what a fail!

Dealing with the Gatech Financial Aid office is like dealing with a rich philanthropist that likes to punch people in the face before giving away money.

Screw you Gatech Finaid, you bunch of inept morons. Don’t you dare cancel my classes for no reason.

The flag girls are looking HOT this semester.

To girl talking about how she had the lamest pickup line used on her, you were lucky to get that much attention.

Hey Freshies, there’s a all girls school just 15 mins away. They love boys over there and will treat you like a human being and not just like a teddy bear.

My roommate has the swine flu

So, does that mean I get all A’s...or at least one B?

MATH 1502 TA in Mason 142A, wants to have some fun with his students...

He’s speechless... all he has to do is say thanks!

i’m starting a make-over service for this campus. you all need it.
Comedian John Oliver is a recurring “correspondent” on the irreverent news program The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. Oliver’s stand-up routine often includes tirades on contemporary issues.

There hasn’t been much buzz about Taking Back Sunday for some time, but now they’re back with their fourth studio album. As a fan, I was excited about their continued progression from fledglings in the music industry to powerhouse, as heard in their third album. However, I am deeply disappointed. With the heightened success of the third album, Louder Now, there is the expectation of the continued greatness heard in their last albums. However, New Again is definitely not a progression from the glass-shattering experience of “What’s It Like To Be A Ghost,” “Twenty-Twenty Surgery” or “Error: Operator” of Louder Now. It’s a step backwards. This CD should be the first album of a new band, not the fourth album of an established and experienced band.

With the departure of guitarist Fred Mascherino and the studio introduction of Matt Fazzi, referenced in “Capital M-E” on the new album, musical and lyrical changes are possible. The direction seems drastic. The band went into a completely different direction with softer vocals and guitar chords. Also contrasting with past CDs, the album lacks cohesion due to a lack of an overall theme lyrically or musically.

Even with the “new again” or rebirth identity nothing stands out or breaks through. New Again just seems like a collection of songs with no power – no motivation for the audience to get up and sway, dance or something. It’s bland in comparison to the vitality of prior albums.

The songs that might appear to stand out because of similarity to popular singles are “New Again,” “Sink into Me,” “Swing” and “Where My Mouth Is.” “New Again” is a witty twist on the fairy tale Little Red Riding Hood. The song evokes a story about a toxic relationship, the resulting personal changes and the quiet confidence resurfacing.

“The sink into Me” will definitely be a fan-favorite because of the sexual connotation that can be applied. Also, it’s catchy and could easily be stuck in your head. The only song slightly reminiscent of Taking Back Sunday’s older style is “Swing.” The first stanza and the repetition in the bridge fits right in with the style of second album, Where You Want To Be. “Where My Mouth Is” isn’t similar to past CDs, but stands out because it’s the only song to concretely display the “new again” direction.

The sound is completely different, yet well-written and well-played. The audience will not be begging for more. Overall, New Again Taking Back Sunday is not “new” at all. The CD is not refreshing, groundbreaking or enticing.
Humans are portrayed rather unflatteringly with gangs and corporations manipulating the visitors and the general human population treating them as a nuisance with no sense of “humanity.” Several scenes depict the gross and horrific mistreatment of the aliens in the name of profit. The greed for their weaponry knows no bounds.

The movie skillfully interweaves both a general narrative about the struggle between the two species and the stories of the individuals most directly involved in the struggle.

At the heart of this is the man in charge of the eviction, Wilkus Van De Merwe. An optimist attempting to do what he thinks is best for everyone, Wilkus is accidentally infused with alien DNA, leaving him capable of using alien weaponry and making him the target of human weapons dealers. He has no choice but to go and find a cure in the one place that made him this way: District 9.

The relative anonymity of its cast serves to highlight the realism. While it won’t nab any Oscars in acting, the performances are all solid and, combined with the CGI cast of aliens, helps maintain a believable movie.

