**8% state budget cuts will hit the USG**

**Board of Regents mandates higher budget cuts to Georgia Universities**

**The Facts**

- Total revenue last month: $1.14 billion, a decrease of $240.8 million (-17.8%) from last Oct.
- Revenue between fiscal years '09 and '10 is down a total of 15.1%.
- The decrease in state revenue will cause a move toward 8% budget cuts for the University System of Georgia.
- The budget cuts will not result in more furlough days for staff and faculty members this spring.
- There will also potentially be a $100-$150 increase to the mandatory "Academic Excellence Fee," which is not covered by Hope or any needs-based scholarships. If approved, increases will be effective beginning the Spring 2010 semester.

**Crime hits area business, bank**

By Emily Chambers
Editor-in-Chief

Governor Sonny Perdue announced Wednesday morning that state revenue collection for the month of Oct. was down. Last month saw revenue of $1,140,090,000, a decrease of $240,770,000 or 17.8% from last year’s Oct. revenue of $1,386,160,000. Revenue between fiscal year 09 and fiscal year 10 is down a total of 15.1%.

This continued decrease in state revenue will cause a move to 8% budget cuts for the University System of Georgia. Contingency plans were made for 4%, 6% and 8% budget cuts earlier in the Fall semester. Budget cuts of 8% will not result in more furlough days for staff and faculty members for this spring, but might increase the mandatory "academic excellence fee".

"The proposed 8% reduction in the state-funded portion of Georgia Tech’s budget would translate to a total of $18.8 million in cuts to our budget. Based on the results of the Board of Regents meeting next week, we will continue to evaluate budget reduction decisions," said Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson. The State Board of Regents will be meeting Nov. 17 and 18 to vote on budgetary measures, including a potential $100-$150 increase to the mandatory fee. The mandatory academic excellence fee will not be covered by Hope or any needs-based scholarships, and any increases will be effective for the Spring 2010 semester.

**State furlough days announced**

By Coby Lu
Contributing Writer

Tech administrators have announced that four of the six furlough days required to be taken by the University System of Georgia (USG) Board of Regents (BoR) are to be taken from Dec. 21 till Dec. 24.

The remaining two furlough days will be taken before May 10, 2010 and will be scheduled by agreement between individual employees and their school chair or supervisor. These days will not be designated by the Institute as specific dates in order to provide flexibility.

Earlier this year, the BoR mandated that all USG employees take a minimum of six days of furlough last year 2010 due to the $900 million downturn in state revenue.

The furloughs are a last resort to help bridge the gap in smaller budgets. The BoR recommended and mandated these measures following the economic downturn and the necessity for budget cuts within the USG.

The primary objective in scheduling the furlough days was to minimize disruption of normal activities of the Institute. In particular, the furlough days should not result in the cancellation of scheduled classes or other instruction-related activities.

A set committee analyzed the calendar to determine potential dates for the furloughs, and then made recommendations for President Peterson and his administration. President Peterson confirmed them noted above as the official furlough days to be taken by faculty and staff.

"Dec. 21-24 is when we work, but it doesn’t affect students. Students will be away having a holiday so it was done to minimize the effects on the education of students. If you think about it if a faculty is reaching five days a week, when is he or she going to take a furlough day without cancelling a class? So we just didn’t want that to happen so we took the four days right before Christmas," said Dr. Anderson D. Smith, senior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs.

This time frame was chosen because it is during the winter break, and consequently, there will be no classes taking place. Students therefore would not be directly affected.

"Things are kind of slow here and there aren’t a lot of events on campus," said Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson.

While it is expected that faculty and staff will be furloughed during this time frame, there will be some exceptions. Employees can, with a business-related exception, request to take the four furlough days at another time.

"There may be reasons why those days don’t work for some people. For our development staff, that’s right before the end of the year and people do tax and give gifts related to tax benefits right before the end of the year so it is a very busy time for the development staff. So for special situations a supervisor can have their employees take different days. However, the vast majority of people at Georgia Tech will take those days," Peterson said.

In the spring, the Tech administration will allow much more flexibility for employees as far as selecting the affected days. There are no preferred dates. The decision will be left up to the employees and their supervisors.

By Vivian Fan
News Editor

Two separate armed robberies occurred over the last week off-campus. Both of the crimes occurred within the expanded patrol zone of 500 feet past campus covered by the GTPD. The two instances mark the eighth and ninth armed robberies since May in and around Tech’s campus, and serve as another reminder of the increasing crime in the Atlanta area over the past few months.

The first of the crimes was an armed bank robbery on Friday, Nov. 6. Unlike the majority of the armed robberies which happened in the Home Park neighborhood which happened between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m., the robbery at the Wachovia happened at 11:15 a.m. The suspect, described as a five-foot-five to five-foot-nine black male in a plaid shirt, entered the Wachovia Bank near Techwood Parkway and State Street and proceeded to rob the bank.

The GTPD believe that the suspect may have been carrying a handgun during the robbery. The suspect then reportedly drove off in a 2004 silver Nissan Maxima, heading northbound on Techwood Parkway. The car is also believed to have been stolen earlier from South Atlanta.

Less than a week later, a second armed robbery occurred at the Arby’s on Spring Street and Fourth Street.

Three black males who ranged from five-foot-ten to six-foot-two in height were wearing dark clothing and daw rags over their faces when they entered the restaurant at 10:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The men each displayed handguns to the employees and proceeded to take all the contents of the cash registers. Afterwards, they fled from the scene towards Williams Street. Although no one was injured in the incident, the suspects were still at large as of Wednesday night.

With the increase in crime activity, the GTPD and Atlanta Police Department (APD) recommend that students be extra alert and take extra precautions when on campus.

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From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

By Vivian Fan
News Editor

**Phone home?**

GTPD were called to the Alexander Memorial Coliseum after receiving a call from the Tech Athletic Association about stolen cell phones. The cell phones belonged to players from the visiting Western Kentucky University basketball team. Four team members reported each of their cell phones and a pack of white undershirts stolen after they returned to the visiting team locker room. Of the stolen goods included two iPhone 3GS, a Samsung Instinct and an HTC Hero cell phones. GTPD and Facilities are to review surveillance videos from the coliseum.

**The party is over**

Nov. 11, GTPD were called to assist a security guard at Delta Upsilon after the guard was concerned about extreme occupancy levels in the house. Upon arrival, the GTPD questioned students leaving the party, who stated that there was barely enough room to dance or even walk. GTPD officers attempted to shut down the party without incident. They were called again, however, less than an hour later to clear the crowd again after brothers requested for help. GTPD officers then advised the brothers to close the front so the party would be over.

**POLL OF THE WEEK**

Will you get an H1N1 vaccine?

- 11.8% I have not decided yet
- 4.2% There’s a vaccine for it?
- 12.5% Yes
- 71.5% No

**Next issue’s question:**

How do you feel about a potential rise in the academic excellence fee?

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**Sweet Steal**

GTPD officers reported to the Barnes and Nobles bookstore after receiving a call from the manager concerning attempted shoplifting. The suspect, a black male in his 40’s, entered the store carrying a black garbage bag and proceeded to stuff Milky Way candy bars into the bag. Barnes and Nobles employees surrounded and questioned him before officers arrived to the scene.

Although the suspect refused to answer or comment, he did drop the contents of the bag and additional candy bars from his pocket.

The suspect then exited the store and fled southbound onto Armstead Place NW on foot. Although employees admitted to having seen the suspect in the store beforehand, they stated it was the first time he had caused any criminal activity.
Each Tuesday, elected members of the two houses of the Student Government Association, the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to consider allocation bills and discuss issues facing campus. Here is a summary of those two meetings.

By Vijal Narayanan, Assistant News Editor

This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Nov. 10, 2009.

Gamers Guild
The Gamers Guild holds weekly meetings to play board games. The club submitted a bill requesting funding from UHR to purchase new games for the following semester. GSS considered tabling the bill for this week because representatives from the organization were not present at their meeting. However, they chose to continue debating the bill despite the absence. The bill requested $262 and passed UHR with a vote of 40-6-2 and passed GSS with 13-12-0.

Archery Club
Last week UHR amended a bill put forward to fund competition expenses for the Archery Club. GSS representatives amended the bill by reducing advertising funding and modifying travel expenses. Representatives from UHR moved to strike funding of registration fees for two competitions and travel expenses to one of the competitions. As a result, the bill was moved to conference committee. In conference committee, GSS agreed to all of the changes made by UHR. The bill totaled $8,792 and passed UHR 47-1-0 and GSS 17-5-2.

Water Polo
The water polo team requested funding for transportation and tournament fees to the National Water Polo Tournament. The GT water polo team won the Southeast Division after defeating rivals Vanderbilt. This marks the third consecutive year that the water polo team made it to the national tournament. Overall, the bill cost $840 and passed UHR with a vote of 49-1-0.

On Nov. 5, Major Nidal Hasan, an army psychiatrist opened fire in the Soldier Rating and Processing Center at Fort Hood, Texas. The gunman killed 13 people and wounded 30 others, sending shockwaves through the small Texas community and raising alarm throughout the nation. The shooting was described as the deadliest ever on a military base. The incident also raised questions about the psychological health of soldiers in the military. Hasan was shot by a civilian police officer, but managed to survive and is hospitalized under army guard.

