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By Vivian Fan
News Editor

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By Matt Schrichte
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As of Tuesday, the Faculty Senate approved the new Dead Week policy. The comprehensive Week Preceding Final Examinations (WPFE) as it is now officially called) policies will replace the current Dead Week and final examinations week guidelines after this semester. The changes, which define what is and is not allowed during the WPFE and finals week, were unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate at this week’s meeting.

“I think violations of the old policy” were seen by almost every student, said Alina Staskevicius, undergraduate student body president.

Because of student interest, SGA pursued overhauling Dead Week policy, which took more than eight months of work by two separate SGA administrations and countless faculty and staff.

“The current policy only allows quizzes and tests to be restricted during Dead Week. There is nothing else beyond that,” said Rob Parrish, SGA academic affairs chair.

The new WPFE policy implements several changes intended to improve upon the existing framework. It recognizes that two types of courses exist at Tech, those with traditional final exams and those with alternative assessments (such as labs and paper design courses). For courses with traditional final exams, WPFE policies stipulate that under no circumstances are tests or quizzes allowed during the WPFE. The new WPFE policies will allow home work and/or projects to be due during WPFE. Even so, projects due during this time period must be indicated on the course syllabus before the last day to drop courses with a grade of “W”.

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“It costs Georgia Tech a great deal of money to subsidize out-of-state students having in-state tuition. In the tight budget, we can no longer afford to be part of this program. We decided several years ago not to be a part of the Academic Common Market for our department programs at Georgia Tech,” said Dr. Anderson Smith, Senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs.

The program, which is coordinated by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), is a 16-state agreement that allows for students to pay a lower cost for education in certain programs. Participating states include Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and Virginia. Each participating state is responsible for the actual implementation of the ACM.

“Essentially when an institution decides to participate in the academic common market, [the institution] absorbs the cost for the student. They weigh that cost and absorb that cost. With the fiscal economic times and the constraint, they made the decision to withdraw... All students currently enrolled in the program will be given time to finish the program,” said Trudy Blackmon, assistant director of SREB’s Student Access Programs and Services.

“We realize that the number of students in the Academic Common Market programs will go down, but even if two thirds of the out-of-state students decide not to come, we would still be financially better off,” Smith said.

Although the program will officially end at Tech by Summer 2011, students currently enrolled in the undergraduate NRE and PTFE programs will not be affected and will continue to receive the benefits from the ACM, so long as they maintain all grades of C or better.

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From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By Emily Chambers
Editor-in-Chief

Rash Offender

On Friday Nov. 6 at 11:30 a.m. a student made a report of indecent exposure and theft in the CRC. The victim was in the CRC when a white male, about 5’6”, entered the locker room and exposed his genitalia. The man then repeatedly asked “Sir, what do I do about this rash?” The victim turned his head to avoid eye contact with the offender’s “rash”, and when he turned back the offender had run out of the locker room.

The victim then realized that his brown-striped Adidas shoes had been left where the offender had been standing and were now missing. The rash offender had still not been located at press time.

Cutting Corners

On Saturday Nov. 7 at 7:54 p.m. a visitor to campus for the Wake Forest football game reported a vehicular accident on the lawn outside of the sustainable education building. The complainant had set up a tent to tailgate, and after the game ended, witnessed a Facilities operated golf cart hop the curb in order to avoid traffic. The golf cart then clipped the leg of the complaintant’s tailgating tent, breaking the leg.

Next issue’s question:

Do you think the new Dead Week Policy is sufficient?

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about the increase in the academic excellence fee?

19.9% I plan on paying, but the BoR should look at other options.
42.8% I completely disagree with paying an additional fee and do not want to pay for it.
6.9% I don’t mind paying more.
30.5% What is the Academic Excellence Fee?

Based on 131 responses

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

By Vijay Narayanan, Assistant News Editor

American Nuclear Society

The American Nuclear Society (ANR) requested funding from UHR and GSS to host an event at the Georgia Aquarium. The intended purpose of the event was to increase the visibility of ANR on campus and recruit more members.

The bill specifically requested funds to purchase 60 tickets to the Georgia Aquarium. However, the organizational representatives were absent from both UHR and GSS meetings. GSS failed the bill with a vote of 4–24–0.

Because the event was intended to recruit additional members, the bill did not conform to JFC policy. Some representatives were not present at the meetings, a UHR member who is a member of ANR spoke on behalf of the organization.

In order to vote on the bill, UHR would have to waive the bylaws, which representatives felt was unnecessary for this bill. Instead, UHR amended the bill to $0, thereby allowing it to conform to JFC policy. The bill was then failed with a vote of 2–43–0.

ACM

From page 1 of their eligibility requirements. Students may still apply to be admitted to the ACM if they receive admission into the specific programs and the Institute, as long as they also apply through their state academic commons coordinator, until 2011.

Currently, Smith has stated that Tech would probably not return to the program unless a compelling case is made in the future at the undergraduate level. The Academic Common Market programs will still be in place at the graduate level, and have not been affected by the withdrawal.

Breaking the Bubble

A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

9/11 Suspects to stand trial in New York City

US Attorney General Eric Holder announced on Wednesday that five suspected 9/11 terrorists would be tried in a civilian federal court in New York City. One of the terrorists to be put on trial is Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-professed 9/11 mastermind. This fact has been held in the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Critics of the decision have argued that a civilian tribunal, stating that a civilian trial would give the terrorists a well-publicized platform to spread their ideology. Officials have also raised security concerns about holding the trial in New York.

On Wednesday, the White House fired back, stating that a civilian trial would give no more opportunity for Mohammed to “spew his hateful ideology” than in a military tribunal. Holder promised to seek the death penalty for all five suspects.

UCLA tuition protest results in arrests

Soon after the start of the University of California Regents board meeting on Wednesday, demonstrators interrupted a presentation by UC President Mark Yudof in order to protest against proposed tuition hikes that could total up to 25%. 14 people were arrested after rushing into the meeting room and locking arms and singing the civil rights anthem, “We shall overcome.”

The UC Board of Regents has been considering raising tuition by $2 percent over the following two years. Hundreds of protestors assembled outside the UC Board of Regents meeting, chanting and waving signs. The meeting was closed to visitors following repeated outbursts by students and union members. Two students were injured in the demonstrations. The protestors were ticketed for unlawful assembly or disturbing the peace and released. Despite the commotion, the Board of Regents voted to approve the tuition hike.

Fee

From page 1 and will have to pay the cost out of pocket. Harley said that another important difference between undergraduates and graduates is the fact that graduate students are required to have health insurance, and this expense alone accounts for a significant portion of a graduate student’s semester expenditure. She said that having to pay an additional mandatory student fee only increases the financial burden placed on graduate students.

When asked about the clause stating that no more than other mandatory fees may be waived under special circumstances, Harley said, “We felt that the $100 fee should be for the purpose of making sure the quality of academics stays high on campus. That way the faculty are retained and the infrastructure for academic departments are not messed with.”

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Library receives grant for digital repository

By Coby Lu
Contributing Writer

The Tech Library and Information Center received an $857,000 grant over three years for Georgia Library Learning Online system (GALILEO), a repository system of scholarly digital content.

GALILEO is a virtual library service that provides a centralized resource database to state institutions, including the universities, public libraries and high schools. These services include licensing access to databases and journals.

“We worked with the central GALILEO group on this particular project to get some scholarly repositories up and running,” said Tyler Walters, Associate Director for Technology and Resource Services for the library and principal investigator on the grant. Each individual campus will have their own repository and these will feed a centralized statewide repository. Most of the campuses have already set up their own individual repositories, but a few are still in the process of developing such repositories.

The goal of the first year is to set up the central site and harvest metadata from the existing repositories. Later in the year the goal will also be to broaden the three repositories that are still being developed.

The second year’s goal is populating the repositories with digitized materials and doing outreach and promotion. The goal is to fill these repositories with scholarly materials which include journal articles, technical papers, research reports and any scholarship or research output created by faculty and students. Additionally, marketing efforts will be made to get students and faculty interested in depositing materials through such a service.

