Students to rally against budget cuts

By Matt Schrichte  Staff Writer

Students from universities across the state of Georgia will march to and rally at the state capitol on Monday, March 15. The rally is being organized primarily by SGA Presidents from Tech and UGA in order to combat a proposed additional $385 million cut from the state’s higher education system budget.

Estimates by University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Erroll Davis suggest that it would take a 77% tuition increase to meet the budget cut. According to these projected increases, tuition costs alone at research universities like Tech could rise to over $10,000 a year. After the initial budget cuts were projected, SGA presidents from around the state began conversing about how to best address the additional USG budget reductions.

“The idea of a rally was born through the need to put a student face on the issue of cutting the state allocation to the University System,” Undergraduate SGA President Alina Staskevicius said. “All too often, I think that some tend to forget exactly who these budget cuts affect directly, and who would have to pay the increased tuition.”

The stated plan is to first march to the Capitol from nearby Hurt Park at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 15. After the march, a press conference is scheduled for 10 a.m. on the Capitol’s steps.

“My hope is that the rally gets students talking to legislators, and that it puts a student face on this story of cutting money going to higher education in the state of Georgia,” Staskevicius said. “We are the future of the state — and funding our education and preserving the quality of our degrees should be a priority for the legislature.”

The third part of the initial plan was for the rally’s organizers and participants to meet with legislators and their subcommittees starting at 11 a.m. on March 15.

By Zimu Yang  Staff Writer

As a part of Women’s Awareness Month (WAM), Tech hosted a candle light vigil for victims and survivors of sexual assault called Take Back the Night (TBTN) at the Campanile. The event was held on March 9, and featured speakers from Tech, Georgia State and alumni. They highlighted their personal experiences with sexual assault, both as survivors and secondary survivors.

“We want to spread the word that sexual assault in the community could happen to anyone whether they are male or female,” said Kelli Hunter, a third-year BReX and executive co-chair of WAM.

“I think what stood out the most to me from TBTN were the personal stories that seemed to give very shocking details of their experiences being assaulted,” said Albert Leung, third-year MGT major. “I was at last year’s TBTN... so I thought I wouldn’t be as shocked as I was last year, but I still hit me the same way.”

This year marks the 16th anniversary of the event, which seeks to honor survivors and victims of sexual assault and to inform students on its presence on college campuses across the nation.

“Before I was sexually assaulted I didn’t understand it was so common. I just hope that people understood the rate of assault and the effect it has on people,” said Liz Tans, a third-year ME student.

The event presented information about the effects and prevalence of sexual assault in the US, particularly among college students. One in six women and one in 33 men are sexually assaulted every two minutes.

“To me there’s such a stigma around sexual assault which only feeds the fact that it is labeled a crime of silence. When someone says the word rape it is common in hushed whispers and quiet tones. My goal is for this to change. My goal is for women and men who are victims of assault to speak and the only response students [at the game]. But... we don’t know what to compare it to,” Williams said.

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Students and community members congregate at the Campanile on Tuesday night at a candle light vigil for WAM’s “Take Back the Night.” Audience members listened to and reflected on speeches and poetry from survivors of sexual assault.

Bystander killed in accident

Staff Writer

Auburn University’s student driver killed a 77-year-old pedestrian in a hit-and-run accident early Tuesday morning.

“Both Auburn University and the Auburn College of Engineering, where the student driver is a student, are deeply saddened by the accident,” Auburn University’s spokesperson said. “The student driver was immediately suspended from school and the College of Engineering is currently conducting an investigation into the accident.”

The identity of the victim was not released.

By Kamma Bohra  Contributing Writer

SGA recently launched a BuzzCard pilot program at the Tech vs. UNC basketball game to test the effect on concessions sales with the added option of BuzzCard payments. After evaluating statistics from Auburn University’s student card program that showed a 50 percent increase in sales with the implementation of the card system, SGA decided to expand BuzzCard access at Tech’s sporting events as well.

“You use BuzzCard to get into the stadium and to get your tickets. Why not use it for concessions?” said Jimmy Williams, third-year BME major and vice president of campus affairs.

“The ultimate goal with the pilot program would be to take it into the football stadium. Several of our peer institutions have had fantastic success integrating student cards and football concessions, both financially and in terms of student satisfaction,” said Kaitlyn Whiteside, second-year HTS major and committee chair of campus services.

The revenues in merchandise purchased with BuzzCards at the basketball game totaled to approximately $700.

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From the files of the GTPD...

**Campus Crime**

**Police**

**Home phone sex?**

A student’s father contacted GTPD after receiving a phone call from his daughter’s cell phone from a group of fraternity members on Feb. 27. The fraternity brothers proceeded to describe sexual acts that they had engaged in with his daughter. He believed it to be a prank until one of the brothers mentioned his daughter’s name. Upon contacting his daughter, the father learned that she had attended a party at that fraternity with three friends earlier that night and had lost her phone. The father realized there was no exact criminal office, but has reported the incident to the Dean of Students office.

**Wasted at Ted’s**

A GTPD officer pulled over a Jeep Grand Cherokee on Tenth St. after observing the car turning on a red light. After approaching the driver, the officer found that he smelled of alcohol. When asked if he had anything to drink, the driver replied “a couple beers early at Ted’s Montana Grill.” The driver was then put through a number of sobriety tests, which he failed. The officer then sent him to Fulton County Jail and the car to a friend of the driver’s house.

**Be a Man**

GTPD officers were called to North Avenue Apartments after reports that a male was injured in a fight. The student was covered in blood, but refused any treatment, stating that he would “handle the situation like a man” and refused to state anything further. Another witness stated that the first student had threatened to kill the witnesses. The first student was later arrested.

**POLL OF THE WEEK**

How do you feel about the budget cuts?

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"JihadJane" arrested for suspected terror plot
Colleen LaRose, a woman from the town of Pennsburg, Pennsylvania was indicted by federal authorities on March 9, 2010 for allegedly trying to return to Iran to join the organization. LaRose, aka Jihad Jane, has been accused of raising funds to support Islamic terrorists. She has been charged with providing material support to terrorists, conspiring to commit murder outside the United States and providing material support to terrorists, among other counts.

Biden-Israel diplomatic row over settlements
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Breaking the Bubble
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Renewable Energy
A student representative reacts to a proposed bill presentation at this week’s UHR meeting.

This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Mar. 8, 2010.

Greek Neighborhood Recycling
The Greek Neighborhood Association (GNA) submitted a bill to SGA requesting funding to expand recycling centers in five zones of the Greek sector, including 36 Greek chapters and five interfaith organizations, encompassing an area inhabited by over 4,000 students. The organization proposed the placement of 3-yr dumpsters for recycling in each of the five zones and trash cans at each organization. GNA requested $3,099.25 and was passed in UHR 38:1:1 and GSS 16:5:0. JFC Stipend Policy
Representatives considered a bill to amend the Joint Finance Committee’s stipend policy to fund student positions in Tier II organizations. The bill set maximum stipend caps as percentage of tuition for various positions, including those of SGA Presidents, IFC positions, and Student Publications. A debate ensued as to whether certain positions deserved to receive stipends, and whether those positions deserved to receive stipends as high as that. Several representatives took issue with the fact that IFC positions received stipends, because the money used to fund IFC would come from the entire student body. Others argued that this bill was merely a roadmap for the budget meeting. Individual stipends should be discussed then. The bill was amended only to reflect slight changes in wording and passed GSS 18:4:1 and UHR 33:4:3. Undergraduate Research Fair
Tau Beta Pi requested funding from SGA to host an Undergraduate Research Fair for students actively seeking undergraduate assistantships. The organization requested funding to publicize the event, totaling $360.50. The bill passed UHR 41:0:0 and was postponed by GSS for one week.