It is suspected that Hasan was distraught at the prospect of being deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan, conflicts which he vehemently opposed. He is an American-born Muslim of Palestinian descent, and it was revealed shortly after the incident that he had come to the attention of federal authorities six months ago for discussing suicide bombings on the internet. The army and FBI are investigating the incident. On Tuesday, President Obama and the First Lady traveled to Fort Hood to express their condolences.

House passes sweeping healthcare legislation
The House of Representatives approved legislation to overhaul America’s healthcare system last Saturday. Lawmakers voted 220 to 215 to approve the plan, which is expected to cost over $1.1 trillion over the next decade.

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Breaking the Bubble

Council Clippings
This week in Student Government

Sophomore representative Elle Creel leads a discussion with other SGA representatives at the UHR.

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Cause of parking garage crash discovered

Gateway Development, the company that leases the Century One parking garage in Tech Square has determined and released the cause of last June’s parking garage collapse. The garage collapsed last summer and damaged 35 cars housed inside, yet no one was injured during the incident.

The cause was determined to be a misplaced bolt on the fifth floor of the garage. Repairs are currently being made and Gateway officials ensure that checks will be done to ensure its safety before reopening the garage for use.

Health Center receives H1N1 vaccines

The Stamps Health Center has received a limited supply of H1N1 vaccines. The health center has set up a distribution schedule which started Nov. 10.

The vaccine will be distributed first to Tech students, faculty and staff who are considered medically fragile, such as pregnant women or people who suffer from chronic illness or immune disorders. Non-medically fragile Tech community members gained access to the vaccine starting Wednesday, Nov. 11.

People who are medically fragile can receive vaccinations at the Stamps Health Services Center, while non-medically fragile students, faculty and staff can all receive vaccinations in the Student Center. All vaccinations for students are free if the student has paid their mandatory health fee, and will cost $25 for faculty and staff. In order to be vaccinated you must present your Buzzcard.

SGA hosts student strategic planning forum

On Thursday, Nov. 5, Tech students representing a multitude of clubs and organizations attended SGA’s Strategic Planning Forum at the Flag Building. The forum was part of a larger strategic initiative organized by faculty and staff to discuss ideas on how to improve student life at Tech.

“We want to include the students in the strategic planning process,” said Alina Staskevicius, president of SGA. “The first draft should be coming out relatively soon for the strategic plan.”

A panel of Tech administrators including Dean of Students John Stein and Director of Research and Analysis at the Department of Communication and Marketing Kathi Wallace presided over the meeting to hear and discuss the presented ideas. The strategic initiative at Tech is intended to be a long-term project for campus and the greater community.

Organizers stressed that any ideas presented at the meeting could have effects that could reach as far as the year 2035.

“[Our] strategy is to reach as many students as possible through small and large focused discussion and the way we are getting figured out in 25 years [on how] to define what the student life experience should be at Tech,” Stein said.

This event was one of many held by the administration following the announcement of the 25 Year Strategic Plan following Institute President G.P. “Bud” Peterson’s Investiture on Sept. 3.

Students in attendance broke off into four groups for ten minutes to brainstorm ideas. Afterwards, they reconvened to present a summary of their discussion. They repeated this process several times during the evening with different topics selected by the organizers. Discussion topics included revising the curriculum to allow for interdisciplinary tracks, restructuring classes to allow for more online lectures, involving students in the strategic planning of clubs and organizations at Tech, and students in attendance at the Georgia Tech campus. It was made for the whole system by the Board of Regents,’ Smith said. USG and BoR officials and members are currently looking into and implementing various options to help result budget deficits, delayed hiring and repositioning of vacant positions, budget cuts throughout the institute and the academic excellence fee that was added onto the tuition.

The addition of an academic excellence fee starting next semester (which would affect nearly all Tech students) will also be voted on within USG later next week.

Academic units last year experienced a 4.6% decrease in operating budgets and non-academic units experienced a 7.8% cut. It was left up to individual units to decide how those cuts were to be made. However, it was asked of academic units to minimize the effect on students’ education.

“For example, it looked like an easy way to make cuts this past summer was to not teach many summer semester classes. However, we realized that would be very bad for students as the summer semester is cramped enough as it is now without as many classes as we would like to have,” Smith said.

Students in attendance at the SGA’s Strategic Planning Forum discuss topics given by Tech faculty and SGA representatives to generate ideas and commentary about new ideas for the Institute. See Forum, page 6
Heavy CULC construction begins this week

With the continuation of breaking ground, heavy construction for the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (CULC) is underway. As of earlier last week, the team responsible for the CULC has shifted to the next phase of its construction, including large digging of soil and other earth in the area that was formerly Yellow Jacket Park.

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“We anticipate construction to move into full swing in the coming months and remain optimistic for a Fall 2011 opening,” said Barrett Carson, Vice President for Development.

“Construction of a facility this size in the center of campus is certainly a challenge, particularly for those in the surrounding buildings. The contractor is taking all reasonable measures to minimize disruptions as much as possible,” said John Duconge, Senior Project Manager.

Although the construction will proceed for the duration of the semester, the site will be quieter for the weeks of final exams, graduation and home football games. This will also be the case for all future semesters until the CULC’s completion.

The pathway between the library and Crosland Tower is also expected to reopen by Nov. 13, reopening a commonly used walkway. The Tech Green, which was originally closed for sewer repair, will reopen in early December.

Tech administrators also plan for a Town Hall discussion in January to identify the upcoming construction activities and possible detours.

Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the construction.

Upcoming construction includes the direct connection between the CULC and the library. The new building will connect to the library at the main entrance and lower levels.

“The concept for the [CULC] has always sought to integrate the west face of the Price Gilbert Library to take advantage of natural synergies between the two. The two will connect, in fact, on several levels to provide seamless movement between the two,” Carson said.

The project, whose plans began in the 1990s following the arrival of former President G. Wayne Clough, was originally put on hold due to “state budgeting issues and institutional priorities,” Carson said.

However, an initial private donation of $8 million created momentum for the CULC in the later years of Clough’s presidency, culminating in an additional $60 million from the state and $25 million in private philanthropy.

The private component includes a $5 million donation from an Atlanta-area foundation and an anonymous promise “to match 1.1 gifts and commitments designated for the project up to a maximum of $8.75 million,” Carson said.

“In anticipation of pledge fulfillments and final state appropriations, the Institute is utilizing internal borrowing to keep the project on track and to avoid any further delays,” Carson said, in response to the amount of time the project is otherwise taking.

“Simultaneous to the CULC’s construction will be an enhancement to the adjacent Tech Green and Skiles Walkway...At more than 200,000 gross square feet, the facility will be a stunning testimony to Tech’s commitment to undergraduate education and will stand as a beacon of sustainability,” Carson said.

By Kamna Bohra
Contributing Writer
Buzzcard funds misappropriations fixed

By Matt Schricke
Contributing Writer

The BuzzCard Center mistakenly redeposited funds into the accounts of a number of unsuspecting students in the morning hours of Wednesday, Nov. 4.

AFFECTED STUDENTS

Affecting students found upwards of hundreds of dollars previously not there when using or checking their Buzzcards that day.

The error took place when the BuzzCard Center received a faulty file from Banner system, which controls various programs such as OSCAR and other Tech data management software.

The Banner system had been experiencing problems at the same time. The problem file attributed mistakenly caused the Buzzcard Center's system to redeposit previously deposited funds into student accounts.

“All of the funds that were deposited were funds that had originally come through the Bursar's office to the BuzzCard Center in the last few semesters,” said BuzzCard Center Director Donald Smith. “Most of these funds were part of various meal plans contracts.”

The BuzzCard office discovered the error at 7:30 a.m., approximately two hours after it was determined to have occurred. By 12:30 p.m. the problem was rectified and all of the mistaken deposits were reversed.

While most students who noticed the sudden increase in their balances and informed them of the erroneous deposits, Smith said.

Despite the circumstances, the BuzzCard Center did not lose any money.

Students who spent the funds will be liable for them. BuzzCard Center does expect some of the current error trapping to see that the vast majority of students who now have negative balances and informed them of the grossly increased, but we were very pleased with the vast majority of Tech students realized that this was an error and did not race out to spend funds that they knew did not belong to them,” Smith said.

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“I am an out-of-state student; and actually comparing it to last spring, I saved money this summer by traveling to 11 countries!”

Jimmy Williams, Junior, Biomedical Engineering

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dents in building projects, intermingling Greek and non-Greek students more and strategies for decreasing class sizes, such as limiting future freshman classes.

The ideas would have to be considered important in terms of benefiting Tech. They would have to have a reasonable level of feasibility and they would have to be forward thinking,” Stein said. This [meeting] will inform our long-term plans but much of our front end work will stand.”

Although the actions and effects of the initiative will be long lasting, the event on Thursday was the last public forum for students to voice their ideas scheduled as of yet. There are plans to hold more talks with students in the future.

“We’re still in the intake mode right now and then when we meet with Dr. Peterson next week we’ll be reviewing some of the top ideas and getting feedback and that will give us direction on developing ideas further over the next couple of months,” Wallace said. “It will be a long year process so it’ll go through next summer.”