The third year’s emphasis will switch to teaching others how to initiate similar projects. Currently only four or five other states do projects similar to this. While these repositories do not have to be at the state level, this system is convenient since university systems are state-based and it is a costly project for a single campus.

“The goal is to look at the consortial model, how we can build digital repositories like this in a consortial model so that the costs are lowered for individual campuses but at the same time they can collect and provide access to the material that student and faculty want to put in there,” Walters said.

The key difference between other states that have similar digital repositories with this project is that member institutions will have their own repositories in addition to the statewide collection. This will allow each individual campus to maintain their own content while still having access to the content of the entire collaboration.

While this is a grant project, the hope is that the repository will be an ongoing project. So another main concern of the project is to focus on the sustainability of the project beyond the period of grant funding.

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The College of Management (CoM) received a commitment of $25 million from an anonymous source. The college will store $20 million in an endowment fund called the One-To-One Challenge Grant, which aims to increase charitable commitments and donations to the college. The remaining amount is to be allocated at the discretion of Steve Salbu, Dean of the CoM.

“The gift was inspired by the anonymous donor’s desire to support the College of Management’s ambitious goals. The donor understands the highly competitive arms-race among top business schools, and the need for us to have the resources necessary to achieve our vision and our goals,” Salbu said. “The timing of the commitment was triggered in part by the realization of the anonymous donor that as revenues were under pressure at other top business schools, coupled with declining values of endowments and philanthropy, the commitment would place Georgia Tech in a competitive advantage.”

The donated funds will provide the CoM with an opportunity to enhance the student’s advising program by further hiring of undergraduate graduate counseling and career services. Other goals of the CoM include the expansion of the graduate program by attracting more Ph.D. students. Longer term, through the Challenge, we expect to endow dozens of student scholarships and fellowships, 15 new faculty chairs and professorships and select programs,” Salbu said.

CoM officials and the donor began meeting months ago to discuss a potential donation. Talks culminated with a commitment on Oct. 30 and then officially signed on campus on Nov. 5. The anonymous donor will match dollar for dollar any gift or commitment coming in until June 2012 by third party donors. He or she will then have a span of five years to distribute the payment.

“We anticipate the first payment as early as Dec. 2009, which will include both the Dean’s Discretionary Fund and the Challenge Grant [distributions] and annually thereafter,” said Barrett Carson, Vice President for Development.

Gifts by other donors will go into separate funds, and the $5 million will go into another endowment fund under the jurisdiction of Salbu. Should challenge donations fall short of the project’s $20 million mark, any remaining funds from the anonymous donor will stay in an unrestricted endowment fund to academically support the CoM.

“Imagine a series of buckets, if you will. The first bucket will serve to receive the ($5 million),” Carson said. “The triggering challenge donors’ monies will be in a series of individually named endowment funds held separately from the anonymous donor’s endowment.”

The Georgia Tech Foundation, Inc. will receive the endowment funds and will only disburse funds, in accordance with current policy.

“I’m highly optimistic that we will achieve the full challenge goal by mid-2012, which is our timeframe. Alumni and friends of the College of Management are fiercely loyal,” Salbu said. “The successful challenge that was implemented under Terry Blum’s deanship allowed us to build our beautiful business school facility entirely on private donations.”

The challenge fund was developed in reference to the CoM’s last commitment campaign in Dec. 2000, which raised over $45 million through gifts and commitments towards the construction of the current CoM building at Tech Square.

“The economy at the time was also not ideal, but the challenge inspired numerous donors to step forward, and today their names through the facility stand as testimony to their generosity,” Carson said.

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By Zimu Yang
Staff Writer

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WPFE policy weak

New Dead Week policy holds none accountable

We were disappointed to see the final version of the Dead Week policy (now to be referred to as the “Week Proceeding Final Examinations” (WPFE) policy) that was passed by the Faculty Senate. While we were excited to see a formal policy finally written down to be followed, it is disheartening to see such a weak policy as an outcome.

The new WPFE policy tells professors what they “should” do without backing it with enforceable mandates. Students were under the impression that a dead week policy would forbid large projects and assignments in the preceding week for classes with a traditional final exam. That week should focus on review and allowing students to prepare for the stressful week of finals ahead.

Stipulating that assignments are acceptable if on the syllabus ahead of time does not alleviate any stress. It simply informs students that they will never be given free time to study until the last minute. At the very least, students have the right to know what their grades are by the end of dead week, to prepare for the final. Once a policy is put into place, there must be a way to enforce that professors follow the rules set out. Currently, there is no way to hold professors accountable, fostering the same problems that people have always had with the policy. An appropriate punishment for violators should be determined and enforced.

Additionally, the practice of including “reading days” without classes before finals is common at other schools, and is causes seminars and alleviates finals pressure, being “reading days” without classes before finals is common at other schools, and allowing students to prepare for the stressful week of exams.

We hope that a new policy will be created that actually supports the rights of students and alleviates finals pressure, because the one released will do nothing to help WPFE anytime soon.

The Consensus Opinion reflects the majority opinion of the Editorial Board of the Technique, but not necessarily the opinions of individual editors.

OPINIONS

YOUR VIEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don’t raise fees, get rid of parking dept.

Regarding your Consensus Opinion last week, I think we should set up a petition against these last-minute budget adjustments that seem designed to cover the financial remains of students at Tech.

What is being done by the SGA to protect the financial interests here? How are these funds being used?

There is nothing in these fees that warrant the name “Temporary” and “Academic Excellence Fees.” Its only purpose is to hide the fact that the Tech administration is unable to prepare balanced budget.

In crisis time, we need to shift our focus to core values and get rid of what is unnecessary. How many people are working in the “Parking and Transportation” agency at Tech? How many of them are littering the campus to ambush, prey and scavenge upon the financial remains of students? I do not think these people bring any value to our diploma. I do not think they are making our campus any safer.

In addition, the “Parking and Transportation” agency is running a funny business. The transportation fees that are mandatory even for those who do not need them are constantly increasing. When fuel went down by 60%, our transportation fees increased by over 100%. What is the logic here?

Alex Sevy
Grad AE

Cursing hurts students, not helps

How many times throughout college have you heard the sentence, “Oh well, thank goodness he curves!” Should we really appreciate it when a teacher curves? Or should we all stop and think about what we really gain? Professors justify curving grades based on the idea that each class should have around the same percentage of As, Bs, Cs, Ds, and Fs.

This bases one’s final grade, not on what one knows or don’t know, but on how many of their classmates know or don’t know. If an excellent Calculus student exempts Calculus I to take Calculus II, does he deserve a lower grade because his classmates also exempted Calculus I? Should he wait to take it with kids who couldn’t exempt it in order to get a better grade?

Curving discourages the overall learning of the entire class. If a student knows that his grade depends on the performance of his peers, will he want to help or discourage his classmates from understanding the material? This causes the standard of learning and knowledge to decrease for everyone. Most importantly, say a student takes a physics test and gets a 30 on it, but then the professor curves it to make a 30 passing grade: the fact has not changed that that student still only knows how to sing in the lifeboats. Then the material… it only changes the appearance.

Final grades makes classes appear like students have learned the material for the benefit of the professor, at the expense of the student’s education. And by extension, the expense of anybody concerned with the knowledge of the students who will one day run the future.

What would happen if tomorrow professors at Georgia Tech could no longer curve grades? Would professors end up failing entire classes? No, because then they would go on academic probation and lose their jobs. Instead, professors would be forced to teach their students and make sure that their students understand how to do chemistry, statistics, calculus, thermodynamics, etc. If teachers cannot teach their material to a level students can master, then the school should replace them with someone who can, but the school should not allow a curve to hide behind.

Kate Bowen
Fifth-year CE

Healthcare bill tyranny

While I will not argue that affordable available health coverage is a noble goal, I ask you at what price do the pursuit of this goal come? It appears to me the costs are our freedoms, an immoral re-distribution of wealth, and a massive government expansion which will only lead to more oppression and less freedom.