According to the bill, 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.

Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) and the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), convene to

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Tech hosts second health logistics conference

The Center for Health and Humanitarian Logistics (CHHL) held a conference on Health and Humanitarian Logistics on March 4 and 5. The main objective of the conference was to articulate the opportunities and challenges in humanitarian response and discuss the possibilities in health logistics research. The conference had 175 participants from all over the world. Representatives were present from various NGOs, governmental organizations, industry, academia, foundations and the military.

“We hope that the conference will initiate some collaboration between these organizations and possibly lead to synergies,” said Dr. Pinar Keskinocak, co-director and ISyE associate professor.

In addition to these panels there were two keynote presentations poster presentations, and lunch discussions.

“We had these four panels and we had five speakers in each panel. Each speaker represented a different type of organization such as academia, non-governmental organization, government organization, military, industries and foundations or some combination,” Keskinocak said.

Organizers hope to turn it into an annual event. They also plan that there was little if any measurement.

A member of the military reads one of the 45 posters present at last weekend’s second annual Health and Humanitarian Logistics Conference. The event took place at the Georgia Tech hotel.

BuzzCard from page 1

Association to eventually foot the bill using revenues from its partnership with Sodexo, Tech’s food service provider.

“The biggest obstacle right now is funding. The program is going to take an initial investment in BuzzCard readers to really get off the ground. Donald Smith in the BuzzCard Office was kind enough to loan us handheld scanners for the basketball trial, but that won’t be an option for the permanent program,” Whiteside said.

However, it is common consensus that the statistics are too preliminary to make any final investment decisions.

“The pilot project indicated that there was little if any measurable interest in using the BuzzCard at our concessions,” said Whiteside. “We believe that this program will also increase revenue for the Athletic Association and Sodexo as Vanderbilt and Auburn saw enormous increases in overall student purchasing after their respective programs were put into place,” Whiteside said.

In the future, Tech looks to expand BuzzCard use as a debit card around Atlanta, initially focusing on the immediate vicinity. Potential locations for BuzzCard use include Moe’s and the MAR-TEL, but the limitation is that the BuzzCard system is run by the institution, not an outside organization.

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Wednesday, March 16 @ 7PM

“Student Center Theater”

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Power in numbers
Protest an opportunity for students to be heard

With the student protest against the cuts to the University System of Ga. (USG) set for Monday morning, students need to understand the importance of this event. With students coming from across the state show their displeasure with the ongoing budget situation, Tech must be well represented at this event, and this goal can only be achieved through a whole-hearted effort by the student body. Tech is a flagship institute of the USG, and our students have an opportunity to reinforce and strengthen this status in the minds of our fellow students.

This march will only be effective if people and the media are forced to acknowledge it, and such acknowledgment will only come from the power of the masses. Every student that marches makes the voice of the student population as a mass. Every student that marches makes will only come from the power of the minds of our fellow students.

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OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION
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YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Prioritizing key to making effective cuts

I have seen with a huge disappointment the budget proposals that are on the table for next year. Looking at how some Ga. lawmakers shamble through higher education is simply disheartening and very disheartening when you think twice about whether you realize that they are about to sacrilege what will be the future leaders of the state and of the nation.

What strikes me most are the regular “doomsday” letters we get from our President telling us all about the bad news and psychologically preparing us for some catastrophic tuition raises. Still, it is much better than what we got two years ago when we were advised two weeks before the end of the Fall semester of some new academic fees.

But our administration is not doing its best to protect us, our parents or the labs that do pay our tuitions. From what I heard, the budget proposals ask for some substantial tuition increases as well as some drastic increases in fees. Some of you may not care but think twice about it: in the end, it will be you, your parents or your advisor that will have to pay several thousand dollars more per year. Isn’t there anything else we can do to limit this impact?

In hard times such as the one we are experiencing right now, I am surprised by the number of tuition fees that pop up in our Tech bill every semester. Athletic fees, activity fees, transportation fees… Do we really need all that? Do they actually deliver something that is useful? Is everything on our bill really worth it?

I am convinced that we need to scale back on some of the services we have. The impact of the crisis shall not impact only our families and our advisors. We need to scale back on the service expectation we have as well as on our own quality of life. Are you willing to substantially increase your debt to have the CRC open until midnight every night? Are you willing to substantially impact your parents’ budget to have the Library open 24/7?

But the main issue I see is prioritization. There will be little revenue in the coming years so we need to prioritize our spending as is done in every other business. Everyday when I go to Tech I continue to see relentless construction all over the campus. Do we really need all that right now? Cannot we postpone some of that for better days?

Of course many in the administration think it is good to invest in the future of Tech. Maybe, but with what funding? The money that comes from our empty pockets? When everything goes well it might be worth it. But when we are spending millions a day to build the CULC and at the same time the State asks Tech to limit enrollment of new freshmen. So do we need this building right now?

In addition, we are spending tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars bringing down what used to be the North Avenue Graduate Apartments. Do we really have to do that right now? Can’t we save money on that? I am against this wait for better times.

So my questions are: Is the administration really aware of the hardship we will endure and is it doing its best to alleviate the budget crisis impact on us, students, professors and staff? Is it necessary to fork several million a day to build buildings that are supposed to accommodate future students that may never come if Tech caps enrollment? Can’t we live with what we have now until the situation recover?

Alex Seyv
Grad-Student AE

Education has a price

I read your article in the Technique on student debt (“Student debt will hinder future growth,” printed March 5) and am curious to know who actually should pay for your education. Tech has got to be one of the best values in the nation. If tuition went from $3400 to $4000 in-state how could anyone possibly complain? I have managed to keep my student loans low because 1) Tech is inherently cheap and 2) I have worked part-time within my field of study all during school.

This economy hits everyone and it will inevitably hit students. But students have the benefit of extra low interest rates, generally low responsibilities, and plenty of time to pay things off. If every facet of government and society are expected to take a hit, students need to be in that line as well. I bet you could have gone to a local college on a full scholarship for free. But you chose to come to Tech because you wanted to invest in yourself. That was your decision with knowledge of all the costs. Students can and should take advantage of any monetary opportunity that comes their way but ultimately they need to be the ones responsible for the costs of their own education.

Paul Knight
Grad-Student ARCH
Rash new budget cuts more than money

As the budget woes only seem to be growing because of decreased state revenue, legislators are frantically looking to cut “fat” and balance the budget. In the scare that rippled through college campuses across the state, it was proposed by the legislature that the USG might have to cut their budget by approximately $385 million, which is no small feat for schools already hurting from the recent cuts. On Feb. 25, the school’s presidents were ordered to complete an outline of proposed budget cuts within 48 hours; and Tech was asked to find $58 million worth of positions that have already been reduced by $54.2 million.

It was recently suggested by members of the Ga. legislature that the cuts will be much less severe than initially anticipated and that they will be able to save some of the items that they had planned to cut, although the cuts go far enough to eliminate anyone that read the document outlining where each school on the USG would cut their budget knows that there would be some very significant and drastic changes to the operation of Tech if the legislator followed through with the initial state budget cuts. Although Tech officials tried to best mitigate the cuts to $25 million, it is certain that the impact would not significantly affect the quality of Tech students’ education, they were forced to make decisions that could hinder the growth of Tech and the development of its students.

It is uncertain that university presidents were forced to make important decisions in such a short amount of time. Forty-eight hours is not enough time for the university to find inefficiencies within the budget and cut things that might not affect students’ educations. Within that time frame of two days it is only possible to make quick decisions that could be harmful to the education system as a whole. I applaud the Office of the President for suggesting cuts to the Tech budget in areas like landscaping; unfortunately, there is only so much they can cut from those areas, and they had to propose cuts to vital areas like research assistants and library hours.