While subverting many popular elements of sci-fi, District 9 still maintains a high level of suspense. The documentary and “shaky cam” aspect only serve to heighten tension, particularly in the more brutal and chaotic medical scenes. Putting more emphasis on the scene and not on the shaky cinematography, the film induces suspense without nausea (as in Cloverfield). The film gradually loses the emphasis on a documentary feel in favor of a more traditional approach as the climax approaches.

Despite the occasionally disjointed feel due to style, the film never feels confusing and the viewer never feels lost in the film’s intricate narrative. However, unlike the joyous summer blockbusters one usually finds, this film is ultimately a tragedy, particularly in its commentary on the nature of humanity and its slight skepticism in relation to social progress.

While the film is superb in all aspects of style and substance, I must warn the viewer that the advertising campaign does not accurately portray the film. If one goes in expecting a sci-fi destruction bonanza like Transformers, one will be sorely disappointed. This is an action film with an emphasis on story and substance and while the action is exhilarating, it does not occur until the latter half of the film.

The latter half of District 9 switches somewhat to standard Hollywood action fare, but the themes of racism and the human condition continue to the end of the film. An open-ended conclusion leaves the viewer to ponder about these philosophical questions.

District 9, while satisfying the need for thrill and action, rises above standard sci-fi fare with its philosophical questions and deep, sociological themes. Anyone who wishes to experience high-brow science fiction is encouraged to watch this film.
Theme CROSSWORD: CASINO

ACROSS
1. Assembly-line pioneer
2. Forbidden
3. "... too deep for ..." (Wordsworth)
4. Turkish title
5. Jezebel's husband
6. Prepare for an anthem
7. Fit together
8. Dickens heroine
9. Pelican
10. South American plain
11. Disorderly
12. Adventure tales
13. Its king was assassinated in 1958
14. Captivated
15. Breathing aids
16. Paint store purchases
17. "The - - all here!"
18. Dickens heroine
19. Make amends
20. Philosopher Descartes
21. Viable
22. Forbidden
23. "... too deep for ..." (Wordsworth)
24. Turkish title
25. Unless: law
26. Phrase in 1954 Supreme Court headlines
27. Grad, for short
28. Tip in Toulouse
29. View with open-mouthed surprise
30. The works
31. Radar warning
32. Baton Rouge inst.
33. Island in the Seine
34. Not right away, but count on it!
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36. Bumpy
37. Promontory
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52. AMA members
53. Make eyes
54. Gun the engine
55. "50 Minutes," network
56. Midler or Davis
57. Doddering
58. Evasive answer
59. The two
60. Radio's Fibber
61. Nervous
62. AMA members
63. Wharton degree
64. German cathedral
65. Sports fan
66. Glowing coal
67. Fanatical
68. Dead-battery rescuer
69. Still in the fight!
70. Scale division
71. Welfare
72. Clan's ID
73. Is at risk, as a goal
74. Actress Banks
75. Subject of 1947 Camus novel
76. Microscopic creature: var.
77. Nissan model
78. Not your day job, probably
79. Be in the red
80. Asian starlings
81. Body fluids
82. -- Aviv
83. Joplin offering
84. Bass or treble
85. Free of charge
86. Small dam
87. Merchant, usually
88. Volcanic glass
89. Bass or treble
90. Aircraft landing maneuver
91. Deli patron
92. Successful legislation
93. Wagner role
94. Small stone
95. Cotton to
96. Prepare for an anthem
97. Cheap smoke
98. Zaragoza's river
99. 200 mg
100. Soothing attention
101. Very, in music
102. At the end of the line, but still important
103. Golf-calendar highlight
104. Noted studio head
105. Like vinegar
106. Winter transportation
107. Past or present
108. Kennedy Library architect
109. Chiang -- --
110. Winter eaves-hanger
111. -- d'oeuvres
112. Winter eaves-hanger
113. Time-tested tunes
114. Actress Skye
115. Cancel, in a way
116. Editor's instruction
117. -- -- the light
118. Years and years
119. Spotted
120. Mixture
121. Biblical mount
122. Money in Mazatlan
123. Naysayers
124. Penn or Connery
125. Martin Crane's pool
126. Elegance
127. Light brown
128. Ocean flyer
129. Handyman's handful
130. Front-page fodder
131. Gateway --