While I agree that you are supposed to support the majority of your constituents, you must realize there is a real need to protect from tyranny of the majority.

The healthcare bill costs $1.2 trillion that has to come from somewhere and half of it admittedly is going to be from taxes on the wealthy, who already pay a disproportionate amount of taxes to fund other massive entitlement programs.

I am a student at Georgia Tech, and I would love to hear a response defending your vote.

Josh Blade
Fourth-year CS

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Life is a shipwreck but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats.
—Voltaire

Friday, November 20, 2009
Saving money avoids economic turmoil

While many argue that the economic difficulties we are currently experiencing do not even compare to the difficult times of the Great Depression, those of us that are looking to start our future will tell you that this day and age brings about as much uncertainty and anxiety about the future as those held during the dust bowl and dark times of the early 1930s. Careless spending and irresponsible lending practices have created an economic situation that has cost many their jobs and their homes. Many families are struggling in ways that perhaps they would have believed to be inconceivable before.

For many the downturn has brought the value of material goods into a distinct separation of what is truly important in life.

But I believe the biggest question of our generation is what we can do to prevent any future economic downturns of the same magnitude from taking us on a horrific personal level and so that we so that we may be prepared to be able to “bounce back” from such a difficult financial time.

“Save and do everything that you earn,” is my grandmother’s personal financial motto. I believe it is very sound advice and it has worked very well for her.

She lived through the Great Depression and saw some of the gloomiest times this country has ever seen, and she never forgot how important it is to save so that when you need your income the most.

While I know it is very difficult to save half of everything that one makes, and especially more difficult for a college where their parents are equally ignorant of the subject.

We also live in a culture that up until recently had largely supported a habit of spending more than we can afford and using our credit to buy things that we otherwise could not have.

I also recognize that it is increasingly difficult for recently graduated students to think about saving money when trying to pay off student loans and credit card debt that was acquired in college, but it must become and integral part of our future to help ensure that when hard times come again we are better prepared.

By starting with small steps to save money I believe that our generation can teach themselves to save money even if their parents were not active in the process or even believe in saving themselves. There are plenty of resources that can help students and recent graduates make sense out of ever budget, or even create a sensible budget to work with.

It also might be a wise idea to buy things only when you can afford to pay for them in cash and avoid at all costs putting things that are not necessities on credit.

While I am well aware that many of us believe that we will land that six-figure dream job right out of college, that is simply unrealistic for most of us in this job market.

Historically, Tech graduates have done very well financially because we tend to be very bright, but in order to continue doing well it’s up to us to save for our future in hopes of avoiding some of the current hardships that many of our parents and older peers are experiencing.

Even if you do score that awesome six-figure salary right out of college, you will still have the foresight to contribute your superfluous funds to a savings account.

Saving can be difficult to do when there are so many different indulgences that our culture offers. In order to save money many of us will have to actively resist the temptations that the advertising industry spends billions of money on every year to try and attract us to spend our hard earned money on the products they are trying to sell.

The recently difficult times should be a strong learning example for the young adults of today. While we all want nothing more than to spend money on what we want right now, we can be examples of restraint for everyone.

Let our generation take this as a call to action as opposed to a deepening blow to our financial futures.
**Our Views**

**HOT or NOT**

**GALILEO Grows**

The library reserves just got a little bigger. The Institute of Museum and Library Services just gave the Library and Information Center at Georgia Tech a grant of $857,000 to create an expanded repository service. Students will be excited to hear that now more articles can be accessed online at midnight when writing that pesky research paper at the last minute.

**ACM Eliminated**

Tech has decided to withdraw from the Academic Common Market for undergraduates in 2011. While the economic necessities of this decision are apparent, majors like PTFE and NRE will lose the pool of candidates in surrounding states that might otherwise not consider Tech due to the costs of out-of-state tuition. Hopefully, scholarships will make up the lack.

**Coastal Clinched**

After our rousing defeat of Duke, Tech has clinched the ACC’s Coastal Division. For the second time ever, Tech has secured a spot in the ACC championship. This is a nice lead-up to an exciting game against UGA. We are sure that lead-up to an exciting game is is a nice championship.

**Darwin Defied**

The people handing out books titled The Origins of Species around Skiles confused students who upon opening the text discovered it foremost has been added to promote Creationism. While we respect their rights to their opinion, the “Origin of Schools” project is misleading to students who want the original and treads on highly unethical grounds for groups that claim Christian values.

**Going Green Worth Unseen Return**

In our instant gratification culture I can understand why environmentalism is not reaching the scale that we had hoped when the whole green fad started. We think short term here in America. This may be because we are such a young nation, or pop culture and media may cause it. Whatever the reason, we are who we are. We like free stuff, bigger is better, we think in quarters (not years), and we like to be comfortable and entertained. Though we may not think of these as our cultural values, they are part of our national personality.

How do you get a nation that does not like change and thinks very short term to make uncomfortable adjustments that they will probably see no return on? For many of us there is no price for being green. There is no party when you become fully sustainable. Those of us who use the most resources have to make the biggest changes, but we feel the smallest payback. Those who use the least resources will often be strongly rewarded for small changes or the changes made by us privileged folks. The problem is, we are not in Bangladesh to see the flooding getting worse as sea level rises. We don’t know that less rainforested is leveled because we buy lots of beef.

As a modern girl, I think of these things in the context of a diet. I am not going to go on a diet and stick to it unless I see results. If my love handles are not going to go away when I am smaller then, yes, I will have that piece of cake. By recycling, you do not see our trash dumps getting smaller. We don’t hear, feel, taste, or see our trash dumps getting smaller. We don’t hear, feel, taste, or see our trash dumps getting smaller. We don’t hear, feel, taste, or see our trash dumps getting smaller. We don’t hear, feel, taste, or see our trash dumps getting smaller.

How do you convince people to change when all you have to convince them with is “Well, this stuff is super important and you may really regret it if you don’t.” I don’t know about you, but I am not too excited to join a team if all you can do is threaten me with what could happen if I don’t join your side. How do we make people understand their impact? The truth is, that is a potentially catastrophic problem and we are going to need everyone to help fix it. We need to play with fire and blindly dodge the smoke in oil with our backs to the flame while we argue about whether or not we really started the fire. You have heard what could happen if we don’t cut our emissions, and if you have not you should pull out your phone or computer and look it up. We need to stop thinking short term, demanding more than we need and resisting positive change. We need to be willing to learn.

This is another big problem with climate change. It is freaking complicated. I spend quite a bit of my free time watching TED.com videos, reading articles and books about climate change issues and my comprehension of the subject is still sadly lacking. A lot of the most important issues are buried under layers of science that most people do not understand. Luckily, at Tech, we are educated and do have lots of scientists who get it. Unfortunately, however, we are not the majority. Most people in our world are not educated and do not think in terms of aerosols, fertilizer run-off and LEED certifications.

We understand this stuff. We are geniuses. We need to lead by example as an institution, and educate at every opportunity. We need to support sustainable initiatives whenever we can and take eco-friendly action. How do we make environmental impact consideration in all of our systems and organization around campus from Greek houses to closing tennis courts?

We are doing great job of this already. The administration in this small school wants to give the students what we want and they want to be environmentally friendly. All we have to do as students is ask them to make changes. You would be surprised how often what you want is delivered. This campus is so receptive to positive changes. Tech is already starting to set the bar high for green educational institutions in Georgia. But how do we further this movement? How do we make people think recycling is important enough to want to throw away that coke until you find a plastics recycling bin?

Some things are working, but they are moving us forward to slowly. We need to pick up the pace. We need to innovate and think outside the box. We can and will solve this problem, but I personally have not come up with the best way yet. Most of you reading this are smarter than me, so if you have any good ideas, and I know you do, let me know.

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**HOT**

Write your own "HOT"

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**Silver**

www.nique.net

Since when are boys more dramatic than girls at Tech? rd...get a life. leave me alone. go hook up with rw ch. that is awesome. lg

I'm tryin to teach cleverbot the GT ride on... listen to the wind...