It is tragic that a whole university system, and in particular a school like Tech, has the potential to reverse the growth they have accomplished. It is also a difficult process because we know the immediate results of the budget cuts but we cannot easily quantify the long-term results. Lawmakers should be more cautious when handling the budget because the results of this decrease in funding for the last year could have a much longer effect than intended if the cuts are not strategically reviewed. If they are not implemented judiciously, the ramifications of the budget crisis could be felt in higher education long after the recession.

As students, it is important that we let lawmakers know how we feel about the potential budget cuts and ensure that our education remains untouched. There is no reason why Ga. students should not be able to receive a decent education that is relatively inexpensive without having to worry about the quality of that education reeding because of fluctuations in the state budget.

If you feel that cuts to the budget are encouraging you to take your rights as a student of the USG and as a Tech student, urge you to contact your representative to let them know your opinion. There will also be a state-wide rally for students against the budget cuts at the capitol on Monday, March 15 if you are demonstrating your disgust with the proposed budget cuts.

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Yes, Tech students may find their own comfort in the face of high stress levels, whether it is a relaxing post run like baking or a more on-edge one like riding a motorcycle. However, how humorous our own misery. It’s simply our business. If you feel that cuts to the budget are encouraging you to take your rights as a student of the USG and as a Tech student, then please urge you to contact your representative to let them know your opinion. There will also be a state-wide rally for students against the budget cuts at the capitol on Monday, March 15 if you are demonstrating your disgust with the proposed budget cuts.
Students must unite to ensure an equitable solution to budget crisis

This past Monday, Governor Perdue announced that the net revenue collections for the month of Feb. 2010 totaled $567,251 million, which is a 9.5 percent decrease, or $62,197 million, from the previous year. The University System of Georgia (USG) has seen $361 million in budget cuts between the FY11 recommendations and the FY09 original budget. None of us can deny that Ga. is in a recession and facing challenging times.

On Feb. 27, Tech proposed the absolute worst case measures that would have to be taken to accommodate an additional $38 million cut from the current budget to share in the $360 million cut that the state legislature was seeking to impose upon the USG. The state legislature had set forth strict constraints, such as assuming that there would be no tuition increases and no additional formula funding. To see the full USG proposal set forth before the State Legislature, you can visit www.usg.edu/fiscal_affairs.

The most frequently asked question is what does this mean for graduate students? It is difficult to predict the final outcome, but likely it will be a measured approach. The most likely scenario would be that all undergraduate students pay the same amount of tuition for the first four years, in order to motivate them to graduate within that time. Last year the BOR decided to do away with Fixed For Four, but the university system already had insufficient funds. Therefore, instead of increasing tuition, the BOR added the “Academic Excellence Fee”. Although graduate students were never eligible for the Fixed for Four plans, we have had to suffer through weeks, and I can only hope that we as students are not sitting idly by as observers, but stand united to ensure the preservation of our education and the integrity of our degrees. At 10 a.m. there will be a press conference at the Capitol, after which your elected SGA members will attend meetings with our state representatives. These representatives will express our concerns that between the Governor’s FY11 recommendation and the FY09 original budget, the USG has seen $361 million in budget cuts. We recognize that the USG is highly likely to see additional budget cuts due to the tax revenue shortfall; however, those cuts should be proportional to the amount allocated from the state budget to the USG in FY10.

Also, sign the online petition found at www.sga.gatech.edu, and write to your senators and representatives and share with them your concerns.

In closing, it is vitally important that we as Tech students come together on this issue in a peaceful and respectful manner, so that we will be taken seriously. I do not envy the decisions that the BOR have to make in the upcoming weeks, and I can only hope that they will take a measured approach and listen to our concerns.

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If you’ve strayed anywhere near the College of Computing this week, odds are, things have looked a bit more purple than usual. All week, Yahoo! and the Tech chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) have been holding their annual Hack Week, an extension of Yahoo!’s annual University Hack Day programing contest.

The week’s main attraction, the 24-hour programing contest, begins Friday, March 12. Participants—either individuals or teams—get together to see who can throw together the best applied or “hack”—before the contest ends midday Saturday.

The reasons behind the week are a mixture of industry interests and professional education. Students get a chance to learn about a number of different web technologies from industry experts from Yahoo! and Yahoo! gets the chance to work with young programmers and possibly recruit. Students also get a chance to learn about how professional software development works in the real world and, specifically, what work at Yahoo! is like.

The event kicked off Thursday, March 4 with a “Intro to Hack” event, where potential participants could learn more about how the event works.

Hack Week itself began with a kick-off event on Tuesday, March 9. Engineers from Yahoo!—armed with purple wizard hats and video-game-themed t-shirts—came and explained how the competition worked and showed off past winners’ hacks.

Last year’s winner—Roger Pincombe, fourth-year CS—showed off his hack, a program called DillPrice. In a nutshell, the idea behind Pincombe’s program is that users can find a product in a store, call a phone number, dial the products UPC code, and be told the prices of the same product at nearby stores and on popular online vendors. This way, they can see whether they’re getting a good deal at their current location or if they can get it much cheaper off the web.

Hacks run the gamut of every kind of ap.

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By Andrew Nelson
Staff Writer

When passionate Tech students aren’t spending their 72-hour days on studying, they are dedicating 72-hour days to a noble cause.

Jesse Clark, an MCRP grad student, and several others from student organizations have spent the last month organizing the GT Jam for Haiti: a benefit concert to relief for Haiti.

The concert will host four prominent local bands, several comedians from the Laughing Skull Lounge and improv performances from Dad’s Garage. The event starts Saturday, March 13, at 6 p.m. on the side of the Burger Bowl. Ticket prices are $12 in advance or $16 at the door.

Clark expects for the turn-out to be in the thousands, with all proceeds donated to CARE relief agency and the Fuller Center for Housing—major Atlanta-area nonprofits involved in relief and rebuilding in Haiti.

"A concert seemed like a great idea; everybody loves music, and it’s something to bring everyone together versus just asking people for a donation or a hatchout," Clark said.

The concert will start with an introduction by the Atlanta Haiti Alliance, followed by alternating stand-up routines by Laughing Skull Lounge comedians and local bands—Do It To Julia (folk-rock), Heavy Mojo (hip-hop and rock), Teddy and the Bears (alternative rock) and Third Creek (hip-hop, rock and R&B). Finally, the improv comedy troupe from Dad’s Garage will perform.

"The Laughing Skull Lounge wanted to get involved because we believe in community involvement, this is our way of giving back," Trey Toler, a comedian with the Laughing Skull Lounge, said. "Personally, I find the organization of the concert inspiring because it was initiated by students who saw an opportunity and embraced it all in the name of giving back—that’s pretty stellar!"

The Student Planning Association and Clark took the idea of a Haiti relief concert to Institute President G.P. “Bud” Peterson, who approved; however, organizing a large concert required the cooperation of the compartmentalized Tech administration.

“We thought that after we got the president’s permission to have the concert it’d be easy, but the most challenging part was bringing all the compartments together for one event. We hosted a block party at the campanile. There was also a flash mob—an event where a group of people meet, perform an unusual act in unison, and then disperse again—on Thursday in the Student Center.

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Kate Comstock

Students were invited this week to remember why love Tech and take part in the school spirit in Tech students.

The idea for the themed week came about because SGA wanted to find a way to beat the exhaustion that students sometimes feel before spring break.

"Every spring everyone gets down because there’s much going on and fall is fun because of football so we just wanted to remind people why we’re proud to be Yellow Jackers,” said Corey Boone, SGA vice president of communications and third-year MGT.