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Crime from page 1 travel through and around campus.

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Student basketball tickets move to first-come first-serve

By Vijai Narayanan
Assistant News Writer

The Athletic Association (AA) announced a new set of ticketing policies and procedures for the men's basketball season this year. Changes were implemented this past week for the game against the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. As part of the changes, students will no longer be required to sign up online to obtain a ticket prior to the game. Instead, students will be required only to show their Buzzcard at the entrance to the game. In addition, students will be allowed to take floor seats, with limited priority given to SWARM members.

Prior to this season, the AA implemented an online ticketing system that required students to sign up in advance for tickets and present them at the entrance gate. This year, students will automatically be assigned tickets for the game on their Buzzcard and will be allowed to enter the game based on arrival times.

"When I first came here we were using the ticket return system through which students had to login multiple times and sign up several days in advance to get tickets...it was very cumbersome," said Doug Allwine, the Assistant Athletic Director of Special Projects. In addition to moving student tickets offline and directly onto student Buzzcards, the AA has decided to allow non-SWARM members the opportunity to take floor seats. SWARM members present at the entrance gate one hour before tip-off will still be allowed to take up floor seats prior to regular student-ticket holders. If the SWARM does not have enough members to fill up the floor seating, students with regular tickets will be allowed to go on the floor.

Any SWARM members who arrive after the floor seats are open to general student ticket holders but before the 300 person limit for floor seating is reached will also be allowed to stand on the floor during the game. Non-SWARM members who wish to sit on the floor must be registered as students, not wear opposing colors, and will be asked to stay for the duration of the game.

"The SWARM have traditionally been our most ardent fans, but even they will admit that with the attendance last year that they didn't fill up the seats or they didn't fill them up quick enough at the start of the game," said Allwine. "This came not from us or the students but from the basketball team, because they really want us to make sure that the floor is filled and the crowd is excited before tip-off."

However, some students are unhappy with the proposed changes to the floor seating policy.

"I was really disappointed to hear that the AA was opening up floor seats in the basketball games to all students...it takes away the tangible advantages to being in SWARM," said Chandler Epp, a third-year IAML. "I think this is a terrible system and it doesn't award fan loyalty...it doesn't create a good atmosphere and it really just encourages bandwagon fans to show up for big games," said Hari Gopal, third-year MGT.

Depending on attendance during the season, the AA is considering implementing an online ticketing system for popular games, similar to the ticketing system used for football.

"Although we haven't had to turn students away from basketball games yet, if the demand for tickets exceeds the supply, then we will setup an online ticketing system," said Graham Neff, the Assistant Director of Ticketing.

If such an online system is put in place, some students will be given priority tickets to games based on attendance and arrival time.

"If for some reason we go for an online sign-up system we'll setup a group called 'Super-Jacket Fans,' and 400 students will automatically be given tickets for that game. The remaining students will have to sign up for tickets online," Allwine said.

Instead of using an online system to ascertain a ticket, students will now only need to show their Buzzcards to enter a basketball game, so long as they are the first 500 students. Students will receive an automatic ticket to the following game for each game attended. 
Excellence fee poorly justified
Fee financially prohibitive and not transparent

The Board of Regents has yet again made the announcement that an “academic excellence” fee may be added to the tuition and fees required of students this spring to cover the 8% additional budget cuts from universities. While this fee was long described as the “temporary measure” to cover losses, adding what could be up to $150 for a total $250 fee is an unfair financial burden to the students. Since this dubiously named academic excellence fee is specifically structured such that it is not covered by most financial aid, increasing the fee to the point where it is more costly than most other fees makes this measure actually financially prohibitive for students to go to school for the semester statewide.

Students are having a hard enough time finding even part-time jobs in this economy, so handing down the shortfall to students without their input seems like a punishment. If nothing else, students should be given the chance to pay the fee in installments over the semester, since no warning was given at the beginning of the year when most families do financial planning. Furthermore, students are consumers of the good of education who have been forced into new terms of agreement, and thus should be entitled to at least know what the new fee is accomplishing. Most fees are reasonable costs towards attaining an education, since they are transparent as to what they cover. We realize that the budget shortfall must be covered somehow, but we sincerely believe that the manner should be decided at a level higher than the student. What the Technique fails to report is that the argument in the UHR was not that the Archery Club was “unproven,” but in fact, we strongly encouraged them to return in the spring to request the funding we struck. We normally don’t fund projects over six weeks in the future in bills, and the Archery Club should be no exception.

There is an assumption within the editorial that the UHR should rubber stamp any allocation request that conforms to the Joint Finance Committee Policy. The fact of the matter is that the requests for funds are always far larger than our current account balance will allow. We, the UHR must be judicious in how we allocate money. Fiscal responsibility dictates that we must apply a higher standard of JFC Policy, which merely qualifies it for funding. Just because a bill conforms to JFC Policy does not guarantee passage, nor should it.

Second, the Technique claims that the allocation from the Undergraduate Legislative Reserve (ULR) for the Freshman Leadership Summit represented a hypocritical circumvention of JFC Policy which prohibits allocations for food and was “fast-tracked” through the ULR to avoid application of the JFC Policy, which constitutes a misapplication of ULR funds.

The truth of the matter is that the ULR is a small portion of money for special Legislative projects, not for “undergraduate issues.” Typically, this money is used to fund the activities of the SGA, pay for SGA promotional activities, etc. As the Freshman Leadership Summit is a special project specifically of the Freshman Class Reps, regardless of timing, it should have been a ULR allocation. Additionally, because it constitutes our legislative operating budget, it is not subject to any JFC Policy restrictions, despite the Technique’s insistence that the ULR is “not outside the rule of that law.”

Numerous other factual errors litter the editorial, including the erroneous claim that the Student Activity Fee (SAF) fund was “fast-tracked.” I’m a great believer in luck, and I insist that any organization, most of all the Technique, that wishes to criticize another organization spend the time it takes to check the facts surrounding their criticism. What the Technique also ignores is that the greatest success the UHR has had in improving our campus. Numerous financial and policy decisions that have directly impacted the lives of Tech students, and fostered a better sense of campus community. The fact is that the UHR has been “bending the rules for themselves but ignoring student organizations,” simply showing a lack of understanding of the purpose of the UHR, and is both misinformed and untruthful of a publication such as theirs. I fully expect a long series of corrections in connection to the article “UHR ineffective” and expect an apology from the Technique editorial staff.

Parker Hancock
SGA Executive Vice President

Language of SGA consensus inflammatory
I am writing you as a student who was once an avid fan of your newspaper, but who has become saddened with the vitriolic turn things have taken in the past few months.

Your consensus opinion ofNov. 6th on the state of a consensus is particularly disheartening.

Over the past few months, I have come to understand the workings of the undergraduate Student Government Association through my posting as the Aca-

demic Affairs Committee Chair. I regard my position as a way to help the student body through a niche role that has little to do with UHR as a whole, so while I have learned much about the activities of UHR, my stance on those ac-

tivities is neutral and objective. In fact, I have actually disagreed with many decisions and tactics taken by both the SGA Executive Board and the UHR. Yet for all of that, I earnestly believe in the overall strategy and attitude that prevails in SGA and cannot begin to fathom how the Technique justified their rhetoric as anything other than pure demagoguery.
Etiquette guide to the morning

It’s early Sunday morning. The sun is shining brightly into your eyes.

As you squint and turn away you are greeted by the sight of that hopefully still delicious stranger you met when you were out last night. Thoughts of the night before flood your mind and you either feel ashamed of your actions or mentally high-five yourself.

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I realize there are several different definitions for the term “hooking up”, but for all intents and purposes I will define it as an attempted or-gasm. Yes, you hooked up with that random stranger. While this may not be the classiest thing you have done, manners should not be forgotten. There are several ways to approach the situation with grace, digni- ty and a little class.

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College football is usually something you use to distract yourself from the learning process and its associated stress-es, but last Saturday’s game against Wake Forest was a pretty good lesson on dealing with adversity by Professor, mean Coach, Paul Johnson.

I think most of us probably have a new appreciation of the word “fourth and one”. Me, referring of course to the second-to-last-play of the game, with Tech having the ball on Wake Forest’s fifth yard line. After going to overtime with the Demon Deacons, Tech’s top-ten ranking would have been history if they failed on that play to get a first down or score at least three points of their own.

Certainly going to overtime against a team with a losing record was not the plan for this team. But you don’t always get to see things pan out the way you expected, and by overtime it was too late to discuss. No, but finally put the game away.

Putting the game away means getting the winning touchdown. I had two choices. The first was to kick the easy field goal from the 20-yard line to tie the game, granting each team one more drive with the ball to try and put the game away.

The second was to get the first round and then try for a touchdown that would win the game. As we all know by now, Johnson never gave that first, safe option a moment’s con-sideration. He knew he had to try and get the game-winning touchdown.

In hindsight, Johnson cer-tainly looks wise. Ignoring the fact that the game was in overtime in the first place, he was able to make a tough deci-sion that ended up being cor-rect. Or maybe it wasn’t that straightforward. Was it simply a lucky gamble that happened to pay off this time? Was he just sick of standing on the sidelines and wanted to get this game over?