Guy at SF talking about how lame all the roller coasters were- get over yourself. It's okay to enjoy something once in a while. I'm trying to teach cleverbot the GT ride on... listen to the wind...
Focus

Student site reflects unique Tech culture

By Rebecca Tattersfield
Contributing Writer

Four students, three guys and a girl, created a website for fun and launched it during a group presentation in their Small Talk class. In two days the site had over 9,000 hits. Only at Tech.

Onlyattech.net is a new site on campus, though technically not affiliated. Its popularity stems from the pride Tech students find in complaining. It captures the sentiment that since we suffer more, we are better than everyone else.

The format of the site may look familiar to those who waste their time on FML or Texts From Last Night, the stories however, are totally unique to Tech. For example, #212, "More squirrels than girls. Only at Tech." Or how about #094, "The freshman on my floor at Smith figured out that they could keep playing Xbox during a power outage by wiring their television and Xbox directly into the emergency fluorescent lighting. Only at Tech."

The students behind the website are Andrew Ash, third-year CS; Holden Link, third-year CM; Kaliyana Finney, fourth-year CM; and David Turk, third-year CM. The ratio might seem too ironic to be true based on the postings, but she does exist, honestly. The idea came about during lunch one day after their CS 2440 class.

"We created [the site] back in the beginning of Oct.," Turk said, "but we didn't tell anyone or actually launch the site until Nov. 4. Since then, the site has over 5,000 fans on Facebook, and has a visitation of the size of a quarter of Tech's campus."

"One of the things that really struck us about how fast it spread was how fast it spread without any kind of advertising...we launched the site when we were giving a presentation in our Small Talk class, and we just added it on a slide at the end," said Link.

Link provided the graphic design for the website as well as the hosting. "I have a web server because I run a little video game company so I already had all of the resources we needed to be able to put the website online," Link said. "All we needed to do was buy the name and put it up there."

Finney and Turk moderate the site by approving the stories that Tech students submit, and Ash is a programmer that maintains it.

CoG project reboots IT professionals

By Andrew Nelson
Contributing Writer

Operation Reboot, a project in the College of Computing, will launch new IT professionals with high school teachers to give them a leg up in their career options starting in the spring of 2010. The project is headed by Barbara Ericson, the Computing Outreach Director at the CoC's Institute for Computing Education (ICE).

The goal of Operation Reboot is to pair a high school computer science teacher with an unemployed IT worker for two classes over a year. The teacher would then learn more about computer science from a professional, and the IT professional would learn how to teach the craft.

Su Craddock – the business and computer science director at Walton Career Academy, a school participating in Operation Reboot – will teach Computing in the Modern Workplace alongside an IT pro.

Craddock took three summer workshops at Tech to qualify for the project.

“I do believe that the students would be more encouraged to go into a computer science field with a former IT employee in the classroom,” Craddock said. “The IT professional can answer questions that I cannot and will therefore provide a new point of view from which the students can base career decisions.”

With the multi-billion dollar IT industry feeling the economic hurt, major corporations like IBM and Hewlett-Packard have laid off thousands of employees just in the last year.

Though national stimulus money may not get their original jobs back, funding programs like Operation Reboot would allow experience and knowledge of the IT industry to be an investment in education instead.

“I see the greatest benefit to be the IT professional’s varied knowledge, abilities and skills from the corporate world to integrate real-world applications into the curriculum,” Craddock said.

Craddock has worked with corporations and Career Tech 500 companies before teaching at Walton Career Academy, though her experience is limited only to certain industries. She looks forward to a fresh perspective in her classroom.

“Personally, I want to pair an IT professional to fill the gaps in my own knowledge,” Craddock said. “Also, working with an IT professional in class will reinforce...
‘Real-life Hitch’ visits Tech to give dating advice

By Sarah Malis
Contributing Writer

Have you ever wondered what true love really is? Have you questioned what makes a relationship work? Or, maybe, have you ever asked yourself how to approach that guy or girl you saw at a party? If you have ever speculated about any of these questions, there is a man that has all of the answers.

His name is David Coleman, and he is also known as the Dating Doctor. Coleman is widely known as the “real-life Hitch” and is the author of various relationship books, such as 101 Great Dates, Date Smart!, Marking Relationships Marked! and Prescriptions for Life and Relationships.

His blunt, humorous relationship advice has resulted not just in commercial successes, but also critical acclaim. He has been honored 12 times as National Speaker of the year, nine times by Campus Activities Magazine and three times by the National Association for Campus Activities.

According to Coleman though, there’s more to his advice than just how to behave in and interpret romantic or sexual relationships. His theories can be applied to personal goals such as career development, character, confidence and values. The breadth of his advice’s relevance and his unique and engaging presentation style has made him a high commodity, one that Tech students had the lucky opportunity of witnessing this fall.

On Nov. 12, the Dating Doctor made a visit to Tech Student Center to talk about relationships and dating while relating to college students.

David Coleman, often described as the “real life Hitch,” answered Tech students questions about dating and gave advice on relationships when he spoke last Thursday at the Student Center.

Coleman then proceeded to get into the more comical portion of his speech. Coleman shared with the crowd that relationships are based on self-esteem, explaining that attraction is only a learnable skill, but if someone is a prior zone and how to tell when you are in this zone, the varying commitment levels of men and women and even ended on Coleman’s explanation of why some men believe that all the men they date or sleep with, even all men on the face of the planet, are terrible lovers.

To add even more direct interaction to the presentation, Mr. Coleman introduced the Johari window, which proved to be the crowd favorite. The Johari window is a mini-experiment where one answers a few questions that can help one define oneself on a personal, emotional and relationship level. You use these answers on a grid of “rooms” along with the answers of your friends.

Those answers then let the user know what he or she thinks about himself both consciously and subconsciously compared to how he or she is consciously and subconsciously perceived by others.

He ended his presentation with his self-proclaimed most important piece of advice: “If beauty was measured in milk, you’d be a cow,” and gave tips on how to be a “fat penguin.” That is, you must waddle out and break the ice in order to have a successful relationship.

The Dating Doctor then had a question/answer “five minute frenzy” for the Tech audience, any question about dating and relationships could be answered.

Inquiries ranged from serious to downright funny, as Tech students asked about the “friend zone” and to Coleman, romance doesn’t just happen out of thin air.

He explains that there is a single question to ask one’s significant other, which is to question the difference between being an “option” or a “priority.” If someone or something is an option to you, romance will be forced, but if someone is a priority, romance will happen more naturally and the relationship will be more fruitful.

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Operation Reboot gives IT professionals the chance to earn a teaching certificate and gain real life experience in teaching.

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Ramona Calvey, an IT professional who will join the program, has over 25 years of experience working as the senior program manager at Coca-Cola Company and instructional technology specialist at Clark-Atlanta University, among many other top positions.

“I think that the greatest benefit of co-teaching is the teaching experience that can be gained from working with and being mentored by an experienced teacher,” Calvey said, “I would like to provide the students with current IT industry standard knowledge, examples, and projects to solve. I would also like to assist with expanding the existing computing classes that are being taught and to help to increase the number of computing courses being offered.”

The IT professionals will earn a stipend of $5,410 per month for 11 months and ultimately earn an initial teaching certificate with a computer science endorsement.

“There are some computer science teachers who were IT workers who either retired or decided they didn’t want to do IT anymore and they were interested in teaching, so I knew that there was this path that people had been taking,” Ericson said.

Ericson applied this idea when she met a National Science Foundation (NSF) program director who offered a funding opportunity for computer science educators. The NSF’s Broadening Participation in Computing program, which has funded past CoC projects under its mission to improve computing education, then decided to fund Operation Reboot with funds recently acquired after February’s national stimulus package.

Since funding is already set by the allotted stimulus money, Ericson does not expect the state or Tech to fund Operation Reboot for an expansion or continue it past its three-year period. She does expect, however, that other states will realize the potential for this program and possibly start other similar ones.