SGA gave away T-shirts and stickers all week with the logo “I <3 GT Week” on them. Approximately 6,000 T-shirts and 10,000 stickers were given away to students in various locations on campus.

The events kicked off on Monday with breakfast with the Wreck, a breakfast event that gave away Krispy Kreme donuts from the Ramblin’ Wreck to students walking to class.

On Tuesday there was an all day exhibit in the library that allowed students to have a look at historical Tech artifacts like R.A.T. caps. There was also an opportunity for students to participate in the Take a Professor to lunch event on Tuesday.

Thursday also featured another breakfast event where Chick-fil-A biscuits were given to students by the Chick-fil-A cow from the back of the Wreck.

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DoPP Executive Director retires

By Malvika Kapoor
Contributing Writer

Tech’s Division of Professional Practice (DoPP) is one of the oldest and largest programs on campus, involving around 4,000 Georgia Tech students. DoPP’s long-time Executive Director Tom Akins has been a leading figure in the department’s progress. Akins, a former graduate of the Industrial Engineering department and Tech’s Co-op Program, has been a long-time figure on campus.

In 1976, Akins returned to Tech as the Assistant Director of the Cooperative Division. In the position, he oversaw the admissions into the Co-op Program, orientations of all new students and student advisement within the division.

A year later, he garnered a Masters in Business Administration from Georgia State University. “I wanted to go to back into industry, that was the plan,” says Akins, referring to his choice for coming back to take the Assistant Director position, “but I was having so much fun. And I continued to have fun,” said Akins.

In 1990, Akins was named the Director of the Cooperative Division. Then, in 2002, he became the Executive Director of the Division of Professional Practice, under which title he oversees all co-ops and undergraduate internships.

“When I became the Director of the Cooperative Division, there were only one or two computers,” said Akins when asked about the initial goals he had for the Co-op program. “The primary thing I wanted to do was to make the department more effective, bring technology more into our work place to help improve some of the process and procedures.”

There are four divisions of the Division of Professional Practice. The Undergraduate Cooperative Education Program, the oldest of the four sectors of the DoPP, has existed for over 90 years and is the largest optional cooperative education program in the nation.

The Undergraduate Professional Internship Program, another sector of the DoPP, allows students to gain work experience if they cannot or choose not to obtain a co-op. The last two sectors are the Graduate Cooperative Program and the Work Abroad Program.

The DoPP, according to Akins, has two major benefits for students. First, it allows them to figure out what they want to do but, more essentially, what they don’t want to do. Akins himself, co-opted as an undergraduate student at Tech. He worked for a grocery store chain, as an intern in the Inventory Department.

“I knew I didn’t want to do that when I graduated, even though I was good at it” he says. The second most valuable thing to gain from the co-op program is experience. Doing a co-op and actually getting the hands-on experience “teaches skills that can’t be taught in a classroom,” said Akins.

Along with his involvement within DoPP, Akins has also been very involved on the Tech campus. He has been elected to multiple terms to the Institute’s Faculty Assembly, Academic Senate, and Executive Board, and has also served on search and standing committees.

Akins has also been involved nationally and internationally in Cooperative Education. He has been involved in the Cooperative Education Division (CED) of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), where he has served two years as Secretary-Treasurer, a one-year term as Chair-Elect and one term as Chairman.

In 1998, he received the Boardman Award from CED for his contribution to the Cooperative Education Field. He is the current president of the Accreditation Council for Cooperative Education Internationally, he holds a membership to World Association for Co-operative Education (WACE), among others.

Akins is retiring in March after 34 years with the department but will not be leaving the DoPP entirely. He plans to work on the centennial celebration for the Cooperative Program. Later goals include a Co-op Alumni Hall of Fame that recognizes the work of some Alumni and their contribution to Tech and also a commemorative book detailing the history of the Cooperative Program at Tech.

“I would like to see [the DoPP] become the umbrella organization for all experiential learning. The students at Georgia Tech should receive the best education,” said Atkins.

To all the student body, for which he has been working for during the last 34 years, Akin’s parting message is, “make the most of your education at Georgia Tech. It has so much to offer. Make the most of every opportunity. And don’t forget to give back. To Hell With Georgia.”

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Alum Tom Atkins retires this week, he has been with the DoPP since 1976 and has been a significant presence in the program.
Honors class replicates Thoreau timber-frame house

By Rebecca Tattersfield
Contributing Writer

A Tech Honors Program class, self-named the Thoreau Housing Collective, assembled a timber frame replica of the cabin Henry David Thoreau lived in and described in his book *Walden*. The class objective was to build the cabin as Thoreau would his, with a borrowed axe and a lot of self-reliance.

Hugh Crawford, professor of the class and CEO of the Thoreau Housing Collective, said, “I had to turn it into something like problem-based learning. I walked in the first day of class and I said, by the end of this class you will have timber framed a house with 19th-century tools, you will have made a documentary film and we will have learned a whole bunch of stuff along the way that you will present in lots of different venues but, I wasn’t quite sure what the stuff that we were going to learn was.”

The initial difficulties included the lack of instructions provided. Thoreau left little detailed explanation of the building of his cabin out of his otherwise descriptive work. The class had to seek out the knowledge of felling trees and squaring timber in a completely authentic, 19th century style.

“I think it was intended to get out what you put in,” Victor Lesniewski, third-year BME said, and building the house was only a part of the class and the experience. “It’s layered; it’s dense,” Lesniewski said about the grand theme of the class.

“On the surface you want to find out what type of experience Thoreau had building this…on the other side we were trying to make the case for embodied knowledge rather than representational knowledge,” said Lesniewski.

On his practical path to this embodied knowledge, Lesniewski had an accident with an adze that resulted in a trip to the hospital. “It’s a sharp blade attached to a handle. You swing it between your legs so it self-regulates to a flat plane so essentially you’re shaving off pieces of the wood and squaring it to that flat plane. I thought that I was getting the feel of the adze a bit more…and on a follow through I barely tapped my leg. I keep on going, adze-ing away, and I realize that there’s a pool of blood around my ankle,” Lesniewski said.

Four stitches later he was back to squaring the planks.

The timber frame took around five months to complete. The class has 12 students, but by the time of the raising of the frame, over 30 people had joined in with the project.

Now that the frame is up, Crawford said that he wanted to pursue the communication part of the initial class objective. “This [was] a course about making things public. Everything that we did we are going to find a way to talk about it,” Crawford said.

The class has already presented the project in various venues, including the library, the Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts (SLSA) convention, and the Octane coffee shop.

“This was a course where I didn’t stand up and lecture about much of anything. We spent most of our time figuring out what we needed to know,” said Professor Crawford.

Nobody in the class had any extensive knowledge of carpentry or construction. “The learning curve was tremendous,” said Lesniewski.

Only Professor Crawford had experience with this type of project. Two years ago, he started the Mad Houser project in which he and his English Composition class constructed homeless housing in front of the architecture building.

The future of the Thoreau house is at this point uncertain. Professor Crawford has plans to perhaps place the house in Fernbank Forest where it can be used as a learning experience for anybody interested in the project.

The Tech Honors program is an undergraduate program that aims to bring together students and faculty to create a more intense and creative learning experience for those involved.

Professor Crawford, on the subject of honors classes said, “with honors classes, I always feel you can push them in a slight way because they’re volunteering.”
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The route of data visualization (like a site that allowed users to sort through a database of politician’s speeches by a hot-button issue), to techie politics (a search engine that pointed out poor web design by only showing websites that pass a gauntlet of tests), to games (a Google Earth/Pacman mashup), to just plain new ideas (a hack that lets you see where other visitors to a website spend the most time reading a page).

Above all, the event’s presenters stress that it’s not the complexity or technical correctness that make a great hack, so much as it is having a great idea to back it up.