No, this was definitely a shrewd strategist. “Fourth and one” is a situation where suc-cess is chased by pursuing ei-ther a lower probability, high reward option or a high probability, lower reward option.

Johnson won this game for the Jackets because he knew the supposed “low probability” wasn’t actually very low. This is a team that made its way to the fourth-down oppor-tunities that day.

Knowing what he was working with, Johnson also had the confidence to move forward knowing the facts were in his favor. Therefore, the safe choice actually was what he did, rather than the field goal. Giving each team an entire additional drive is no-where near an automatic win for the Jackets, that’s plenty of time for some fluke play like a fumble to occur to give Wake Forest a chance.

How is this a learning experience? Each of us faces “fourth and one” all the time. Even if we don’t play football. Life gives us situations all the time when we have to make a decision and as with the previous scenario, success is chased by pursuing either a lower probability, high reward option or a high probability, lower reward option.

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The choice to pursue “high reward” isn’t always the correct one if its probability of success is too low. That’s why people all of your savings into lottery tickets is not a smart invest-ment plan. But the “lower re-ward” option isn’t always great either. United States Treasury bonds offer a guaranteed re-turn, but that return is quite small compared to what can be found in other investment instruments by accepting even a minimal amount of risk.

To be a winner like Paul Johnson, you have to be able to assess probability using facts and reason. He knows his team and knew what the probability of his team getting that one yard was. Maybe he didn’t calculate it with signifi-cant figures, but he knew it was pretty close to one. The other thing you have to do is assess reward. For Johnson, the reward for getting the first down was a near-certain touchdown on the next play.

The payoff isn’t always as widely celebrated as a win that pushes the team up to No. 7 in the rankings but success in your daily life can be just as sweet nonetheless. Let’s consider the mean, Coach Paul Johnson be your guide, and let’s hope that wins over Duke and Georgia don’t have to be so compli-cated.
Sliver

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SYE Senior Design owes me a semester of my life back....
Check it out - I finally got published in the sliver.
I'm a third-year and this is my first sliver ever.
Hi!
GSSNDWP: Grad Students Supporting a New Dead Week Policy

I'm going to help with the ant problem.

Rattle Rattle, Here come the cattle

Is it just me or does it seem like every single Stinger has one

This is an added push.

Technology – or –

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From page 8

You had the opportunity to make a beautiful, legitimate argument centered around the low attendance of UHR two weeks ago and about the exact nature of UHR bylaws, which could and should have been raised with aplomb and dignity. Instead, you chose to formulate your arguments in a demonizing format which precludes any inkling of rationality or common sense.

To say for example that “these abuses seem to happen only for the sense of power rejecting a bill gives [the UHR],” is a generalization that is excessively noxious even in a consensus opinion of “The South’s Liveliest College Newspaper.” This sort of argument might appeal to the hearts of the reader and the ego of the Technical editorial board, but it has absolutely no bearing on the ethos of all involved. Moreover, as one who intends to work on the root of the problem by sending an objective citizen’s complaint to UHR regarding attendance, your irascible article has bred an attitude of “us against them” that lessens the chance that external petitions will rectify the situation.

Co-authored by Rachel Wood, ‘11

Grady Mathewson

Furloughs begin

Faculty furloughs begin this semester over winter break this 21st through 26th and will be done again in the spring by discretion of the president. While hopefully this can be looked at by professors as a few extra days of vacation, it is a shame that they will have to give up paid days due to mandate by the Board of Regents. We hope this policy will end soon.

Wachovia robbed

The crimes around campus only seem to grow, but a mid-day armed stick-up at bank within sight of the student center at Tech is beyond what even we were prepared for. Hopefully this was a one-time fluke, and will not be the first of escalated crimes close to home. Luckily, no one was hurt during the robbery, although how much money was taken is unknown.

Management millions

An anonymous donor gave the College of Management a $25 million dollar commitment over the next five years that will double its current endowment. A large portion of this will be used to fund endowed assistantships and graduate scholarships, meaning that a lot of the money will go directly to students. If you were considering the M-train, this is an added push.

Our views

Hot or Not

Only at Tech

After only a few days of the existence of a student-run and created website, it has exploded with activity. It also has become a fixture on the mini-feeds of students campus-wide. The most commonly trended topic has already been established as classes, with food as a close second, fulfilling the stereotype of Tech nerds who live for class quite nicely. Only at Tech.

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Troll-y stop expansion needed during day

We’re glad to see that the Tech Troll-y is expanding to cover the Midtown Publix. Currently, this will really help undergraduate students by providing them access to groceries any day of the week. As graduate students, we would love the option to pick up lunch, snacks, or groceries while still on Tech campus. However, the current hours really aren’t conducive to graduate students, staff, or faculty. We understand the need to evaluate the safety of the stop this semester. After this initial trial period, we hope to see service expanded to all day next semester.

There are many benefits to having access to a grocery store any time of day. Some benefits include easy access to a wide range of over-the-counter medicines, toiletries, fresh fruits and vegetables, many meal options and reasonably priced snacks. If Parking & Transportation could devise a practical and safe stop during all Publix operation hours, this would greatly benefit all members of the Tech community not just a select group of students living on campus.

Irene Anesini-Richardson and Venmuthri Rajarathnam

ChBE Grad

Cancer H1N1 vaccine misused

I was greatly disappointed by Georgia Tech’s handling of the distribution of the H1N1 vaccines. The first mention of the availability of the vaccines was less than 24 hours before they were to be administered to “CDC-identified target priority groups,” and less than two days before they were to be available to “all students, faculty, and staff 18 and over.”

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Tech student competes in World Cyber Games in China

By Andrew Ho
Contributing Writer

Athletes from around the globe are gathered in China once more to celebrate competition and sportsmanship, with contenders from a variety of countries and vast crowds in attendance to bear witness. This is not a repeat of the 2008 Summer Olympics however, but an event that is quickly drawing more and more countries, participants and spectators for a perhaps unlikely new sport.

The World Cyber Games (WCG) is an international event for cyber athletes (video game players who compete at a professional level) to pit their skills against one another for glory and prizes. It just so happens that one supremely swift-fingered Tech student is going along for the ride to represent the U.S.

Robert Michaels, second-year NRE, has earned the right to take a place among 20 other video game players from the U.S. to attend this year’s WCG in Chengdu, China.

Michaels and one other American player will be competing in the Guitar Hero World Tour tournament against 23 other players from other countries.

“I started off on the Station One with classics like Crash Bandicoot, Spyro, and from there it’s something I’ve always done to blow off steam,” said Michaels about his first gaming experiences.

Michaels doesn’t see himself as a hard core gamer and only started playing the Guitar Hero series right before the second installment Guitar Hero 2 was released in Nov. 2006.

“I actually started off with some skill in the game. When I started the first game (Guitar Hero 2), I beat it on Expert mode in the first three days of playing. I was classically trained in piano for seven years before doing any of this and I think that’s the single factor that made it so that I was any good at this,” Michaels said.

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Office of Diversity holds annual Diversity Week

By Chris Russell
Staff Writer

The Office of Diversity Programs kicked-off its annual diversity week by hosting the Power Over Prejudice Summit on Thursday and Friday. The Office of Diversity Programs teamed up with the Anti-Prejudice Consortium (APC) and, over the course of three days, welcomed students from 68 different middle schools across Atlanta to the 14th annual Power Over Prejudice Summit.

“One of the goals of my office is to develop cultural competencies among Georgia Tech students,” said Stephanie Ray, Associate Dean of Students and Director of the Office of Diversity Programs. Diversity Week, sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs, aims to break down the walls of diversity.

The week boasted several different events some of which include “Say my name. Say my name,” a workshop focused on helping people correctly pronounce Chinese surnames.

“The Chinese are one of the largest ethnic groups at Georgia Tech and the largest in the world, and, in order to effectively communicate with someone, you need to be able to pronounce their name,” said Ray.

“They also presented Uncovering the Scarf: Seeing the World from Her View, a hands-on experience of uncovering the significance of a woman’s headscarf in cultural interactions.”

“On Wednesday they sponsored a film screening of Mozart and the Whale, a film about people living with Asperger’s Syndrome.”

Thursday the events included a second round of Uncovering the Scarf and a conversational sign language for beginners class.

“Wrapping up the week was a Safe Space Training event that was aimed to teach allies how to support Tech’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and Questioning community.”

According to the APC’s website, the Power Over Prejudice Summit, “brings teams of middle school students together to participate in a one-day workshop on prejudice and discrimination. Students spend the day in small breakout groups learning about the impact that cultural, racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and physical differences have on their peer group.”

The summit was a chance for middle-school students to interact with peers from different racial, social and religious backgrounds, an exercise that many would not otherwise get until later in life—and learn about a number of issues related to diversity.

“Although each session began and ended with students grouped together with counselors and students from their own school, for the bulk of the day, students were randomly assigned to groups making it impossible for them not to reach out to other children.”

Ray said that these intercultural interactions are a lot of fun to watch develop.