Operation Reboot has garnered national attention, including a feature article in Computer World.

So far 15 schools in northern and central Georgia have applied for the program; the classes include AP Computer Science, Intermediate Programming, Computing in the Modern World and Introduction to Programming.

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his head. A handful of sponsors put up the money and, true to his word, Vasil sat himself on a stool mid-field while McCann learned how to use a pair of electric shears.

A few innings later, a freshly-shorn Vasil stepped up to bat and drove a teammate in for a run and scored one himself before making his way back to the dugout.

As for the charity side of the event, when all was said and done, according to a press release, the Rally Foundation raised a grand total of $280,000. According to Tech officials involved with the event, over 1,500 fans were present to show their support for the cause.

As stated on the Rally Foundation’s website, www.rallyforkids.com, the organization’s mission is to, “raise awareness and funds specifically for childhood cancer research to find better treatments and cures for childhood cancers.” Ninety-three percent of all funds raised by the Foundation go towards funding research grants, awards and fellowships in the area of childhood cancer research.

The Rally Foundation was started when Dean Crowe, its founder and CEO, visited a neighbor’s son in the hospital as his brain cancer lapsed into remission. After asking how she could help, Crowe learned that less research has been done into the area of childhood cancer than the adult varieties, meaning that there are often fewer options for available treatments.

Though the original patient has made an excellent recovery and is now completing his studies at Auburn University, the Rally Foundation still continues to raise money for the cause, largely through grassroots fundraising movements.

According to the Rally Foundation’s website, one in every 330 Americans will develop some form of cancer before the age of 21, and childhood cancers are responsible for more deaths for children under 20 than any other disease.

Chipper Jones was on campus Friday night to participate in a softball tournament benefitting the Rally for kids with cancer.

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site. Keeping the site clean doesn’t take too much time according to Turk, who says that he does his post monitoring work mostly when he’s bored in class or has nothing to do.

“The point of the site is for people to tell their stories…things that happen in their dorms or when they’re walking to class,” said Turk.

In the two and a half weeks since the site was launched, the stories have come in to their own consistent style. Ash said that when the site first launched people had stories from their past four, five or six years at Tech to tell.

“Even alumni would come along and say ‘you know back in my day…’ But now we’re starting to get stories that happen on a day to day basis. We’re also starting to see the style has changed a lot. If something happens at noon it will be on the site by 3 p.m.,” said Ash.

The lone female on the Only at Tech team is feeling the fame. “Apparently I don’t exist…people have submitted stories asking if I’m single,” Finney said.

The site isn’t perfect. According to the team there are more ideas coming in than there is ability to make happen, creating a bottleneck.

The solution, more time working on the site so that we can spend more time on the site not doing our work.

The speed at which this site has become part of the Tech culture truly shows how closely connected the Tech campus is, for better or worse.

A website spreads quicker and more easily than the swine flu, Only at Tech.

So next time you wish you did have the swine flu so that you would have an excuse to skip Lab, check out the site at onlyattech.net. Because sometimes, saying FML just isn’t strong enough, Only at Tech.
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tant advice.

“Never mistaken infatuation for love. People meet each other and go, ‘Oh, in love’, and three months later, their mind sets completely change. So there are facets of love and stages of relationships and people must think very carefully what they say and things they do,” Coleman said.

“The light that burns brightest burns shortest. When you first light a candle, the wick goes very quickly, but then it slows down to a normal pace. When people take that first beginning of the wick in their relationships and they burn through stuff too fast, then they either have to break up or say to the other person that they don’t feel the same way they did, because they didn’t let it happen naturally. Sometimes it’s a facet of time or how fast you burn through these stages,” Coleman said.

Not only did the Date Doctor engage Tech students on serious issues of dating, self confidence and the humorous side of when things go wrong, he also spurred genuine and personal questions from the audience.

“It was a good learning experience. It’s something that we don’t get to see in India, which is the country where I am from. I got to learn many new things from him, as I am a pretty shy person myself and it will definitely help me to mix along with more people socially and emotionally. My favorite part was when he talked about what women are attracted to! Overall, it was a great event, fantastic,” said Siddharth Gaur, Grad ECE.

Many other students also felt that Mr. Coleman’s presentation was a success.

“I thought the event was good and that he was accurate on some things. And I liked that he called the girls and guys out on stuff that they do [in a relationship],” said David Attias, Grad ECE.

Others saw Mr. Coleman’s lecture as inspiring and provided many life lessons for college students who are just finding their sea-legs in the adult dating world.

“I definitely thought it was very interesting and you really learned a lot about yourself. My favorite part was the Johari window, because it was crazy accurate on some things,” said Heather Aquilino, fourth-year INTA.

If you’re interested in learning about Mr. Coleman or more about his relationship/life advice, check out his website at www.datingdoctor.com where you can see his long list of bad kissers (some examples include “the sloth” and “the deer in the headlights”), clever comebacks and ways to purchase his critically acclaimed books.
Harmony serenades with infinite talent, melodies

Infinite Harmony performed on Nov. 15 in the East Architecture Building. The performance included pieces by The Beatles, Jason Mraz, Barenaked Ladies, Mika and from Disney’s Mulan.

**PERFORMANCE**

Infinite Harmony

**LOCATION:** East Architecture Building

**DATE:** Nov. 15, 2009

**TYPE:** A Capella

**REPERTOIRE:** “I’ll Make a Man Out of You,” “Lucky,” “It’s All Been Done” and other ’90s and Disney hits

**OUR TAKE:**

Infinite Harmony is the “Mixed Contemporary” branch of the A Capella Club at Tech. Founded in 2004, Infinite Harmony has 18 members with a perfect 50-50 ratio. Like the other groups under the club, it is by audition each semester.

With a repertoire including hits from the ’90s, Disney films and Muse, there is bound to be some selection to suit any taste. Because it is a club, the members do not get any kind of academic credit, like with some other vocal ensembles on campus.

Membership between many of the A Capella groups overlaps.

Infinite Harmony’s end-of-the-semester concert was on Sunday, Nov. 15 in the East Architecture Building. In about an hour, they managed to cram 14 songs into the performance.

They performed a wide range of songs, all of which various student members arranged, including The Beatles’ “Because,” Jason Mraz’s “Lucky,” “I’ll Make a Man Out of You” from Mulan, the Barenaked Ladies’ “It’s All Been Done” and Mika’s “Happy Ending,” which, appropriately enough, closed the concert.

The entire group of 18 did not perform every song. Instead, there were smaller subgroups that performed each song. For instance, “I’ll Make a Man Out of You” was performed by the male members of the group. So while no single member sang every single song, each member was able to put forth their best effort, allowing the performance to provide a great quality performance rather than just songs with sheer quantity of performers.

Also varying frequently were the solos. It was great because it seemed like almost every member of Infinite Harmony was given their moment to shine. “Lucky” featured two solosists, whose real-life chemistry (and engagement) definitely helped to bring the song to life.

Because the group is so small, there is nowhere for potentially weak singers to hide. Luckily, none of the members are weak. Each member is very capable, and it shows. No one tried to hide in the background, and everyone took their moment in the spotlight (or in this case, lamp-lit) with much vigor.

Infinite Harmony is quite active and practices twice a week. Last spring, the group went to its first competition at UGA, where tenor Andrew Leonard won “Best Soloist” for his part in “Happy Ending.” The group hopes to make both of these performances annual occurrences.

Their proudest moment thus far was singing at Adult Swim’s Christmas Party in 2008.

Infinite Harmony is a very talented group with a bright future ahead of them. The group has grown in talent and prestige since its inception in 2004, with hopes of only becoming better as they gain new members and cover new ground.

Singing frequently at Connect with Tech, Infinite Harmony gets to showcase itself for potential freshman, who, upon being dazzled, no doubt apply to Tech with hopes of auditioning to be a member of Infinite Harmony.

With a formula that includes both talent and fantastic music, it is hard to lose with a group of performers like Infinite Harmony.
We never talk anymore.