A statement on the Hack U website developer.yahoo.com/hacku, said, “Be offbeat. Show your style. Let your freak flag fly, if you’ve got one. Most of all, engage your audience with your sense of humor and the clear perception that you are thrilled to be up there showing your stuff.”

Prizes go to the top three hacks at each university, and each local winner moves on to another round. This year, first prize for the local rounds is a netbook for each team member for up to four members. Second and third prize are, respectively, high-end head-phones and gift certificates to Think Geek, a web vendor known for its wide selection of geeky swag.

The programming contest will kick off at 1 p.m. Friday and last until 1 p.m. Saturday. Though they are allowed to plan as much as possible, participants are forbidden from writing code for their project until the event begins. Yahoo! engineers will be available throughout the contest to provide assistance with writing and debugging the hacks.

Other smaller events leading to the coding contest were spread throughout the week, mostly accompanied by a storm of giveaways, free t-shirts and free food.

Wednesday, the main event was a lunch discussion of open source development. Open source software—software that allows users to build upon it without having to fret over copyrights and patents—is a popular topic in computing and students got to see how some web tools are making open-source development possible.

Afterwords, Yahoo! and the ACM hosted several informal tech talks on how to use a half-dozen different web technologies. The day ended with a talk on Javascript by Doug las Crockford, the inventor of JSON.

Thursday had more tech talks, keynoted by a talk on Hadoop (a system that allows users to maintain large distributed applications) and another by a talk on design.

On campus, the ACM hosts events that often reach outside of the College of Computing. The organization is broken into a collection of special interest groups, or SIGs, and Tech’s largest annual LAN party, GT Gamefest, is hosted by the ACM’s SIG GAME.

The ACM is also responsible for bringing a collection of big names to campus every year, including tech talks by companies like Microsoft, Google and Amazon, as well as individuals like Bjarne Stroustrup, the inventor of C++.

Students interested in participating in future Hack Days can learn about the event at developer.yahoo.com/hacku. Students interested in the ACM can learn more about the Tech branch at gtacm.org or more about the international organization at acm.org.
Burton's Alice spins in new direction

By Patricia Uceda
Contributing Writer

Tim Burton's take on Alice in Wonderland has an eerie, gothic vibe, in keeping with his unique film style. It succeeds in being visually engaging, with its garish characters and stunning visual effects. However, much like James Cameron's Avatar, its plot falls short from achieving any substantial originality.

This adaptation takes place after Alice's first visit to Wonderland when she was a little girl. Now she is a 19-year-old rebellious, free-spirited teenager, played by newcomer Mia Wasikowska. Wasikowska does a decent job, although in many scenes Alice's surroundings seem to overshadow her small screen presence. Alice does not remember her first visit to Wonderland, and is plagued by dreams of this mythical place that she cannot explain. Because of the demands of the society in which she lives, Alice feels trapped and seeks to get out. Following a particularly stressful situation, she manages to escape by following a white rabbit down a rabbit hole. She ends up in a Burton-esque Underland, not Wonderland; it is explained that she misheard the name in her initial visit.

Underland is a war-ravaged land ruled over by the evil Red Queen, played wonderfully by Helena Bonham Carter. The Red Queen is a petulant, childlike tyrant who does not hesitate to chop heads off at the slightest of whims. She has no rivals because she has killed them all, except for her sister, the good White Queen, played by Anne Hathaway. Hathaway does a good job playing Bonham Carter's pacifist counterpart, and is especially amusing with the dramatic elegance of the White Queen.

The setup alone was entertaining enough; but then of course, the archetypal "epic film" plot just had to be thrown in. In this case, apparently Alice is the "chosen one," and must go on a quest to find a mythical sword so that she can slay the Red Queen's Jabberwocky and restore power to the White Queen. It is very generic, and plays out very predictably.

What saves this film from its less than engaging plot are its stunning visual effects. Although the 3D seemed a bit overwhelming, it was incorporated well and added to the proceedings. The film is visually arresting, and at its best is a truly captivating work. There are several sequences in the film that are worth the price of admission alone.

The music is also strong, and helps to set the mood for the film. The score is dark, and fits well with the gothic feel of the film.

Overall, Alice in Wonderland is a visually stunning film, but falls flat in terms of plot and character development. It is a film that is better to watch than to think about too much.

Illusionist Stone wows

By Chris Ernst
Staff Writer

Many students may have seen a strange, stout man walking around campus last Friday wowing passers-by with mind-bending magic tricks. Asking for no space change, what could be his motivation to perform such altruistic feats of fun? Well, turns out this shiny-headed showman is Mick Stone, magician and entertainer. For hours he meandered about campus enticing people to his show Friday night in the Instructional Center Auditorium. He was brought to Tech by Campus Free-thinkers.

The show, called "WTF: Magic That Doesn't Suck," features some cringe-inducing tricks, like narrowly avoiding thrusting his hand on a metal spike and nearly hanging himself like a witch for his magic. "What Thrilling Fun!" indeed! But not all of his tricks are for the strong-stomached. He managed to correctly call a member of the audience from on stage and reveal the first person she kissed.

This is an example of a series of tricks Stone did to show what he would do if he wanted to prove to people that he has psychic abilities. As another example, he asked several audience members to write down a question, maybe about the future, that did not really have a right or wrong answer, like "When will I graduate?" He answered the questions with a surprising amount of detail, generally giving hope to the inquisitors.

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The whole show was done with a wink and a smile, establishing a tongue-in-cheek, facetious mood that permeated the performance. He poked fun at himself, and to a lesser extent, the audience, which correctly answered him the math problem of how many pieces of paper did a fist hold.

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Coulton also played “Shop Vac,” “Code Monkey” (a crowd favorite and probably familiar to many readers) and “Skullcrusher Mountain.”

Never having been to a Coulton performance, I was surprised when he broke out his Zendrum. A Zendrum is basically a cross between a sound board and a keyboard, allowing him to “play” the song “Mr. Fancy Pants” live in a fairly creative way.

There are several easy-to-find videos online, and I highly recommend you seek one out.

The last song in Coulton’s set was “Re: Your Brains,” in which the narrator beseeches his (former) co-worker to open the doors. After all, “We’re not unreasonable; I mean, no one’s gonna eat your eyes.”

In his concert version, Coulton has the audience sing the primary chorus line, “All we want to do is eat your brains” as if the audience were zombies, a rare treat indeed.

After Coulton’s set finished, there was an unusually long delay before They Might Be Giants came to the stage. I’m aware it’s a large group with plenty of extra, but we were just standing around, listening to the Variety Playhouse’s (admittedly good) filler music.

A delay between sets doesn’t directly impact my decision to see a concert, but that combined with how much the bouncer-types were harassing anyone that tried to take pictures or video, I will be slightly less inclined to pick Variety Playhouse when there are other options.

They Might Be Giants is originally a five-person group from Brooklyn, NY that formed in 1982, and they have also made their mark in niches such as children’s music and television theme songs.

The group relies on a wide variety of instruments; not simply the typical drums, guitar(s) and vocals, although those are included. Their equipment also included a keyboard, an accordion, a trombone and an electronic drum set (used for sound effects in “Why Does The Sun Shine?”)

They performed other memorable songs include their hits from nearly 20 years ago “Istanbul (Not Constantinople)” and “Doctor Worm.”

The They Might Be Giants concert also featured a song or two by a sock puppet band. A screen was lowered and a video camera on one side of the stage had a couple people working the puppets, who called themselves the “Avatars of They.”

The puppets performed “What is a Shooting Star.” This was definitely an interesting way to perform the song, but entertaining all the same.