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I hadn’t played World Tour at all until that point, so I had to learn all the songs, but apparently it didn’t turn out too poorly.”

More than 10,000 players in the U.S. attempted to qualify for the USA National Final held in New York City where only 150 reaching that point. From there only 20 players remained to represent the U.S. at the WCG.

“It was kind of surreal. I was still coming to grips with the fact that I was getting flown up to NYC to stay in a three star hotel for a weekend just to play fake guitars, essentially. I wasn’t really thinking of winning or anything, I was just going up there for fun. If all else fails, I’d meet some cool people and have a fun time, though it turned out better than that,” Michaels said.
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here learning to value other people and their differences. For many of these students, they’ve never met anyone different or outside of their own group until they’ve come here and gone to that morning group. It’s always so exciting to see them talking to all the other students.”

One incident in particular that caught Ray’s attention was watching students from a predominately Muslim school working on a project with students from a predominately Jewish school.

Each session kicked off with a speech by Leon Bass, a retired school principal and renowned humanitarian.

Bass discussed his background growing up in a segregated community and how segregation even followed him into the Army in World War II, where he and his white friends were forced to register in separate lines for separate divisions.

Bass spoke about his experience in seeing the results of the Holocaust upon entering the death camp at Buchenwald. “He feels like it’s his job, even though he’s not Jewish, to tell that story. He knows that he’s one of the few people left who actually experienced the story first-hand,” Ray said.

Bullying, which Ray said is something she really wants to see schools address, played a large role in the curriculum for the Summit.

“People are usually bullied because they’re different in some way, so it’s very much tied to diversity. It could be because of your clothing, it could be because of your size, it could be that you’re too fat or too short, it could be that you have funny eyes, or whatever. Kids will always find a way to target each other based on some minor consideration that really doesn’t matter in the larger scheme of life,” Ray said.

To help make students more aware of the triviality of typical targets for bullying, one of the day’s events was the Dot Exercise. Students had a colored dot placed on their forehead and were told to, without speaking, group together with students with the same color. What the students didn’t realize, however, was that one student was given a unique color and, as a result, was excluded from each group he attempted to join.

Accompanying the students and counselors were approximately 100 facilitators, many of whom were Tech students, who directed discussions and helped lead activities for the day. Before, though, bullying parties were included in the same curriculum as the student’s, and a rigorous training session on how the idea of diversity is understood by the middle-school age group.

Ray said that the fact that the program has been located on Tech’s campus for 13 of the past 14 years means that many current Tech students have memories of attending the Summit themselves when they were younger.

Ray said, “I was in line at Dunkin’ Donuts yesterday getting my morning coffee, when a Georgia Tech student behind me said, ‘Oh, it’s Power Over Prejudice time again.’ I turned around and [asked her] how she knew about that, and she said, ‘I came here when I was in the 7th grade.’ Ray said.
Provost office offers link between students and administration

By Andrew Nelson
Contributing Writer

Dr. Gary Schuster announced on Oct. 21 that he will be stepping down from his position as executive vice provost for Academic Affairs as soon as his replacement is found.

The Institute hopes to find a replacement for the position by July 1, 2010. Schuster has served as the provost since August of 2006 and will be returning to the faculty in the College of Science.

“I spent 12 years as Dean of Sciences, and when President Clough asked me to step in as Provost, I saw it as an exciting opportunity to continue to advance Tech’s academic reputation,” said Schuster. “I have a lot of satisfaction as Provost by working with students – in particular, putting in place opportunities for them to expand their intellectual horizons.”

The provost office, nestled in the middle of campus in the Carnegie Building, is the direct link between students and upper administration, making it their duty to report and resolve all student concerns.

The provost itself is considered the chief academic officer of the campus, overseeing professors, deans, curriculum, research, and other academic affairs.

The provost can only handle so much alone, however, so he is assisted by two senior vice provosts and other assistant provosts and directors for more specific areas. Schuster is assisted by Dr. Anderson Smith, senior vice provost for academic affairs, and Dr. Mark Allen, senior vice provost for research and innovation.

“We [the provost office] deal with everything at Tech on the education side from budgeting, to deciding who gets to hire who, and, especially in this economy,” said Vice Provost Dr. Anderson Smith. “We also meet with the deans and associate deans to accomplish more specific tasks with individual schools.”

Vice Provost Mark Allen added that the provost is someone who can earn the respect of faculty and present Tech well.

In fact, when former President Clough resigned last year, Schuster served as interim president until President Peterson assumed the office.

Allen said Schuster did an tremendous job guiding Tech through the last year of the nationwide financial crisis that has seriously affected Tech’s operating budget.

Smith covers affairs more closely related to students ranging from freshman experience participants to PhD students. Issues include undergraduate studies, international programs like study abroad, faculty/curriculum review, and meeting with his Student Advisory Council.

“During Student Advisory Council meetings, Dr. Smith is trying to get a feel for how students are feeling about various issues, questions, and initiatives on campus, and we members of the committee give valuable input throughout the discussions,” said Steph Robbins, fifth-year IsyE.

“Dr. Smith is always very eager to help students with any issues they are having with their professors and is constantly telling us to encourage our peers to notify him of any such issues. I personally reached out to him one day and he responded and acted upon my request with 24 hours,” Robbins said.

This council is composed of SGA-affiliated students and members of other prominent student organizations who share their thoughts and concerns with organizations dealt with.

“When the students wrote this year’s White Paper to President Peterson, I dealt with those concerns,” said Smith. “One of the big concerns there was that we’d finally get a student portal, and there are now plans in place to get that running.”

This term, Smith has dealt with developing a plan for summer term, potential plus/minus letter grading, and graduate health insurance; all these he strongly based his work and decisions on opinions and requests of students.

Schuster will be returning to the faculty in the College of Science when a replacement is found.

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In the area of undergraduate and graduate research, Allen is the key player in the provost office. A major initiative of the undergraduate research program is the Inventure Prizes, which incentivizes undergraduate students as groups and individuals to develop entrepreneurial skills and innovative inventions in a fun, high-profile event. The winning team earns $10,000, and the winning individual earns $5,000 for their inventions, and both are able to patent their products for free and present their invention and findings at an international innovation competition.

Last year’s winner of the prize was Roger Pincombe, third-year CS, for his DialPrice phone service that compares prices locally and online via a free phone service. The office of the provost is even negotiating a contract for broadcasting the event and awards ceremony throughout Georgia and possibly nationwide via public television.

Both Smith and Allen devote their time—after their duties as psychology and microelectronics/microsystems professors, respectively—to bridging the student-to-administration gap by inviting all students’ opinions and concerns about their experiences in academia and research.

“My primary goal is to be responsive to whatever the concerns of students are,” said Smith, “I don’t ever want to hear that the upper administration doesn’t care what the students want.”

The Office of the Provost also has other provost positions to assist Schuster. The office of the Provost for Distance Learning and Professional Education is filled by Nelson C. Baker. According to the office of the provost’s website, “the Vice Provost for Distance Learning and Professional Education... is responsible for Georgia Tech’s Distance Learning, Professional Education, and English as a Second Language, or ESL, programs.”

The vice provost for academic diversity office is filled by Gilda A. Barabino. Barabino advises campus leaders in regards to diversity issues, both academic and demographic, that are pertinent to Tech. There are also several other provost positions. For more information visit the Office of the Provost website at www.provost.gatech.edu.
Orchestra to play Woodruff Arts Center this weekend

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will be performing in the Atlanta Symphony Hall at the Woodruff Arts Center this weekend. Conducted by the rising Finnish star Mr. Hannu Lintu, this performance is dedicated to history's various acclaimed Russian composers and their music of passion. The show's highlights include Tchaikovsky's version of the worldly renowned ballet classic Swan Lake, Glazunov's popular Violin Concerto featuring the talented violinist Tai Murray and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1. If a bit of finesse and culture is what you are after this weekend, then the orchestra performance would be the perfect choice to immerse yourself in an enchanted evening of classical music. Tickets range from $20 to $70 depending on seating. More information can be found at www.atlantasymphony.org.

Comedian Jim David to perform at Laughing Skull Lounge

The multitalented stand-up comedian Jim David will be appearing at the Laughing Skull Lounge this weekend. With a history of appearances at venues worldwide and various major television networks such as Comedy Central, Showtime and NBC, David is an experienced performer who has stood the test of time with his free-form conversational comedy. His jokes are often centered on social or political commentaries wrapped within the art of storytelling. With tickets ranging from $15 to $23, this performance could make for a great night of inexpensive entertainment. More information can be found at www.vortexcomedy.com.

New romantic comedy play Fair Use premieres this weekend

Never thought that love, romance and humor can all coexist within the cruel and harsh world of the law? Fair Use, the new romantic comedy play that is making its world premiere on the stages of Actor’s Express, tells the hilarious story of a love triangle in a law firm amidst a series of profound legal cases. Audience reviews from the show's previewing position makes this play a highly recommended experience for all lovers of highbrow humor. Tickets cost between $20 and $25 with student ID. More information can be found at www.actorsexpress.com.