DOWN
1. Like a son
2. San Luis --, Calif.
3. Critic's contribution
4. Ike, in headlines
5. Stakes
6. Pile
7. Actress Jessica
8. Book-jacket texts
9. Most precious
10. City near Arches National Park
11. Disorderly
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13. Its king was assassinated in 1958
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16. Paint store purchases
17. "The - - all here!"
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Your specifications are weak, and so is your kung fu.

From that day on, all standards meetings were held in the mud of Elbonia.

Can’t... Kung... Stupid... Mud!

We don’t have time for you to read all of that, Dianne. Can we just give us the highlights of your summer vacation?

**Kahn.**

I suppose I could skip past the summer dean being a micromanagement ritual to a twin planet on the opposite side of the sun and get right to the action of being eaten by dinosaurs.

**Oh, a呀...**

I’m sure it is. I’ll do you, dear. Or, Jodi. It’s your turn.

I ate a bug on the 18th of July.

**How are your kids?**

I don’t have any kids.

**Are you sure?**

That’s the sort of thing I’d remember.

Maybe they’re hiding.

**Be wrong! Just be wrong!**

Your teacher called and told me about your great report, Dianne.

But it was all true! Lucy will tell you!

**Whaa!**

I hired my unemployed golf buddy to consult.

What are his qualifications? He has two qualifications. He’s unemployed and he’s a golf buddy.

I recommend firing the whistleblower and playing golf before it gets dark.

Welcome to your first day on the job.

Always lock your desk at night because many of your coworkers are crooks.

And the ones that have eyes like this got hired before we did drug testing.
Lucas Cox evades Miami defenders during last season’s final home game at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Cox should see time at both A-back and B-back this season as one of Tech’s best power runners.

Whether he wins the job or not, Cox is a versatile member of the unit, with considerable speed on a 231-pound frame, and he is batting for one of the starting spots.

Spring Game with a team-high 69 yards rushing.

Since everyone but the freshman has a year’s worth of experience running the offense, the unit’s focus in practice has shifted toward more specific areas. “We’re focusing more on our routes and on our assignments. We just had to get the gist of it last year...but now we’re just fine-tuning everything,” Cox said.

Cox highlighted the unit’s experience running the offense, adding that the A-backs could come in handy as well, allowing players to be fresh and energized every time they took the field. He did note that the A-backs could improve in some areas, though.

“Getting blocks on the perimeter...[has] been a challenge, and it’ll always be a challenge. But if we can fine-tune it a bit, I think we’ll be better off,” Cox said.

Volleyball from page 28

sets, winning 3-1 (29-31, 30-24, 30-28, 30-26). Last year’s game saw Tech make the trip to Athens for the first time since 2005. The Jackets emerged victorious, taking the match 3-1 (33-31, 25-22, 22-25, 25-22) as another then-freshman outside hitter, Alison Campbell, notched 20 kills in her team debut.

As the 2008 battle was in Athens, this will mark the first time that Tech volleyball has visited Georgia to open the season. Tech’s non-conference match against the Bulldogs on the volleyball court has been one of lengthy streaks. Georgia won the first twenty contests between the teams, but at the time, the Jackets’ program has grown, the team has seen considerable success in the rivalry and has taken ten of the last eleven matches, including each of the last three.

Like Tech, Georgia lost its top attacker from last season with the graduation of outside hitter Maura Taylor. Stiff, the Bulldogs still have plenty of experience on the offensive end with junior outside hitter Erika Clark, who led the team in digs and was second in kills in 2008, and junior middle hitter Valentina Gonzalez, who had a team-high .275 hit percentage last year.