Near the end of their performance, there was a surprise appearance by Homestar Runner (another musical puppet performance). At that point, They Might Be Giants requested that anyone in the crowd with a device capable of recording video do so and post it on YouTube, so that it could be combined into a “crowd-sourced” video of the song.

Two encores later, it was time to go home. I would definitely recommend both Coulton and They Might Be Giants.

Be sure to catch them when they come back to Atlanta, as they surely will.
Alice from page 13 capture is very effective in creating this fantasy world. The vibrant costume design is another commendable feature of this film. The period pieces are spot on, as well as the exaggerated gowns shown in Wonderland.

Alice unexplainably changes dresses a countless number of times, but they are all beautiful dresses. Also, the costumes of the Mad Hatter and the Red Queen do a good job of conveying their respective character traits, with the Mad Hatter wearing a tattered array of mismatched fabrics, and the Red Queen dressed head to toe in red. Costume designer Colleen Atwood did a wonderful job crafting this visual aspect of the film.

Additionally, all of the classic Wonderland characters were reinvented using state-of-the-art animation. The Tweedle brothers, voiced by Matt Lucas, are extremely eerie looking because of how realistic they look. These bickering brothers help provide some comic relief.

The Cheshire Cat, played by Stephen Fry, looks creepier than ever with a disturbingly realistic face and huge smile. Unfortunately, his persona is made more family-friendly in this film, in contrast to the distrustful trickster he was in the original film. All of the characters seem to have been adapted to help Alice along her epic quest, most notably the Mad Hatter, and it is not a very welcome change.

Johnny Depp does a fantastic job portraying the Mad Hatter; it’s not his fault his character has been reduced to a jumbled mess whose only purpose is guiding Alice.

All in all, this is an enjoyable film. Kids will love it, even though there are a few parts that might be a tad too graphic. As for adults, the visual effects will make up for the lackluster plot.
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23. French army hat
24. Start of a quip by Orson Welles: 5 wds.
27. Jubilant
29. Jai --
30. "-- Boots are Made for Walkin'"
32. Save from sin
34. Stretch marks
36. Entertain
41. Perched
42. Cowslip and oxlip
46. Palm or McLachlan
49. Marsh bird
53. Free electron
54. Underground river
56. Part 2 of quip: 2 wds.
58. Pansor
61. Craze
63. Feather scarf
64. Drive
65. Blackmore's Lorna
66. Efectiveness
67. Pastoral poem
69. Barber or Gardner
71. Native of New Mexico
72. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.
77. AMA cousin
79. Visit
80. Column molding
81. Range
82. Noted couturier
83. Entertainment award
84. Collections
85. Helvetian
86. Ski lift
87. Literary collection
88. Morally justifiable
89. Nearly
90. Overalls material
91. Part 4 of quip: 3 wds.
92. Deer
93. Lachrymal secretion
94. Caisson
95. Impressions
96. Material for waterproofing
97. Don --
98. Place near Jordan
99. "- Lanka
100. Transcontinental country
101. Peridy
102. Homophone for seize
103. Allies
104. Mineral spring
105. Hippodromes
106. Turns left
107. Mexican shawl
108. Wrapsound garment
109. Hunger
110. Rye fungus
111. Golf score
112. Brought to buy
113. Eats
114. Amounted to
115. Eager
116. Genus of evergreens
117. Coop --
118. Evergreen
119. Post in fun
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121. "-- go bragh!"
122. Neighbor of Minn.
123. Years
124. End of the quip: 5 wds.
125. Be in the red
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2. Poplar
3. Plant part
4. Snobbery
5. Stuff and nonsense
6. Heavyweight champ
7. Prima donna
8. Curses
9. Governing body
10. -- Lanka
11. Southern constellation
12. Swear word
13. Earthy pigment
14. Dissertations
15. Feather scarf
16. Drive
17. Blackmore’s Lorna
18. Lenient
19. Encircles
20. At any time
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22. Heart chambers
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24. Arizona tribe
25. Range
26. Brooder for chicks
27. Edge tool
28. At any time
29. Misleading trick
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31. Heart chambers
32. Measuring standard
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Crossword Solution from Page 17

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I COULDN'T WORK THIS WEEK BECAUSE MY WORKSPACE HAS BAD FENG SHUI.

I KNOW FENG SHUI IS A REAL THING BECAUSE OUR CEO HIRED A FENG SHUI CONSULTANT TO DESIGN HIS OFFICE.

DO YOU AGREE, OR ARE YOU SAYING THAT OUR CEO IS A SUPERSTITIOUS SIMPLON?

WE'RE GOING TO USE CMMI. IT'S A MODEL FOR DEVELOPING A PROCESS TO CREATE A FRAMEWORK.

OR IT MIGHT BE A PROCESS FOR MAKING A FRAMEWORK TO MAKE A MODEL.

THERE'S NO BUDGET FOR TRAINING, SO WE'LL BE RELYING ON GUESSTING MORE THAN USUAL.

AS LEAD SOFTWARE ENGINEER, I GIVE YOU THE FIRST UNIT OF OUR TEN THOUSAND COPY PRODUCTION RUN.

WOJ! I WISH WE'D DESIGNED IT WITH THE FEATURES LISTED ON THE BOX. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN AWESOME.

WHAT?

I'LL PUT THIS WITH THE OTHER REMINDERS OF HOW MY LIFE COULD HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT.

OK, CLAIRE. WHO WAS THE KING OF ENGLAND WHEN THE UNITED STATES WON ITS INDEPENDENCE?

SOME STINKY BOGGER BANGED ERNIE. CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC AND SHOW ME PROOF?

HE OR SOME STINKY BOGGER BRANDED MAN.

ME: OK, I KNOW!

SURE, WHAT'S HIS COMPREHENSION LEVEL? ARE WE TALKING HUMAN, SQUIRREL, OR ANVIL?

WHICH ONE AM I?

DON'T MAKE THIS AWKWARD. DID THE SQUIRREL GO TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

DILBERT, EXPLAIN TO LOGAN THE TECHNICAL ISSUE IN TERMS HE CAN UNDERSTAND.

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN OUR TECHNICAL ISSUE IN TERMS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND.

THE SOFTWARE, IT NO WORKY!!!

HE WAS DENSE AND TOUCH. IT'S A BAD COMBINATION.

I Hired A NEW POLTERGEIST FOR OUR COPY MACHINE. OUR OLD ONE GOT PROMOTED TO THE SERVER FARM.

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER NOT HAVE ANY POLTERGEISTS?

IT'S A UNION THING.

MAY I PLEASE HAVE MY ORIGINAL BACK?

I CAN'T HEAR YOU. PUT YOUR FACE UP CLOSE.
Brandon Cumpton fires the ball to home plate in Saturday’s win over Rutgers. Cumpton pitched five innings and improved to 3-0.

Leonida led off the big second inning for Tech and had two hits in the frame, including his homer. Each went 3-for-4 with a walk, scoring four runs and driving in two. Plagman and redshirt senior left fielder Jay Dunstall each had three RBI, and Skole reached base in five of his six plate appearances, going 3-for-4 with a pair of walks.

The offensive outburst has been a trend for the Jackets this year; they have scored at least 15 runs in each of their three Saturday games in 2010.

The strong hitting helped tech overcome a shaky start by junior right-hander Brandon Cumpton. Despite permitting just one hit in seven innings a week earlier against Xavier, Cumpton ran into trouble quickly against Rutgers and allowed a more patient Scarlet Knights lineup to score four runs while forcing him to throw 39 pitches in the first inning.

Cumpton settled down afterward, though, giving up a run in the third but otherwise holding the Scarlet Knights bats in check. He left the game after five innings, giving up five runs (four earned) on seven hits and two walks.