Less Than Jake and friends play set at Masquerade tonight

The Masquerade is featuring Gainesville ska-punk band Less Than Jake tonight. Originally formed back in 1992 and with eight full length albums out to date, Less Than Jake is a very experienced and accomplished group defined by their upbeat rhythm and walking bass line. The band's musical style is a combination of jazz, punk and pop reminiscent of the sounds of Sublime (with less emphasis on the reggae elements), Bowling for Soup and Yellowcard. Tickets are $20 in advance and more information can be found on www.masq.com.
Goats makes weak debut despite all-star casting

Grant Heslov’s The Men Who Stare at Goats begins with a disclaimer that says, “More of this is true than you would believe,” and the incredibly unbelievable nature of the story might be the worst part of the movie. Bob Wilson, a journalist who is played by Ewan McGregor, is an average character in just about every conceivable way. Wilton’s search for a big story leads him to Lyn Cassady, a psychic spy who used to work for a top secret program and convinces the government that psychic abilities are real. However, Bridges’ character is basically the same exact character as his character in The Big Lebowski. Unfortunately, a few of the characters weren’t that interesting. For example, Kevin Spacey plays a villain who doesn’t seem like much of a villain at all because he never really does much. The problem is not the acting. Kevin Spacey does a great job with his character, and he manages to make the character more interesting than it would have been.

One of the glaring problems with the movie is that it claims to be a true story but throws in completely unbelievable things (like when Cloney kills a goat just by staring at it). The problem is that moviegoers want to believe everything in a movie that claims to be a true story. Goats just causes the viewer to alternate between belief and disbelief, which becomes pretty disorienting.

At the end of the movie, some viewers may find themselves scratching their heads, and others may be slightly annoyed with as a whole. The Men Who Stare at Goats is ultimately grounded in typical movie clichés and occasional funny moments, but the overall quality of the movie is seriously harmed by repeated artistic failures.

FILM

The Men Who Stare at Goats

GENRE: Comedy

STARRING: George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Jeff Bridges

DIRECTOR: Grant Heslov

RATING: R

RELEASED: Nov. 6, 2009

OUR TAKE: ★★★★☆

By Kenny Philips
Senior Staff Writer

George Clooney, who plays Lyn Cassady, is one of many in the new film The Men Who Stare at Goats.
Borderlands finds right mix of roleplay elements

Gearbox’s new release of the game Borderland for Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Microsoft Windows has proven to be a great in the shooter genre.

In order for a first-person shooter to convince players to keep coming back, there needs to be some element in which the game excels and sets itself apart. Gearbox and the Half-Life series have involving stories, great character design and engrossing environments.

The Call of Duty series triumphant in gameplay mechanics, team-oriented missions and sheer intensity. So what does Borderlands excel in to ensure it doesn’t get lost in the videogame crowd? Looting.

There is nothing that Borderlands encourages the player to do more than explore the expansive badlands and find awesome stuff. Sure, there are plenty of other things about Borderlands that make it a good title, but a lot of the enjoyment comes from going through and finding rare items and weapons.

The game allows players to loot and sell weapons. If you use certain types of weapons more than others, you will be more proficient with these weapons. It’s pretty basic stuff, and it works extremely well. Adding some complex system on top of a shooter could have bogged down the game, but here it has been kept simple enough to keep the focus on the action and the collecting.

The reason I’m putting so much emphasis on the looting/collecting aspect is because Gearbox has developed an artificial intelligence that randomly creates millions of different guns for the game. Though sometimes there are only slight variations between each one, it is still extremely impressive at how different most of the weapons look and play.

As the player, you’ll get a feel for which weapon style you like the most and end up selling the ones you don’t want or the ones that are very rare and worth a lot of money. The visual style of the game is great, taking what is expected from today’s graphical standards and infusing it with hand-drawn elements to give the game a comic book look. The result is somewhat cartoonish, but in a way that emphasizes the fun.

The music is appropriate depending on the situation. During the more intense action sequences, the music is loud and driving, while during the more low-key exploration bits, the music takes a backseat and becomes more atmospheric.

For those familiar with shooters, the controls will be very intuitive. Using almost the exact same button configuration as the Call of Duty series, it should not take long to have a good grasp on the controls.

There are only a couple of minor issues with Borderlands. Though still an absolute blast playing it solo, the quests can feel repetitive at times and would benefit from playing it cooperatively with friends.

Fortunately, there is an option to do just that. Whether it is over the internet or side-by-side playing it split screen, Borderlands is a game that is very enjoyable with company.

However, the vertical split screen takes a bit of getting used to when trying to navigate menus, as the menus themselves are bigger than the screens, requiring a little extra scrolling work to see what you are looking at.

Finally (and this is minor), the style of the main menu seems a little off the mark.

For a game that is completely steeped in action and style, the use of such a low-key and generic menu is a little disappointing. Fortunately, this doesn’t matter at all once the game gets going, but it’s just not the homeron of an opening gamers probably want.

For all of the treasure hunters out there, Borderlands is a great bet. Make sure to call up some friends to find a few close gaming buddies to play and loot with and it’s a no-brainer.

Borderlands provides fun, looting experiences to gamers and fans of the first-person shooter genre.

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West’s Devil reminiscent of ‘80s horror genre

Upon arrival at the house, the man who put out the flyers explains he has not been entirely honest. There is no kid to babysit, but the job is just as easy: 400 dollars for four hours. It’s just too good to pass up.

The thing about Ti West’s film that sets it apart from other horror films is how well it nails the time period. The House of the Devil takes place in the ‘80s, and he lets you know it. It has the big hair, the high-fitting jeans and cassette players, but it’s not just what he’s filming that makes it so ‘80s, it’s how he films it.

The opening credits will likely make most viewers doubt that this was filmed within the past year. The somewhat grainy footage and the choices West makes on the camera work will have you convincing yourself that this movie has been sitting on a shelf somewhere for a couple of decades.

The great thing about all of this is how well it suits the movie. The simplicity of the plot and direction give The House of the Devil that innocence that so many ‘80s movies seem to possess. And it’s important to note that it is not a parody; not once does West poke fun at the ‘80s style, but instead genuinely uses it to enhance the story. Unfortunately, though, the film does make some missteps. For one, this is not your thrill-a-minute movie. The House of the Devil is a slow builder, which works in some ways and fails in others. It works in creating tension and strengthening the connection between the viewer and the protagonist.

At the same time, it causes the film to drag, especially once Samantha is without anyone to interact with.

The film performs a miraculous feat of being a little interesting, a little scary and a little boring all at once. But I definitely give it more praise than criticism because I think it is an interesting choice by the director to do something so deliberate and plodding.

Furthermore, as though to apologize and say, “Thanks for sticking with me. Here’s a token of my appreciation,” West ratchets up the intensity and violence-really quickly for the film’s finale.

The dichotomy of the creepy but slow middle section of the film with the urgent and shocking ending makes for a satisfying experience.

The acting is solid throughout. Jocelin Donahue is great as Samantha, and Greta Gerwig is terrific as Samantha’s best friend Megan. Tom Noonan, however, steals the show as the creepy and awkward Mr. Ullman. His dialogue is delivered so perfectly that not once does West poke fun at the ‘80s style, but instead genuinely uses it to enhance the story.

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You can still check it out on Video on Demand, amazon.com, and Xbox Live.

If you’re not a fan of ‘80s suspense or horror this likely isn’t going to convert you, but it’s definitely recommended for those who miss those retro scares.

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Director Ti West releases new horror flick The House of the Devil.

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By Robert Zimmerman
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ACROSS
1. Declining
7. Leader, of sorts, in a race
12. Steiger and Serling
16. Potsdam pastry
17. Inner self, to Jung
18. Soul’s Franklin
21. Celebrity’s schedule, perhaps
23. Appraise
25. Hemispheric org.
26. Chemical compounds
27. In one’s dotage
28. O
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ceholders
30. Informed about
32. Low card
33. Burger King supplies
34. Feed the pigs
35. Pre-election project
36. Danson and Turner
37. Seawater
39. Eggs accompaniment, at times
40. CPA’s armload
42. /T_h rows in the towel
43. Honeydew, e.g.
44. Curt Field players
45. Requirement
46. Group of experts
47. When Hamlet sees a ghost
50. House-garage connector
53. Actress Thurman
56. Davis of “Beverly Hills”
57. Picture puzzle
58. Major or Minor
59. Something in the air
60. Celebrity
61. Raucous /f_i_fght
62. Pesky insects
63. Spanish river
64. Get a glimpse of
65. Suffex for salmon
66. Cut
67. Actor Dennehy
68. Tiny
69. Ticket, of sorts
71. Heathens
72. Bedtime distraction
75. Focus
76. Legends
77. Homeless pup
78. Eco friendly
80. Deep bows
83. Actor Romero
84. Boarding-house sign
85. Kissing disease?
86. Salamander
88. Pretentiously aesthetic
89. Red and Black
90. “Blest be the ties that -”
91. Ill-fated autoscript
92. Thermal lead-in
93. “Symphony of a Thousand” composer
95. Not vegetable or mineral?
98. - Lanka
99. Traveling
101. Light source with tall glass chimney
104. Ariatris Earhart
105. Dialect
106. Short-subject trio
107. Fender scar
108. Lowly workers
109. Scorched