Tech has faced Mercer nineteen times with much better results. The Jackets are 18-1 all time against the Bears, who posted an 18-10 mark last season with a 13-7 mark against fellow Atlantic Sun Conference teams. Mercer’s squad is relatively young, as setter/defensive specialist Chelsea Gebben is the only senior on the team, but the Bears are optimistic after last season’s success. Head coach Noelle Kooie is entering her sixth season with the team and is coming off a season in which she was named the Atlantic Sun Coach of the Year.

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Meanwhile, the last team in the tournament—the Austin Peay Governors—will take on the Jackets on Saturday in the first-ever matchup between the teams. Like Tech, Austin Peay is transitioning to life under a new coach after hiring Mike Johnson in March. Johnson has inherited a fairly experienced squad with three seniors and three juniors.

Senior outside hitter Stephanie Champine will return to lead the attack after leading the team with 3.40 kills per set and 1.15 total assists in 2008.

The game against Georgia will also mark the beginning of the third year of Head Coach Tonya Johnson’s career with the Jackets. Johnson completed a highly successful stint as an associate coach and assistant head coach at the University of Texas, helping to lead the team to five straight NCAA Tournament appearances and a Final Four in 2008, and she will look to replicate that success as she takes over a growing program at Tech.

This will mark the fourth consecutive year that the Jackets have hosted the Regency Suites Invitational and the eighth straight year Tech has hosted an early-season invitational tournament. It is the first of four invitational tournaments in which the Jackets are participating this season, and one of two that the team will host in Atlanta.

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Basketball opens season in Canada

By Alex Mitchell
Contributing Writer

The players of the men’s basketball team will be spending their fall break north of the border, as the Jackets have scheduled three October preseason exhibitions in Canada to prepare for the upcoming season.

Head Coach Paul Hewitt looks at the trip as a good way for the team to prepare for the season by taking on new competition.

“This is a good opportunity for [the new players] to gain experience, not only through games, but the extra practices,” Hewitt said, also mentioning that the older players could build on the momentum from 2008.

Tech will travel north to Ontario on Oct. 2 and return Oct. 6. In between those days, Tech will play three games versus two different Canadian opponents. On Oct. 3 and 5, Tech will go up against the University of Windsor, and on Oct. 6 the Jackets will play the University of Western Ontario. All three games will be played at Windsor’s St. Denis Centre.

Although the scheduling of these games may seem strange, it is not unprecedented. In fact, Tech is not the only American college basketball team to visit Canada this season. Before playing the Jackets, the University of Windsor will host the Ohio State Buckeyes on Aug. 28 and 29.

Towson University, a conference rival of Georgia State in the Colonial Athletic Association, will also travel north of the border to play five games against Canadian teams. The University of Windsor will host the Jackets first. Unfortunately, the Jackets will not get a chance to face off against Greg Surmacz, a 6-foot-8 power forward who emerged as one of the best junior players in Canada, even earning All-Canadian honors. Surmacz recently graduated and has signed to play professional basketball with the Polish club AZS Koszalin; still, the Jackets will take on a Lancers roster that returns several other key players and, like Tech, will welcome a large incoming freshman class this year.

Tech’s second opponent, the University of Western Ontario, will be struggling to find a leader after losing its two best players from last year. Point guard Matt Curtis and power forward Brad Smith both graduated from the team last spring. The duo helped lead the Mustangs to a 19-3 regular season finish and a tie for third in the conference. Smith broke the Mustangs’ all-time scoring record last season and recently signed a contract to play professionally with the Kent Crusaders of the English Basketball League (EBL).

The Jackets will have to play a number of quality non-conference foes before the ACC schedule begins. Tech’s first official game is against Florida A&M at the O’Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off. There they will take on a 2009 NCAA tournament team in the Dayton Flyers and, with a win, would move on to face either Villanova or George Mason, both of which have reached the NCAA Final Four in recent years.

When the team returns from Puerto Rico, the Jackets will play host to Mercer (Nov. 27), Siena (Dec. 2), and Southern California (Dec. 5). After those three tough games, the schedule sets up nicely for the Jackets including three games against smaller North Carolina schools, and home games against Atlantic 10 members Butler and Kennesaw State. Tech travels to Athens on Jan. 5 to take on the Bulldogs. The Jackets will finish the non-conference schedule at home against Kentucky State on January 31.