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Modern Warfare redefines war gaming

After selling 4.7 million copies in North America and the UK alone and racking up 310 million dollars within 24 hours of its release, Infinity Ward’s critically acclaimed Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 needs no introduction. Published by Activision, Modern Warfare 2 was one of the most highly anticipated games of the year.

Having access to the next generation gaming engine IW 4.0, Modern Warfare 2 uses this engine to constantly remodel breathtakingly realistic environments for the players to explore. The beautiful graphics and the sleek features of the game will be one of the first things that players will notice while playing the game.

The plot of Modern Warfare 2 is set five years after the events of Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare. This time terrorist mastermind Vladimir Makarov conceives a plan to bring the United States and the rest of the world to its knees.

The player initially takes the role of U.S. Army Ranger Private Joseph Allen who goes undercover to capture Makarov. The operation takes a fatal turn when Allen is compromised and framed during a terrorist attack in a Moscow airport.

This set the premise for the main story, as Russia responds by declaring war and invading the United States.

The players then continue through the main story inter-changeably playing as both Private James Ramirez while defending United States suburbs from the Russian invaders and Sergeant Gary “Roach” Sanderson, member of the elite multinational unit Task Force 141, on his mission across the globe to bring Makarov to justice.

Overall, the campaign mode is a fantastic experience for players of all skill levels. Not only is it a complete action packed first-person shooter experience, the game is well balanced. The plot of Modern Warfare 2 is an intense story of betrayal, power struggles and survival that is filled with surprises and turning points that’ll leave its audience in awe.

But as excellent as the single player mode of Modern Warfare 2 is, its multiplayer features are just as big a contributor, if not more, to the series’ popularity. The game offers a complete multiplayer experience and a new cooperative game mode.

The cooperative mode, called Special Ops, have the players teaming up and playing through specific challenging scenarios encountered as part of the campaign. Despite the potentially exciting experience that the cooperative mode offers, Modern Warfare 2’s newly upgraded competitive online multiplayer experience is where the game really shines.

Much like its predecessor, Call of Duty 4, Modern Warfare 2 offers an online multiplayer based on the experience system through which players can gain levels through killing other players or completing objectives. What really adds to the customization and the depth of the multiplayer games is the series of unlockables, including brand new weapons, perks and killing spree rewards obtained alongside advancement in level.

Players are given the option to personalize their online play by creating their own “class,” which consists of a combination of these unlocked in-game elements, for use out on the battlefield. The wide variety of choices and combinations allows the players to constantly attempt new strategies until they find one that perfectly matches their playing style.

Overall, Modern Warfare 2 is a fantastic installment to the series and is solid from every perspective. The stunning graphics combined with the addictive and realistic game play makes Modern Warfare 2 well worth its heavy price tag.

The game is currently available for two gaming consoles (PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360) and the PC. There is also a special edition that includes a set of fully functioning night-vision goggles.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2 is a must have for fans of first-person shooters and console gaming. The developer has improved and innovated their way to something special with this title.

By Zheng Zheng
Staff Writer

Haunting film Precious inspires

The movie Precious has become an instant hit, as made apparent by its records: highest grossing film for opening weekend in fewer than one-hundred theaters and highest average per screen.

Based on the novel Push, the film follows the life of Claireece “Precious” Jones (Gabourey Sidibe), a 16-year-old in junior high. She is pregnant with her second child by her father, who only appears in flashback sequences. Though absent, he continues to leave a permanent stain on his daughter’s memory and her relationship with her mother.

Precious’ mother, played by actress Mo’Nique, gives a surprising performance. Known and loved as a bubbling comedic performer, this is her transition into serious dramatic roles. Her hatred and resentment for her husband is brought out in this film.

But the film is more than just a story of a mother and daughter. It is also a story of a woman’s struggle to overcome her past and create a better future for herself.

The movie Precious is an inspiring story of hope and triumph over adversity.

By Ailyn Woodward
Contributing Writer

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I feel my life would have been significantly poorer had I not made the journey across the Atlantic. Originally released months ago in United Kingdom under the title The Boat That Rocked, Focus Features has designed to invest in importing Pirate Radio. Needless to say, I found the film enjoyable and fascinating.

The plot may not be what audience members expected had they seen the trailer. Contrary to what information may have been spread, the story is a fiction based on the general situation of pop radio stations in the UK rather than a dramatization of facts. However, the story spun by writer/director Richard Curtis holds little room for disappointment as it fills the theater with rau
cous juvenile humor and hilarious situations as it follows protagonist “Young” Carl’s (Tom Sturridge) transition to the floating rock and roll transmitter Radio Rock.

He is greeted by the heavily varied group of eccentric disc jockeys and technicians that fill the 24/7 broadcast of 1966 pop music. Running the gamut from the 24/7 broadcast of 1966 pop jockeys and technicians that fill the oddest the Radio Rock genre is not about the most positive light has ruffled the feathers of Sir Alistair Dor
mandy, a minister in Her Maj
esty’s government who attempts to remove Radio Rock from the airwaves.

Now, as stated before, this sto
ry is not about The Count (Philip Seymour Hoffman) establishing a renegade force of DJs to subvert mandy’s government who attempts to remove Radio Rock from the airwaves.

Yes, it is possible to label this movie as shallow based on the small amount of character devel
dment, but in my opinion, any character development would have begged down the humor. For fans of Wes Anderson and his tales, let me just say Pirate Radio will be lacking in character depth and narrative, but I enjoyed it for its ability to create such laughter with simplicity.

This film has a spectacular cast and an absolutely glorious soundtrack. Filling out more of the oddest the Radio Rock gen

tlemen are the station manager Quentin (Bill Nighy), Doctor Dave (Nick Frost), the “bearded beast” Bob Silver (Ralph Brown) and “king of the airwaves” Gavin Cavanagh (Rhys Ifans). The comic
talent of such a cast should be self-evident.

There may be a few laugh
less jokes, but this is where the soundtrack leaps to save the mo
ment with the most premium sounds of rock and roll.

Filling the theater with the sweet sounds of The Hollies, The Kinks and The Turtles, the mo
ment cannot possibly be recorded as anything except as a positive memory.

For the people considering see
ing this movie, whether it is in spite of or due to the theatrical trailer, I can’t fully describe how Pirate Radio has captured my fa
gor with its humor, story and mus
cic. It provides a grand opportuni
ty in these stressful times to laugh with pure auditory enjoyment that I was glad not to have missed.

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FILM
Pirate Radio
GENRE: Comedy
STARRING: Philip Seymour Hoffman and Tom Sturridge
DIRECTOR: Richard Curtis
RATING: R
RELEASED: Nov. 13, 2009
OUR TAKE: ★★★★☆
ACROSS
1. Storage tower
5. Analyze, as a sentence
10. Shatter
15. Casino item
19. Auspice
21. Iridescent stones
22. Rhapsodize
23. By - of
24. Of a solid figure
25. Up to
26. Spirit
27. Famed barbarian
29. Start of a quip by Loretta Lynn: 4 wds.
32. Ham
34. Monumental
35. Sewell or Wainwright
36. Tax in old England
41. Set out in a boat: 2 wds.
42. Batteries
43. Excitement
44. Fingerboard ridges
47. Flow
48. Sheep
50. Scoutmaster
51. Nothingness
53. Bowling allies
55. Scottish name
57. Took a winding path
58. Part 2 of quote: 4 wds.
63. Like a pensioner: abbr.
64. One cubic meter
65. Sword
66. Derive look
68. Island in Tuscany
71. - segno
73. Proximate
75. Kind of computer file, for short
78. Great Renaissance sculpture
81. Tenth: prefix
84. Triple crown
88. - Avon
89. Part 3 of quip: 5 wds.
93. Servant
95. Ortona -
96. Pinnacle
97. Small case
98. Rising
101. Sour
103. Man of La Mancha
105. Curve in a road
106. Trammel
108. Semiprecious stone
110. Take issue
112. Largest envelope
114. Straight, said of liquor
116. Disney attraction
117. End of the quip: 4 wds.
122. Greet with enthusiasm
125. Action word
126. - Gras
127. Danni or Castle
129. Danube tributary
130. Gaelic
131. Part of SEATO
132. Navigate
133. Active volcano
134. Repetition
135. Military hat with a plume
136. Kind of fund
137. Paper amount