DOWN
1. Corn Belt product
2. Brush
3. Sticker
4. Inactive
5. The latest
6. Sparkles
7. San Diego players
8. Nervous
9. Labor org. founded 1938
10. Ostrich cousins
11. Welsh, but not a rabbit
12. Narrow valley
13. Important exams
14. Editor’s command
15. R followers
16. Fly downward
17. “- - happy land!”
20. When clocks strike 12
22. Dweebs
24. Couch potato’s choice
28. Cloistered ones
31. Family wealth, perhaps
34. Merchant’s strategy
36. Head of France
37. Resorts-restaurant tables
38. Carlton partner
39. It’s big in London
41. Miss Rowlands
42. Line in Liverpool
43. Central American Indians
45. Rowan Atkinson TV role
46. Cut and -
47. 39th veep
48. Quit it!
49. Legendary burlesque queen
50. “King of Torts” lawyer
51. A Kennedy
52. Rain’s partner
54. “Bugs” in Chicago lore
55. Greek conflicts
57. Kind of race
59. Gary Cooper role: “- York”
61. Jovial
62. Actress Close
66. Footwear
67. /T_heda of the silents
70. High-school subj.
71. Venetian traveler
73. Foust’s Old Dog
74. Skiff propeller
75. Eurasia, for one
76. Objective
77. Herbal-tea ingredient
78. Kind of boom
79. Essence of a speech
80. Gathered like bees
81. Essence of a speech
82. Canary’s abode
83. Actor Romero
84. Fix leftovers
85. Half-notes, in music
87. Stumbles
88. Glossy fabric
90. Richthofen’s title
93. Slapper
94. Ill mannered
96. Pro’s opponent
97. Author Uris
100. Big dictionary: abbr.
102. Carnival mecca
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  - Relaxation is a distant dream.

- **Vacation:**
  - Relax.
  - Sleep.
  - Avoid existential crisis.
  - Don't worry about who you'll run into.

**Vacation by Wiley**

- **Non Sequitur**
  - No, dear, that's not what they mean...
  - You must sign this petition to demand report now!
  - We've found ball play ball!
  - They're the team captains to talk with one out to go...
  - And here comes the team captain to talk to the runner now!

**Crossword Solution from Page 21**

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EBBING   PACER   RODS
STRUDEL   ANIMA   ARETHA
WHIRLWIND   TOUR   VALUATE
OASTERS   SENILE   INS
ONTO   TREY   BUNS   SLOP
POLL   TEDS   BRINE   BACON
LEDGERS   QUILTS   MELON
METS   MUST   PANEL
ACTONE   BREEZE   WAY   UMA
GEENA   REBUS   URSAL   SMOG
NAME   MELEE   GNATS   Ebro
ESPY   ELLA   SLICE   BRIAN
WEE   RAINCHECK   PAGANS
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ENROUTE   HURRICANE   LAMP
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**Non Sequitur**

- At least it's something our insurance can't claim is a pre-existing condition...

- I suggest leaving your window down so you can get the full impact of your too-big-to-fail celebration.
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PLEASE IGNORE MY WINGS AND HALO. THEY ARE SIDE EFFECTS FROM MY PRESCRIPTION MEDS.

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A RECESSION ISN’T A COMPETITION. SAID THE LOSER.

YOUR AGE GROUP HAS DESTROYED THE HOPES OF MY ENTIRE GENERATION.

YOUR PARENTS WERE THE SO-CALLED GREATEST GENERATION. I WONDERS WHAT YOUR AGE GROUP WILL BE KNOWN AS.

I’LL BET IT INCLUDES THE WORD “BAD.”

PADY, WOULD YOU BE MAD IF I FLOODED THE BASEMENT TO MAKE AN INDOOR SWIMMING POOL?

AH, SO THEN YOU MUST BE Eternally Grateful That I Didn’t Do It!

Wait What?

GAAH! I FEEL A SUDDEN PANG OF CARING ABOUT THE QUALITY OF MY WORK!

GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG

DID YOU KILL IT?

I THINK SO, BUT I’D BETTER ROLL A DONUT IN FRONT OF THE CAVE.

WALLY, WHEN YOU DON’T GIVE 100%, IT’S UNFAIR TO YOUR CO-WORKERS WHO HAVE TO PICK UP THE BLACK.

ACTUALLY, I’M PRETTY SURE THEY LIKE HAVING LESS COMPETITION FOR RAISES.

THERE’S NO BUDGET FOR RAISES THIS YEAR.

YEAH, I WOULDN’T MENTION THAT TO THE OTHERS.
Basketball from page 28

would cruise. Shumpert hit three straight three-pointers to put Tech ahead 13-6, appeasing some concerns that the team lacked a reliable outside shooter.

“When you’ve got D’Andre Bell penetrating and Mfon penetrating, and then you’ve got Gani and Favors down there... as long as you’re slotting around there looking for a shot, you can get one off,” Shumpert said.

The Jackets expanded the lead to 19-11, but IUP fought back thanks to senior forward Akida McLain, who played two-plus seasons at Boston College before joining IUP. McLain scored seven straight points on a dunk, a jumper and a three-pointer to bring IUP to within one point.

The teams traded runs to close the half. Four Tech players scored as part of an 11-2 run, but IUP took 10 of the final 14 points in the half. Tech led 36-30 at the break.

Helped by three Jackets turnovers, the Crimson Hawks jumped out of the gate in the second half and scored eight unanswered points to take the lead. TECH stayed close, never allowing IUP to lead by more than three, and took a 54-52 lead on a three-pointer from sophomore guard Lance Storrs. The Jackets increased their lead but were unable to put away the Crimson Hawks, and with less than a minute left, the game was tied at 72.

Storrs three-pointer with three seconds left was off the mark. IUP had a chance to win, but McLain’s desperate three from midcourt fell just short, and the game went to overtime.

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Pitcher Lindsay Anderson, the defending High School Region 5-AAA Player of the Year, head-lines the softball team’s recruiting class. The Jackets also signed catcher Alysha Rudnik, shortstop Ashley Thomas, and utility player Hayley Downs.

Tech alums chosen in NBA D-League draft

Former Tech basketball players Alade Aminu and Lewis Clinic, both seniors last season, were taken in the NBA’s Developmental League draft on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Aminu was the Fort Wayne Mad Ants’ first-round pick at No. 10 overall. Clinic was chosen No. 38 overall by the Austin Toros.

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Gomez and Falconi were the tournament’s No. 2 seed and with the loss closed out the fall season with an 11-1 record. Falconi just came short of winning her second national title this year, as she won the Riviera/ITA All-American Championship on Oct. 11.

Gomez came back from an early deficit to knock off Virginia’s Michael Shabaz 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals on Saturday.

Before the match with Shabaz, Gomez had to overtake three other opponents to go farther in the 32-person tournament. In his first match of the tournament, Auburn’s Tim Puetz forced Gomez to a third set, but Gomez eventually prevailed 6-1, 6-3.

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Volleyball sweeps two more in second straight road set

By Nishant Prasadh  
Sports Editor

Tech volleyball closed out a strong four-game road trip with a pair of sweeps over the weekend. The Jackets took down Boston College 3-0 (25-20, 25-18, 25-19) on Friday night and topped Maryland 3-0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-18) on Saturday, improving to 18-7 over all and 12-3 in the ACC. In the process, Tech took the season series against each of the two teams, two matches to none.

The Jackets were locked in a back-and-forth battle against the Eagles in the first set of Friday’s match at Chestnut Hill, Mass. Neither team led by more than three as they fought to a 15-15 tie. B.C. pulled ahead on a blocking error by sophomore outside hitter Bailey Hunter, but Tech rebounded to take seven of the next eight points. Senior middle blocker had a kill and a service ace over that stretch as Tech took a 22-17 lead. The Eagles went on to take the set 25-19 and take the early lead in the match.

Tech had an easier time in set number two, building an early lead and cruising to a set victory. Three of Tech’s first six points came via Hunting kills, and the sophomore notched eight kills in the set as Tech took the set 25-18 and went ahead two sets to none.

In the final set, Tech took advantage of three consecutive B.C. attack errors and back-to-back Mead kills as part of a 6-0 run that put the Jackets ahead 8-4. Tech led by no fewer than three points for the rest of the match, and senior outside hitter DeMichelis picked up five kills in the set as the Jackets clinched the match with a 25-19 victory.

Hunter, who had a streak of 18 consecutive games with 10-plus kills earlier this season, led the Jackets with 13 kills. She also had two solo blocks and hit .440 on the day. DeMichelis had 10 kills and freshman rightside hitter Monica Mead had 12 kills and six digs. Sophomore outside hitter Alison Campbell had a team-high 12 digs and junior libero Jordan McCullers had nine, and junior setter Mary Ashley Tippins notched 40 assists.

The team as a whole hit .366 for the match while holding the Eagles to a .180 mark. Mead and Hunter had 11 and 10 kills, respectively, to lead the attack. Hunter hit .500 for the match, and Tech as a team hit .337 compared to Maryland’s .149.