One team missing from the schedule is an opponent from the Big Ten Conference. Since 1999, ACC teams have played against Big Ten teams in a series known as the ACC-Big Ten Challenge. In this series, all eleven of the Big Ten teams will play eleven teams from the ACC. This year, Tech is the ACC team left out of the series for the first time since 1999.
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2009-10 Georgia Tech Men’s Basketball Schedule

By Steven Cappetta
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jackets will make their first international offseason trip since 1991 when they travel north for three exhibition games. Read more about the series on page 25.

Tech will travel to Athens for this season’s rivalry game. Last season the Jackets pulled out a 67-62 victory, rallying back from a late 13-point deficit. New Georgia coach Mark Fox will look to turn things around in this year’s meeting.

The Jackets faced the Demon Deacons twice last season, winning one and dropping one. In the first meeting, Tech earned its first conference win with an exciting 76-74 upset of the then-No. 6 Deacons. Wake must replace James Johnson and Jeff Teague, but Al-Farouq Aminu’s return and a solid recruiting class should keep them competitive.

The 2008-09 ACC champs return only one starter from last season, but a series of top-notch recruiting classes mean the team has plenty of talent. Even this early they look to be atop the rankings and ACC. Last year the Tar Heels overtook Tech 104-74, pulling away in the second half after the Jackets kept it close through 20 minutes. The revamped Jackets will look to pull the upset in one of the teams’ two meetings.

Oct. 3-5 Exhibition Series (Canada)
Nov. 8 Indiana Univ. of Pa. (Exhibition)
   Nov. 14 FLORIDA A&M
   Nov. 19-22 Puerto Rico Tip-Off
   Nov. 27 MERCER
   Dec. 2 SIENA
Dec. 5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Dec. 14 at Tennessee-Chattanooga
Dec. 16 ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF
Dec. 20 FLORIDA STATE
Dec. 22 KENNESAW STATE
Dec. 29 WINSTON-SALEM STATE
Jan. 2 at UNC Charlotte
Jan. 5 at Georgia
Jan. 9 DUKE
Jan. 13 at Virginia
Jan. 16 at North Carolina
Jan. 19 CLEMSON
Jan. 24 at Florida State
Jan. 28 WAKE FOREST
Jan. 30 KENTUCKY STATE
Feb. 3 at Duke
Feb. 6 NC STATE
Feb. 10 at Miami
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2009-10 Georgia Tech Men’s Basketball Schedule

The Jackets will make their first international offseason trip since 1991 when they travel north for three exhibition games. Read more about the series on page 25.

Tech will travel to Athens for this season’s rivalry game. Last season the Jackets pulled out a 67-62 victory, rallying back from a late 13-point deficit. New Georgia coach Mark Fox will look to turn things around in this year’s meeting.

The Jackets faced the Demon Deacons twice last season, winning one and dropping one. In the first meeting, Tech earned its first conference win with an exciting 76-74 upset of the then-No. 6 Deacons. Wake must replace James Johnson and Jeff Teague, but Al-Farouq Aminu’s return and a solid recruiting class should keep them competitive.

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Dec. 20 FLORIDA STATE
Dec. 22 KENNESAW STATE
Dec. 29 WINSTON-SALEM STATE
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Falconi falls in U.S. Open qualifying

By Steven Cappetta
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Sophomore Irina Falconi became the third player in Tech history to participate in the U.S. Open when she earned a wild card from the United States Tennis Association for this past Tuesday in the women’s qualifying singles draw in Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

Her entry as a wild card into the Open was due to her success on the USTA Pro Circuit over this past summer. Falconi won a pair of USTA Pro Circuit singles titles and one doubles title as she swept through the Norman Wiker Tennis Experience in Atlanta, Ga. and the Heartland Clinic USTA Women’s Classic in St. Joseph, Mo.