Ultimately, the Jackets went on to a 19-5 win after four relievers—freshman right-hander Luke Bard, senior right-hander Patrick Long, junior left-hander Zach Brewer and freshman left-hander Jake Davies—each pitched a scoreless inning to finish the game.

Saturday’s series finale saw tech combine a strong start from sophomore left-hander Jed Bradley with another quick strike at the plate in picking up a 9-4 victory.

The Jackets’ power bats were sharp from the start, as two doubles and a Skole two-run homer resulted in a four-run first inning. Two frames later, junior right fielder Chase Burnette locked a three-run shot as part of another four-run inning, and the Jackets led 8-0 after three.

It was all the scoring they would need, as sophomore left-hander Jon Ashley rebounded from a rough start a week earlier against Xavier. Bradley displayed the form he had shown in his opening weekend start against Missouri State as he pitched six shutout innings, allowing four hits and no walks while striking out nine. He was efficient in shutting down the Rutgers lineup, throwing just 76 pitches.

After Saturday’s start, Bradley’s season ERA dipped to 2.12. In 17.0 innings pitched, he has allowed just 17 baserunners and has recorded 37 strikeouts.

Freshman right-hander Buck Farmer and senior right-hander Andrew Robinson held Rutgers scoreless in the seventh and eighth, respectively.

With Jacob on to pitch the ninth, though, the Scarlet Knights avoided the shutout in a big way. Jacob, who entered the game with a 1.76 ERA, gave up four runs on two walks and two hits, including a three-run homer.

Still, the comeback attempt fell well short, and the Jackets completed the sweep with a 9-4 win.

After Wednesday’s midweek game at Mercer was rained out, the Jackets will return to the diamond on Mar. 12, opening ACC play in a weekend set against Wake Forest at Russ Chandler Stadium. The series precedes Tech’s first game against Georgia on March 16.

McGuire will take the mound for the Friday night game, and the junior is looking forward to the start of conference play this coming weekend.

“I’m slowly getting stronger after taking the summer off...and I’m starting to get a better feel for pitching and just a better feel overall. I think I’m right where I want to be going into ACC play,” McGuire said.
The economy sucks.
Free pizza rations on Tuesdays.

7 p.m., Flag 137, Technique
Fencing hosts first Yellow Jacket Open

By Vivian Fan and Nishant Prasad

News Editor / Sports Editor

The Yellow Jacket Fencing Club (YJFC) conducted its first ever event sanctioned by the United States Fencing Association (USFA) last weekend, when from March 6-7 the club hosted the Yellow Jacket Open at the North Avenue Apartments recreation center. It was a landmark event for the club, which began in 2005 as a group of 12 members. The Open brought together 22 teams from GA. and across the South.

“We came together a lot for this tournament...People really know who we are [now] and we’re really trying to grow on [an inter-collegiate] scale,” said sophomore Blake Watson, the team captain. Seven events were held over the two days, encompassing all three fencing disciplines—epee, foil and saber, each distinguished by a different sword and techniques attributed to each.

Epee, which is the largest of the weapons, allows fencers to hit their opponent anywhere on their body—including the head and below the legs. The style of play tends to be more defensive. Foil and saber limit hits to only the torso up; however, saber does allow for head hits. Foil is the smallest and lightest of the weapons, and it tends to be the starting point for new fencers.

“Typically, starting everyone on foil gives everyone good fundamentals. [After that], they can go where they want,” said junior Joseph Conn, the club president.

Saber, the most dynamic discipline, contrasts the defensive, fundamental-heavy nature of the others and relies on dynamic, offensive techniques.

“Notably while each of the fencers who competed was affiliated with a club or school, fencers competed on an individual basis only.” Typically, fencing is a sport of individuals,” Conn said.

Saturday featured open mixed epee for all fencers, followed by epee for C-and-under fencers. Additionally, wheelchair foil and saber took place. Tech had only two fencers in each of the epee events. Junior Michael Starosto took 10th place in the open mixed epee field.

In Sunday’s foil and saber events, Tech had many more participants.

Six YJFC members took part in C-and-under mixed foil. Leading the way was Conn, who tied for third place and was promoted to a D rating. Senior Scott Risher finished ninth in the event, and the runner-up, Paul Herin, was a co-founder of the YJFC in 2005 (though he competed as a member of the Augusta Fencing Club).

Open mixed foil saw a number of high-rated players compete for the top spot. Watson, an A-rated fencer, took third place for Tech’s highest finish in the event. Another YJFC fencer, Scott Cummins, finished 12th and earned an E rating after being unrated previously.

Six YJFC fencers took part in open mixed saber, the final competition of the Open. Graduate student Bradley Jankowiak and freshman Bryan Sprague finished sixth and seventh, respectively.

On the whole, club membership is constantly in a state of flux. The large time commitment means many prospective members are unable to stay long-term.

“We practice two hours a day, four days a week...Some people manage it really well, but it’s hard,” Watson said.

The club has focused on members who have strong ties to the sport and would be both willing to devote time to the club and able to assist newer members.

“We’re trying to get...people who at least can stay for a couple of years, just so they can help the continuing crowd. In this we’ve become a lot more structured and organized,” Watson said.

“I’m graduating next year, so my goal is to build a strong foundation of people who are...excited about it like these guys, and hopefully get them to do the same thing later,” Conn said.

Fencers compete in a Sunday foil bout in the Yellow Jacket Invitational. The event was the first USFA-sanctioned event hosted at Tech and involved fencers from 22 universities and independent clubs.
Basketball trails VT early, drops regular season finale

By Kyle Conarro
Staff Writer

The Jackets responded with a 14-4 run in the ensuing five minutes, putting them within one at 23-22. Tech was able to keep it close for a short stretch, but the Hokies hit three consecutive three-pointers to go back on top by 10 with 3:41 remaining.

“They shot the ball really well,” said Tech Head Coach Paul Hewitt of the Hokies’ offensive production. “They shot 52 percent from three.”

In fact, the three-point shooting was VT’s main weapon in the first half. They shot 8-for-10 in the first half, four of which came off the hands of Delaney. Tech shot well from beyond the arc as well, going 6-for-16 in the first period, but they were unable to match the Hokies’ pace.

The Jackets outscored VT 12-8 in the final minutes of the half, narrowing the gap to six heading into the break.

Junior forward Gani Lawal hit a layup and drew the foul to open the second half, narrowing the lead to four, but he was unable to hit the ensuing free-throw. Tech shot relatively well from the stripe on Saturday, shooting 18-for-26 on the day for a free-throw mark of 69.2 percent. Lawal, however, continued to struggle, hitting just four of his eight opportunities from the line.

Despite their solid effort, the Jackets were unable to compensate for the Hokies’ 29-for-36 performance in this category. Delaney alone notched 14 points from the line, only four less than the entire Jackets’ squad.

“In [VT’s] best games of the year, he’s gone to the foul line a lot,” Hewitt said of Delaney’s free throw shooting.

The teams traded baskets over the next five minutes, as the Hokies edged their way in front 35-47 with 15 minutes left to play. Delaney hit a layup to put the differential at 10, but sophomore guard Iman Shumpert countered with a three-pointer at the 14:13 mark to cut it back to single-digits.

The next two minutes saw no scoring from the Jackets. VT recorded six straight points to widen the spread to 12.

Shumpert and freshman forward Derrick Favors added two points with just over 12 minutes remaining, each hitting one of two from the line to put the score at 62-52. The Hokies responded with a jumper, but Favors put one home and drew the foul, completing the three-point play to bring Tech within nine with 11:22 on the clock.

VT went on an 11-4 run over the next three minutes with six of their points coming from the free throw line. The run gave the Hokies a 16-point edge with 8:34 to play, although they led by as much as 17 during the stretch.