DOWN
1. Seltzer
2. Ersatz: abbr.
3. Part of the church calendar
4. Punctuation mark: 2 wds.
5. Idaho city
6. Abbr. on an envelope
7. Princess
8. Ozee
9. Breakout
10. Water channel
11. Chinese dynasty
12. John Jacob -
13. Error
14. Obliging
15. Honeydew relative
16. Healthy
17. Caz’s name
18. Confident
28. Brand identifier
30. Acromy
31. River in England
33. British composer
36. City in the Alps
37. Skyward
38. Bull
40. Batteries
42. Olfactory stimuli
43. Excitement
44. Fingernail ridges
47. Flow
49. “As - on TV…”
52. Desperate
54. Part of Scand.
56. Orne river city
59. Grassland
60. Intoxicating
61. A letter
62. Sister of Ithalia
69. Contemptuous cry
70. State
72. Thirteen popes
74. Ceremony
75. Lock
76. Arab League nation
77. Czechs and Croats
79. First: abbr.
80. French writer
82. Some trophies
83. Like old college walls
85. Lingering sensation
86. Waken
87. Originate
90. Directrix Quentin -
91. A Maggot
92. Earth’s solid part
94. Hive occupant
99. French composer
100. Injuries
102. Journey
104. Compete, in a way
107. Punctuation mark: 2 wds.
109. Pastry
111. Bloodier
113. S.S. Andrea -
115. Cake
117. Past
118. Notorious ruler
119. Formerly, formerly
120. A state: abbr.
121. Do a gardening job
122. Greet with enthusiasm
124. Small amount
128. Not pos.
Technique

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Do you have many relatives? Yes, I have a huge family.

In any given week, how many of them are dying, graduating, going to jail, or getting married?

When would you have time to work? I have to go somewhere, one fell out of a tree.

Who needs training to keep up with technology trends?

You're fired. I only want people who already know how to do their jobs.

I did not see that coming. They don't have a class to fix that.

Dogbert the CEO

We're going into the Internet news business.

We're hiring reporter-ers?

No. We'll summarize stories from other sites and provide links.

So... we'll be par-sites?

Go buy a vinyl record. Grandpa.

Let's implement cloud computing so I have something to talk about at the executive meeting.

Tell them we're evaluating it. That way neither of us needs to do any real work.

I like it when you do real work. Sorry. I thought you were learning by example.

Mordac, the Preventer of Information Service

Cloud computing is no good because stooges would have access to our data.

I trust encryption way more than I trust Spock-eared sociopaths.

When you mention a person's ears, he won't listen to the rest of your argument.

Dogbert the CEO

Floyd, I'm giving you a C-level title.

You'll be the chief janitorial officer, in charge of all dirt, germs, dead critters, and problematic excretions.

Is it because I'm so important? What answer would make you clean up poop faster?
ANAK
Established in 1908

The ANAK Society would like to congratulate and thank the following members who are graduating in Fall 2009

Amrit Rattan Bhavinani
Theodore Ming-Chien Chen
Robert Bernard Ellis
Sharece Nicole Hall
James Stephen Kump
Craig Allen Rawe
Stephanie Francis Robbins
Nicholas Andrew Wellkamp

and in loving memory of our alumni

Alvin M. Ferst, Jr.
Randolph Whitfield

Founded in 1908, The ANAK Society recognizes Junior and Senior students for their outstanding leadership ability, personal achievement, strong character, and true love for Georgia Tech. Membership is considered by many to be the highest honor a Tech student can receive.
by freshman Tate Forcier's struggles. The problems have spilled off the field, with recent allegations of NCAA violations.

Rodriguez, despite the issues he has encountered, is far from the only second-year head coach to struggle.

Rick Neuheisel is still trying to get stability at UCLA. Bo Pelini has had ups and downs at Nebraska, beating Oklahoma but losing to Iowa State this year. Arkansas, a popular pick to rise under Bobby Petrino, remains in the middle of the pack in the SEC.

A popular pick to rise under Bobby Petrino, remains in the middle of the season after taking on rival Georgia in the regular season finale on Nov. 28.

The defense allowed the Blue Devils just 208 total yards after the first drive of the game. Tech also forced a turnover and sacked Duke quarterback Thaddeus Lewis and Sean Renfree a total of four times. The total included two sacks by redshirt junior defensive tackle Ben Anderson.

"For the past few games of the season, I have gotten to the quarterback just as he gets rid of the ball...to finally get some sacks under my belt feels pretty good," Anderson said.

Junior defensive end Derrick Morgan had a sack as well. Morgan now has 12 sacks this season, good for second in the nation behind Von Miller of Texas A&M.

Tech has its first bye week of the season before taking on rival Georgia in the regular season finale on Nov. 28.

"[After the game], I told [the team] 'Congratulations, and now we know the biggest game of the year is next,'" Johnson said.
Hockey honors Brown, wins one in weekend series

By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

Tech’s ice hockey team held its fifth Lt. Tyler Brown Scholarship Weekend on Nov. 13-14 at the Ice Forum in Kennesaw, Ga. The team won a 4-1 battle on Friday night against Embry-Riddle but fell in a 9-7 heartbreaker against Tennessee on Saturday night.

This event has become an annual tradition for the hockey team since the first such weekend in 2005. The Jackets honored Brown, MGT/HST ‘01, who was a former Tech undergraduate student body president, a member of the Kappa Alpha Order and a Tech ROTC cadet. Brown died on Sept. 14, 2004 in a skirmish with insurgents in Iraq.

Army ROTC cadets from Tech, Kennesaw State and SPSU served as the color guard for the pregame ceremony, and the teams observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Fort Hood shooting on Nov. 5.

Brown’s parents, Carey and Sally, then participated in a ceremonial puck drop with members of both teams. The Browns started a scholarship fund in Tyler’s name, and the team collected donations before each of the games.

The Jackets then took the ice to face Embry-Riddle in the weekend opener. The visiting Eagles controlled the puck early on, but junior goalie Maxx Lucas kept Embry-Riddle in check.

At 8:20 into the period, a shot from Tech freshman defenseman Bobby Bishop rebounded to sophomore forward Ryan Fritz, who quickly scored Tech’s first goal. Fritz’s goal was the only one of the period as the Jackets and Eagles engaged in a physical battle.

Early in the second period, Fritz was tripped on a breakaway, resulting in a Tech power play. The Jackets passed well around the perimeter, and 6:07 into the period they set up a goal by graduate student Ian Yang on the right side, with two defensemen—freshman Alan Dagurse and junior Dan Podrasky—picking up assists.

Tech was in control for much of the period, shutting down most Embry-Riddle attacks, and 14:56 into the period Fritz notched his second goal on a long slap shot.

Fritz completed a hat trick early in the final period when, during an Embry-Riddle power play, he stole the puck from an Eagle forward and scored shorthanded. Behind its strong defense, Tech killed five third-period penalties and cruised to a 4-1 victory.

Tech’s second game of the weekend featured a battle of teams ranked in the regional top 10, as the No. 8 Jackets faced No. 4 Tennessee. On Oct. 10, Tennessee held off Tech 7-6 in an overtime shootout in Knoxville.

For the game, both teams wore stickers on their jerseys honoring Brown and Tyler Trahan, who served with the U.S. Navy and earned numerous decorations, including a Purple Heart. Trahan perished on April 30, 2009 during a combat operation in Iraq.

Tech came out strong against the Volunteers. After several early opportunities, Fritz launched a shot past two Tennessee defensemen into the corner of the net for Tech’s first goal.

The Jackets then capitalized on a two-man advantage. Fritz set up senior forward Ryan Fritz on a one-timer goal, and Lostracco scored at the end of the power play to give Tech a 3-0 lead.