Falconi had to win three matches to qualify for the main draw. The qualifying round consisted of 128 women competing for 16 spots in the U.S. Open singles draw.

She was one of only two college players competing in the final Grand Slam of the season, but did not get too far. In the opening round this past Tuesday, Falconi dropped her match to University of Florida freshman Lauren Embree at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Falconi was tied at 4-4 in the first set, but Embree was able to break her serve and hold for the set. Embree held strong in the second set to finish her 6-4, 6-1 victory, eliminating the rising Tech sophomore.

The only other Jackets to compete in the U.S. Open have been senior Amanda McDowell (last year) and Kristi Miller (2005 - doubles). Neither fared all that well in the Open, as Miller was the only one to make it past the first round. After winning the 2008 NCAA Singles Championship last year, McDowell was unable to continue her success into the professional tourney and lost her opening match to former WTA top-50 player in 2006, Jennifer Capriati.

Back in Sept. 2005, Miller teamed with former University of Miami Megan Bradley to defeat Columbia’s Caralina Castano and Spain’s Raquel Kops Janitza in the opening round of the tournament, which takes place this weekend from Aug. 28-29. The first game will be between another pair of notable schools from the South in Macon, Ga.-based Mercer and Clarksville, Tenn.-based Austin Peay.

Thanks to the round-robin format of the tournament, each team is slated to play three games—one against each of the other teams—for a total of six games. After facing the Bulldogs tonight, Tech will take on Austin Peay and Mercer on Saturday to close out the tournament.

Tech typically plays one game each season against the Bulldogs, and in recent years the Jackets have seen considerable success in the rivalry, having won each of the past three matches up. In 2006, the teams faced off in a well-fought five-set match in Atlanta as part of the Regency Suites Invitational; after a strong start, the Jackets held off a late Georgia rally to take the match 3-2 (30-19, 30-15, 26-30, 25-30, 15-10); then-freshman outside hitter Chrisy DeMichelis sparked Tech’s offense to a strong finish in the fifth set.

In 2007, the teams once again battled in Atlanta, and the Jackets took down a strong Bulldogs squad in four sets. See Falconi, page 25

Volleyball season starting up

By Nishant Prasadh
Sports Editor

For the second straight season, Tech’s volleyball team will begin its season against an all-too-familiar rival. The Jackets open the 2009 season tonight against the University of Georgia tonight in O’Keefe Gymnasium.

The Tech-UGA game will be one of two played on the first day of the Georgia Tech Invitational; after a strong start, the Jackets held off a late Georgia rally to take the match 3-2 (30-19, 30-15, 26-30, 25-30, 15-10); then-freshman outside hitter Chrisy DeMichelis sparked Tech’s offense to a strong finish in the fifth set.

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The Jackets could certainly use his skills, as Jones was third on the team with 690 rushing yards last season and five total touchdowns, both of which were tops among A-backs, and he averaged a team-high 8.5 yards per carry.

Junior Lucas Cox started every game last season opposite Jones, providing a very different presence on the other side of the line. At six feet and 232 pounds, Cox played the role of bruiser last season, emerging as a strong blocker and power runner to complement Jones’s agility and big-play ability.

Cox was not exactly slow either, as he gained 200 yards on the ground last season with an average of 7.7 yards per carry.

He saw time at B-back as well last season in goal-line and other short-yardage situations. He expects to see time at both Tech A-back lineup shaping up as season approaches

By Nishant Prasadh
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Tech’s football team had top-notch starters but very little depth at the A-back position in 2008. Several true freshmen ended up in key reserve roles due to a lack of personnel, and luckily the team was able to avoid any long-term injuries to its most important players at the position.

The outlook for 2009 is far brighter. As practice wraps up and the season approaches, neither quality nor depth at A-back is a concern in the slightest. Both of last year’s starters return, none of the key members of the rotation are gone, and the team has added weapons at the position.

Roddy Jones dodges a Clemson defender during last season’s game at Death Valley. Jones is expected to be ready for the start of the season.

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