Monica Mead spikes the ball during a game at O’Keefe Gym. Mead had 23 kills on the weekend as Tech improved to 18-7 on the season to date.
Frontcourt

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10 games into 2009, a look back on early-season questions

By Alex Mitchell
Contributing Writer

With their win against Wake Forest last Saturday, Tech’s football team can clinch a berth in the ACC Championship game with a win this Saturday against Duke. The Jackets have already won nine games this season, and are ranked No. 7 in the BCS standings.

Tech’s success this season has followed an offseason filled with questions and skepticism. After the Jackets completed a surprising 9-4 campaign in their first season under Head Coach Paul Johnson, skeptics wondered if the team would be able to continue that success in year two.

The first and most prominent question mark heading into the season was whether or not Johnson’s triple option-based offense would be successful in his second year on the Flats. Skeptics were concerned that with a year’s worth of film on the Jackets’ offense, opposing coaches would be able to prepare their teams for the reverses, pitches and other ways that Tech attacked defenses.

Early on, Tech’s performances did little to quell the concern. The offense had trouble producing substantial yardage in wins over Jacksonville State and Clemson, aside from a pair of long touchdown runs early in those games.

Against Miami, Tech failed to crack the 100-yard mark on the ground against a Hurricanes defense that allowed 472 rushing yards in last season’s meeting. The loss at Miami ignited concerns dating back to the Chick-Fil-A Bowl loss to LSU that teams with extra time to prepare could effectively shut down Tech’s offense.

Since then, though, the Jackets have emerged as one of the nation’s most potent offensive teams. The Jackets are second in the nation with 315 rushing yards per game. All those yards have equated to points, and Tech is first in the ACC in scoring with an average of 34.7 points per game.

Johnson has made adjustments to his system when needed, both between and during games. The result is that the Jackets have the best record in the ACC, and Johnson’s option attack continues to produce successful results.

Another major question regarding the 2009 season involved the potential of junior B-back Jonathan Dwyer. In 2008, Dwyer was the first sophomore to win the ACC Player of the Year Award. He led the conference in rushing with 1,395 yards and added 12 touchdowns.

Coming into this season, Dwyer was regarded as one of the nation’s top running backs and was mentioned as a potential Heisman Trophy candidate if he could build on his success. He received the ACC’s Preseason Player of the Year Award in recognition of the high expectations.

Dwyer’s first carry of the season seemed to be a good sign. Against Jacksonville State, he caught a pitch on Tech’s first offensive play and raced 74 yards for a touchdown.

After that big run, though, Dwyer’s production tapered off somewhat. The junior managed just 66 yards against Clemson, and the following week he picked up just seven yards on five carries against Miami and had to leave the game with a shoulder injury.

The injury proved to be minor, and since then Dwyer has rushed for over 100 yards in five of Tech’s last seven games. Notably, he broke his single game record with a 186-yard performance on the ground against Vanderbilt two weeks ago, then broke that record again with 189 yards against Wake Forest last week.

Perhaps the biggest questions for Tech, though, were on the other side of the ball. Last season, three seniors—end Michael Johnson and tackles Darryl Richard and Vance Walker—anchored Tech’s defensive line, but all three of those players graduated and have gone on to play in the NFL.

As a result, Tech has had to find replacements this season.

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The No. 7 Jackets hit the road again this weekend to take on the Duke Blue Devils in their final ACC game of the regular season. The Jackets will look to lock up their spot in the conference championship game in Tampa Bay, Fla. by defeating the unranked Blue Devils and remaining the only one-loss team in the ACC.

Last Saturday Tech narrowly defeated the Wake Forest Demon Deacons, 30-27 in overtime. Junior B-back Jonathan Dwyer once again reached a new personal best by rushing for 189 yards on 23 carries. The Jackets were offensively competitive for the whole of the game, but the defense struggled once again to contain Wake's effective passing game, reminiscent of the Clemson and Miami games in the first half of the season. However, when the pressure was on near the end of the game, the defense got a stop to prevent a game-winning field goal attempt in regulation and held Wake to a field goal in overtime. On Tech's ensuing drive in overtime, Head Coach Paul Johnson placed the ACC championship game on the line by going for the first down on fourth and inches, and the decision paid off.

This Saturday the Jackets will face another strong passing offense against the Blue Devils in Durham, N.C. Last year, the Jackets shut out the Devils in Bobby Dodd Stadium and controlled the clock with a time of possession of 38:46 and 454 total yards compared to Duke's meager 132. If Tech can put together another strong offensive showing and shut down Duke's top-15 passing attack, the odds will be in their favor. Home field advantage may not be an issue for the Jackets, as Tech is 4-1 on the road while Duke is only 2-2 at home.

If the Jackets can secure their final conference win, they will clinch the Coastal Division and secure a spot in the ACC Championship Game on Dec. 5.

The 5-4 Blue Devils host the Jackets this Saturday at Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham, N.C., coming off a disappointing loss to their rival North Carolina. The loss was No. 19 of Duke's last 20 games against the Tar Heels, who managed to end the Blue Devils' first three-game win streak since 1989.

Duke's victories in their recent streak against North Carolina State, Maryland and Virginia were delivered through the air by the team's main weapon, senior quarterback Thaddeus Lewis, and the team's young receivers. The team has been more successful this season under second-year Head Coach David Cutcliffe, who coached both Eli and Peyton Manning during their college careers and has helped Lewis become one of the ACC's top passers.

Duke struggled offensively this past weekend, though, failing to score a touchdown in a game for the first time this season. UNC held the Blue Devils to a season-low 125 yards of offense, while Duke was below their season average of 300 yards. UNC halted Duke's passing game, leaving the one-dimensional Blue Devils—who are No. 118 in rushing out of 120 teams in FBS, with 614 rushing yards all season and an average of 2.2 yards per carry—without a leg to stand on. UNC running back Ryan Houston's strong performance on the ground could be a bad omen for Duke against the No. 2 team in the nation in rushing yards per game. If the defense cannot stop Tech's spread option offense, it could spell trouble for the Blue Devils and lead to their third conference loss.

Duke will attempt to avoid a repeat of last season's loss to the Jackets by giving Lewis time to throw and exploiting the gaps in Tech's pass defense. A victory on Saturday would guarantee Duke at least a .500 finish, making them bowl eligible for the first time since 1995, and it would keep their hopes of a trip to the ACC Championship Game alive.

**PREDICTION:** Tech 30, Duke 17

By Zack Smith, Contributing Writer

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**November 15:** Mad Housers Build

Come volunteer your time to create a shelter with this group! 4PM, Peter’s Parking Deck. 
http://www.madhousers.org

**November 16:** Faces of Homelessness Panel

Attend this moving discussion panel with speakers from the Metro Atlanta Task Force for the Homeless Shelter.
6:30PM, Crescent Room of the Student Center

**November 17:** Hunger Banquet

6:30PM, Bill Moore Student Success Center

**November 19:** Mad Housers Site Visit

Visit a site with the Mad Housers group.
5:15PM, meet at the Flag Building.
Sign up at http://move.gatech.edu/HHweeksignups.php
If you need a ride!

This event brought to you by MOVE.
move.gatech.edu
Josh Nesbitt runs past a Wake Forest defender in Saturday's game against Wake Forest. Nesbitt had 54 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries in the game, and his two-yard QB sneak on fourth-and-one in overtime set up his game-winning touchdown run.

By Hahnming Lee
Business Manager

Tech beat Wake Forest in the Jackets’ first overtime game since the 2003 season, 30-27. The win gave Tech sole possession of first place in the ACC’s Coastal Division.

Head Coach Paul Johnson called upon, “Nesbitt said.

Tech’s returning stars performed well. Junior forward Gani Lawal had 18 points and led the team with nine rebounds.

The exhibition marked the first collegiate game action for four Tech freshmen. Forward Derrick Favors and guard Mfon Udofia both started and played more than 30 minutes a piece. Favorites had 15 points and led the team with nine rebounds and three blocks. Udofia struggled on the offensive end, hitting just three of 11 field goal attempts, but he had a solid performance as the team’s main ball handler and finished with six assists.

Forward Brian Oliver and guard Glen Rice Jr. also took the court in Tech uniforms for the first time. Each scored five points.

Tech’s rushing attack performed well. Junior forward Gani Lawal had 18 points on 8-of-11 shooting and added eight rebounds, including four on the offensive end. Redshirt senior wing D’Andre Bell, playing his first game since the end of the 2007-08 season, had 10 points and nine assists.

Early on, it appeared that the Jackets

Men’s Basketball
tops Indiana of Pa. in OT
By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

Tech’s men’s basketball team faced a surprising challenge from Division II school Indiana of Pa. in Sunday’s exhibition game, but the Jackets held off the visiting Crimson Hawks and secured an 84-76 overtime victory at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

“It was a strange game... I was expecting us to play better than we did last week, and we didn’t,” said Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

Hewitt tried to get as many players involved as possible due to the nature of the contest. Still, IUP stayed close throughout and Hewitt ended up leaning on his starters for much of the game. The lone exception was sophomore guard Iman Shumpert, who was nursing a minor hamstring injury and was set to play no more than ten minutes.

“It was just a safety precaution. I felt good. My [injury] wasn’t as bad as I thought it would be,” Shumpert said.

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