The Jackets struggled to stay within reach. Lawal caused a turnover and put in a layup, but Peacock scored nine points on Senior Night. Zach Peacock rises up for a layup attempt in Saturday’s game against Virginia Tech. Peacock scored nine points on Senior Night.

Favors and Shumpert ignited the Jackets offense, though, adding a dunk and a three-pointer respectively to jump to within 10. Two Favors’ free throws with 3:31 remaining brought Tech back within single-digits for the first time in over nine minutes.

Shumpert hit another three to put the score at 80-74, bringing the Jackets within striking distance with 2:13 left.

“Iman [Shumpert] made some great shots. He took some threes, knocked them down, got the ball inside and converted,” Hewitt said of Tech’s late-game rally.

Bell hit two from the line after getting fouled in the paint, but Delaney answered with two free throws of his own at the 1:02 mark, maintaining VT’s 6-point advantage.

Peacock knocked down two more free throws, but again Delaney responded, this time hitting just one of his two opportunities.

On Tech’s next possession, Favors got the ball down low and powered his way in for the layup, making the score 83-80 with only 36 seconds on the game clock.

Another Tech foul put Allen at the line for the Hokies, and he hit 36 seconds on the game clock.

By Kelvin Kuo / Student Publications

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Who’s got the YOUTH Vote?

Republican Primary Forum
1:30-3:20 pm $5/ticket
Meet & Greet with food!
STRAW POLL
Academy of Medicine @ 875 West Peachtree Road
WWW.GTRPUBLICANS.COM
W-Basketball downed in ACC tourney

By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

Tech’s women’s basketball team fell just shy of reaching the ACC Tournament finals for what would have been the second time ever. The Jackets, the No. 4 seed in the tournament, battled back from a 16-point deficit to defeat fifth seed Wake Forest 52-45 on Friday, March 5, and fell to the No. 1 seed Blue Devils 64-50 on March 6 in Greensboro, N.C.

The Jackets last reached the conference tournament finals in 1992, when as the No. 7 seed they upset Clemson and Maryland before losing by one point against top-seeded Virginia. That was also the only year that Tech was able to secure two wins in the ACC Tournament; Tech had reached the semifinal round twice since then—in 2000 and 2003—and lost to Duke both times.

This year, a first-round bye meant that Tech needed only one win to reach the semifinals. After Wake took down No. 12 seed Miami in the first round, the Jackets had their matchup set and took on the Demon Deacons on Friday. The contest was characterized by strong defensive play and poor shooting from both teams early on. Tech and Wake combined to shoot just 24 percent (12-for-50) from the field in the first half, and over the first 11:59 of the game Tech did not hit a shot from the field, going 0-for-10 on field goal tries in that span while committing six turnovers.

After junior guard Alex Montgomery hit a jumper to give Tech its first point of the day, the Jackets went cold again. They picked up a handful of points on free throws, but in total, over the first 18:35 the Jackets shot 1-for-17 from the field with 10 turnovers.

A key factor in that was the absence of senior forward Brigitte Ardossi, who was forced to sit for most of the half after committing two fouls in the first 90 seconds of the game.

“We couldn’t buy a basket in the first half. It seemed like when Brigitte got out we lost our offensive flow...When she was out of the game we were kind of disjointed,” said Head Coach MaChelle Joseph.

With Wake ahead 25-11 with 1:30 to go, Tech began to claw back into the game. Ardossi scored on a layup on the post and sophomore guard Mecka Walthour added a pair of free throws, and after forcing a Wake turnover, Ardossi hit a jumper that cut Wake’s lead to 25-17 heading into halftime.

Defense was key late in the half for Tech. The Jackets did not allow Wake to score in the final 4:30, and the Deacons had no rebounds on either end in the last three minutes.

“We built this program on defensive rebounding. [Our defense] is what kept us in the game,” Joseph said.

In the second half, the Jackets collectively began to find their stroke. Wake scored the first four points, but Tech rallied with a 13-4 run—which included six points from Ardossi—to close within three.

Ardossi was forced to leave the game with 10:08 left with a bloody nose. She tried to draw a charge against Wake guard Thomas, but instead Ardossi took an elbow to the face. The senior sat for three-plus minutes but returned as the Jackets pulled away.

By Alex Mitchell
Assistant Sports Editor

Softball wins Buzz Classic, tops Ga. St.

The Tech softball team improved its record to 19-2 with six wins in five days. Over the weekend, Tech traveled to Woodstock, Ga., to take part in the Buzz Classic. In the tournament, the Jackets won all five of their games, including two wins over SEC opponents.

On Friday, March 5, the Jackets defeated Seton Hall 16-0 in only five innings. The Jackets put up big offensive numbers throughout the game, but the key to Tech’s success was the performance of sophomore starting pitcher Jessica Coan. Coan pitched the first four innings of the game for the Jackets and only gave up one hit while striking out eight batters.

In the top of the first inning, redshirt senior Jen Yee drew a walk and freshman designated player Hope Rush drilled the first pitch she saw for a two-run homer.

In the second, Yee continued to have solid at bats when she hit an RBI single. Junior first baseman Kristine Pribe also had two RBIs in the inning as part of a three-run inning pushing Tech’s lead to 5-0.

The Jackets blew the game wide open in the fourth inning by scoring seven runs. With the bases loaded, junior catcher Jessica Weaver came into pinch hit for sophomore Kate Kurma and hit a triple, scoring all three runners on base.

The Jackets played two different opponents on Saturday, March 6 and defeated them by a combined score of 17-3. The Jackets played James Madison in the first game and needed six innings this time to put in their stroke. Wake scored the first five runs, but Tech rallied with a 13-4 run—which included six points from Ardossi—to close within three.

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By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

No. 4 Baseball sweeps Rutgers in weekend set, now 10-1

Tech’s No. 4 baseball team continued its strong start to 2010 with a weekend sweep of Rutgers at Russ Chandler Stadium from March 5-7. Another stellar pitching performance by junior right-hander Deck McGuire led the way to a 5-0 victory on Friday afternoon, and Tech’s bats powered the way to a 19-5 win on Saturday and a 9-4 triumph on Sunday.

The start of Friday’s game was not easy for McGuire, as the junior struggled with his control, particularly in locating his off-speed pitches. McGuire gave up three hits and a walk in the first two innings and threw a wild pitch. Despite allowing runners to reach third base in both of the first two innings he escaped without surrendering a run.

After that, the junior was in command. From the third inning on, McGuire allowed just three hits and did not let a Rutgers runner reach third base.

He pitched out of a jam in the first inning and really settled in and started throwing his fastball downhill, and he had great location...I was really impressed from the middle innings on with how he threw his fastball,” said Head Coach Danny Hall.

McGuire had to throw more pitches in the first couple of innings, but later on he took advantage of the Scarlet Knights’ aggressiveness early in the count and induced a number of quick outs.

“I thought I felt like I did a good job initiating contact. I got a lot of first-pitch swings, and pop-ups and ground balls. I think that’s the most ground balls I’ve ever had in my life, so I’m looking forward to continuing that trend,” McGuire said.

All in all, it was a very efficient performance for McGuire. He threw 96 pitches in eight innings, allowing six hits and a walk while striking out nine. He lowered his season ERA to 0.82 and his season WHIP to 0.95, and his opponents’ batting average dropped to .201.

McGuire received all the run support he needed in the first inning. Each of Tech’s first four hitters reached base, with senior first baseman Tony Plagman’s RBI single driving home junior center fielder Jeff Rowland.

With the bases loaded, Rutgers pitcher Casey Gaynor balked, allowing junior shortstop Derek Dietrich to score. Sophomore third baseman Matt Skole kappaed off scoring with a sac fly.

“For whatever reason we’ve had trouble scoring runs on Fri...