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Unfortunately for Tech, the Volunteers gradually fought back. The score remained 5-1 after two periods, but Tennessee caught fire in the final period, scoring eight goals—including the final five of the game—to take the match.

Tech’s final series of the fall takes place this weekend at the Greg Stathis Holiday Tournament in Augusta, Ga.

Volleyball falls against FSU, Miami

By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

Tech volleyball dropped both of its matches over the weekend, falling 3-2 against Miami on Friday and losing Saturday’s “Gold Out” match to No. 15 Florida State 3-0 at O’Keefe Gym.

The Jackets took the first two sets against Miami and had four players with 14-plus kills and three with double-digit digs, but Miami took the final three sets.

Tech then played well but could not complete the season sweep of a balanced Seminoles squad.

After winning their first 11 matches at home, the Jackets have now dropped three straight at O’Keefe Gym. Tech plays its final two home matches this weekend before traveling to Clemson for the season finale.
Johnson’s success hard to replicate

By Matt Hoffman
Advertising Manager

Head Coach Paul Johnson’s success already has him in many record books. In just his second year at the helm of the Tech football team, he is setting trends that few of his contemporaries across Division I football have been able to keep pace with and continues to make his mark on a program built by such legendary coaches as John Heisman, William Alexander and Bobby Dodd.

Johnson had the most wins by a first year head coach at Tech in the 117-year history of the program.

His winning percentage was the highest of any first-year Tech coach since William Alexander in 1920. He also became the third head coach to beat Georgia in his first year, joining Pepper Rodgers and John Heisman.

Johnson has also seen the continued growth in the program during second year. He will become only the second coach to play in an ACC Championship game within his first two years as head coach. This season also marks the first time Tech has won ten games during the regular season since the 1990 National Championship year. Johnson also has recorded the best finish for any Tech coach in conference play.

Johnson’s early success has been characterized by whom his teams have beaten. Last year the Jackets topped Florida State for the first time since 1975, beating FSU Head Coach Bobby Bowden for the first time.

This season Tech’s success against FSU continued as the Jackets won for the first time ever in Tallahassee, Fla.

When the Jackets beat No. 4 Virginia Tech at Bobby Dodd Stadium on Oct. 17, it was the first time Tech had beaten a top-five team at home since the Jackets upset No. 1 Alabama in 1962.

All of this has lifted Johnson’s team to No. 7 in all three major polls, the highest ranking of any Tech team in a decade. The team has adapted remarkably well to a new and unfamiliar system, busting in a hybrid option system that often takes time to master.

The Jackets are second in rushing yards per game this season in FBS with just over 314 yards per game. The team has been efficient through the air when needed as well, currently ranking No. 6 in the nation in passing efficiency.

Such success is certainly not the norm in FBS football.

Michigan also began the 2008 season with new head coach in Rich Rodriguez, who in 2007 almost led West Virginia to the BCS National Championship game using his spread-option offense.

Michigan had been one game away from a national title shot in 2006, but opened 2007 by losing their season opener to FCS school Appalachian State at home.

Taking over for the retired Lloyd Carr, Rodriguez’s mission was simple: install his system and reinvigorate the program.

Rodriguez lacked a quarterback in year one and Michigan went 3-9, missing a bowl game for the first time in 33 years. Michigan’s momentum from a 4-0 start this year has faded; they are now 5-5 and could miss a bowl again.

There has been division in Ann Arbor on the field, including the quarterback controversy spurred...
By Hahnming Lee
Business Manager

Tech defeated Duke in Durham, N.C., 49-10 to clinch the ACC's Coastal Division. The Jackets improved to 10-1 on the season, giving them double-digit wins for the first time since 1998.

The win crowns the Jackets as the Coastal Division champions for the second time ever and the first since 2006. The team will advance to play in the ACC Championship game against Tampa on Dec. 5.

“I think [the team is] excited, those guys have worked really hard. A lot of people have doubted them along the way, especially early. They have just been resilient and kept playing. I’ll give them credit, they find a way to win,” said Head Coach Paul Johnson.

Junior quarterback Josh Nesbitt threw for two touchdowns and rushed for one more. While he only had 30 yards on the ground, he completed six of 10 passes for 195 yards through the air. Nesbitt finished with a quarterback rating of 289.80, the second-highest single-game rating in school history.

"[Nesbitt] hit some big plays, guys made some catches for him and we moved the chains," Johnson said.

Like many of the previous games this season, Tech found itself trailing at one point. It was the ninth game where the Jackets faced a deficit. The defense allowed Duke's only touchdown drive of the day on the possession and the offense had just 12 net rushing yards towards the end of the first quarter.

That number improved dramatically as the game went on. "We didn’t adjust, we just played better... We settled down and played a little better on offense,” Johnson said.

At the end of Tech’s second offensive drive of the game, Tech faced a fourth-and-one at its own 31-yard line. The offense first lined up to try and draw the Duke defense offside, but Nesbitt called a time-out and the punt team took the field. Instead of punting, the team attempted a fake punt with a direct snap to junior A-back Anthony Allen. The attempt was unsuccessful as Allen was unable to secure the ball, and he was forced to fall on the ball back at Tech’s 14-yard line. Since it was fourth down, Duke took over on downs deep in Tech territory.

The Jackets’ defense prevented the Blue Devils from picking up a first down and Duke kicked a field goal to put them ahead 10-0. After this, Tech would score 49 unanswered points.

"Getting that stop on defense [to hold them] to a field goal, that really brought us back up," said freshman wide receiver Stephen Hill.

On the ensuing kickoff, freshman kick returner Orwin Smith initially dropped the ball, then picked it up and ran all the way to Duke’s 4-yard line before being brought down behind. Had Smith been able to make it into the end zone, it would have been Tech’s first kickoff return for a touchdown in nearly 11 years.

"[Smith] caught grief when we were running down the field," Dwyer said.

Nesbitt rushed into the end zone on the next play for Tech’s first score.

At the end of the first quarter a personal foul against junior receiver Demaryius Thomas pushed the Jackets back to their own 10-yard line. Quarters cannot end on a penalty, so Tech was able to run an unlimited play. Junior B-back Jonathan Dwyer found a hole up the middle and ran 46 yards before stepping out of bounds.

Eight plays later, sophomore A-back Marcus Wright carried the ball 16 yards into the end zone to put Tech ahead 14-10.

"Offensively, we just took a little bit to get settled down," Johnson said.

Dwyer had his fourth straight 100-yard game with 110 yards on 14 carries. He also had two rushing touchdowns.

For the rest of the half, Duke was unable to move the ball against Tech and was unable to stop Tech from scoring. The Blue Devils had five consecutive three-and-outs and its last drive of the half consisted of just three plays to end the half. The Jackets scored three touchdowns for the rest of the half.

The Jackets scored three touchdowns on the day, as Lawal was 4-4 and Favors was 2-2. Tech basketball struggled during some instances in the free throw department last season, but shot a solid 70 percent in this first game this year.

Freshman Brian Oliver was able to sink four three-pointers on the day. Oliver played for 13 minutes, scoring the 12 points along the way. All four of his three-pointers were in the game’s final 10 minutes.

Other big numbers on the day came from sophomore guard Iman Shumpert, who scored a team-high 18 points; Lawal, who had 16 points; and freshmen Derrick Favors and Deja Foster, who scored a team-high 36 points.

A three-pointer, but that would be their last lead of the game, as Tech answered with a jumper from sophomore guard Mo Bennett and pulled away.

Midway through the first half, a steal and layup by Bennett increased Tech’s lead to 10, and they continued to build upon this double-digit margin throughout the game. Bennett shot nine-for-10 from the floor and posted a team-high and career-high 21 points. She also registered seven rebounds and eight steals.

By the end of the first half, Tech had pushed the score to 36-12, holding Winthrop to two points in the final 11 minutes of the half. 26 of Tech’s 36 points came in the paint.

The Jackets picked up where they left off in the second half, putting up 10 more

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