UHR votes “no” on HB 615

Vijai Narayanan  
Assistant News Editor

The Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) voted on Feb. 23 to pass a resolution opposing current legislation in the Georgia General Assembly to repeal the ban on concealed weapons at college and university campuses. The resolution was passed with a vote of 27-19, following an extensive discussion about the merits and consequences of the resolution.

“I have to say I was actually really proud about [the discussion]… [representatives] did a phenomenal job beyond whatever I was expecting, and even the other students who came out for the open forum held themselves really well and expressed their views and helped to get the discussion going,” said Aaun Edwards, second-year INTA major and the author of the resolution.

“I was pleased with the thoughtful discussion at Tuesday’s UHR meeting. I am proud that many of our representatives have taken this issue very seriously and have gathered as much feedback as possible on it so that they could make an educated and well-founded decision on how to vote,” said Alina Staskieviczus, undergraduate student body president.

The resolution was initially considered by the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) on Feb. 23.

Black Leadership Conference celebrates history, legacy

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The African American Student Union (AASU) held their annual Black Leadership Conference (BLC) from Feb. 19 to Feb. 21. The weekend-long event started at the Management Building and Sunday at the Ferst Center. The theme of this year’s AASU was I-Change and stood as a call for students to explore and change their community.

“We wanted an event that would help develop community oriented leaders and provide tools with workshops about branding, business and etiquette that would help students later on in their lives,” said Jakeshi Smith, third-year IE major and chairwoman of the BLC.

The 45-minute workshops offered during the conference covered a wide range of topics such as real estate purchasing strategies, reaching out to other students, and taking brand ideas from concept to market.

“(The workshops were) great, they were very informative, and they started having opportunities from the growing media industry in Ga.

While the conference featured a number of prominent speakers as well, the BLC featured a number of day’s lectures and workshops. In between the featured events was a panel of minority speakers including several executives representing companies such as ADP and

GA legislators in favor of tuition hikes

Emily Chambers  
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- 47.7% Pro concealed and carry on campus

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NEWS

From the files of the GTPD...

Campus Crime

By Vijai Narayaan
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Sleepy subject

On Feb. 17, an officer was flagged down by an individual at North Avenue near the intersection of Northside Drive and informed that there was a man lying on the roadway in front of 645 Northside Drive. The individual then left the scene. The officer approached the area and found the subject asleep on the roadway. He was able to wake the subject, and acquire his identification. The subject was found to have a warrant for his arrest following a background check through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC). As a result, the subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Fulton County Jail.

A-Tow mishap

An officer was dispatched to 120 North Avenue, in reference to a towing accident at the bus turnaround in the North Avenue Apartment complex. The Parking and Transportation Department hired a tow service in order to remove an illegally parked Honda Civic. As the tow truck driver began to hook the vehicle to his truck, he damaged the rear bumper of the vehicle. The bumper had been pulled and partially separated from the vehicle. The officer conducted a check of the vehicle through NCIC/GCIC records and was unable to contact the owner of the vehicle. The incident was documented.

I didn’t do it!

A resident informed GTPD that there was marijuana smell coming from an outside stairwell at Towers Residence hall on east campus. An officer made contact with two individuals who were suspected by the resident of committing the offense, and questioned both of them as to whether or not they had been smoking marijuana. Both suspects denied the offense. The officer searched each of the suspects’ rooms and found no signs of marijuana.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Did you go to Night at the Aquarium?

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Next issue’s question:
How many credit-hours should Phase I registration be capped off at?

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http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wam
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 Vijai Narayanan, Assistant News Editor

This edition of Council Clippings covers the UHR and GSS meetings from Feb. 24, 2010.

Club Math
SGA passed a bill requesting funding by the Club Math organization to host Mathemagician Arthur Benjamin, a professor of mathematics at Harvey Mudd College. The event will be held in March and accommodate approximately 250 students, free of charge. UHR passed the bill 46-0-0, while GSS voted 23-2-1.

Ice Hockey
The Ice Hockey Club submitted a bill requesting funding for new uniforms and a skate sharpener, totaling $91,246.66. The team would have to spend $2,500 per season to sharpen their skates through an outside service. Therefore, the organization requested $683,35 to purchase a high quality machine with which members would be trained. GSS representatives expressed concern that the storage location for the sharpener was off campus. At the UHR meeting, organizational representatives confirmed that the sharpener could be stored at the CRC. GSS postponed the bill, and UHR passed the bill 44-1-1.

Undergraduate Bylaws
UHR voted on a bill to amend the bylaws of the undergraduate student government defining the electorate of class representatives. In past elections students were allowed to vote for representatives based on their class standing and not by the number of years at Tech. The old system was created in order to be effectively implemented by OIT during the election process. As a result of this bill, electorates are defined based on the amount of time they have spent at Tech. UHR passed the bill with a vote total of 43-0-1.

CORRECTION
In the Feb 20 issue, Jackets was incorrectly stated as becoming a purely burger venue. That was incorrect. There are currently no plans to eliminate wings or other options, though the menu is under review and will likely include more burger options.

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

GM to end Hummer sale
General Motors will wind down operations of its Hummer brand following the failure of its sale to a Chinese company, Tengzhong. According to reports the deal is said to have failed because of the Chinese government’s unwillingness to complete the deal. GM agreed to sell the division last year, shortly before going into bankruptcy protection. Under the original terms of the sale, Tengzhong was going to take an 80 percent stake in Hummer, with the remainder of the company sold to a Hong Kong entrepreneur.

Senate passes $35 billion jobs bill
The US Senate passed a bill totaling $35 billion designed to improve the job market and decrease the unemployment rate. Over $15 billion of the funds would go towards allowing businesses hiring unemployed workers to exempt a 6.2 percent Social Security tax and give them an additional $1,000 credit if workers stay on for a full year. The bill received support from 55 Democrats, 13 Republicans, and 2 Independents. This bill follows months of legislative gridlock on Capitol Hill, with both sides voting along party lines.

It’s a trap!
On Tuesday Feb. 23, the student body at the University of Mississippi voted the Star Wars character Admiral Ackbar, the leader of the Rebel Alliance, as their favorite to be the new on-field mascot for the University. The on-field mascot position has been vacant since the administration stopped use of the old mascot.

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Staff Writer

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC), the arm of Student Gov-
ernment Association (SGA) in charge of funding-request regu-
lations for chartered student organi-
izations, is proposing to make six
line-item changes to its governing policy.

The changes were sparked, in part, by an audit of SGA last year, that discovered that some funds had been dispersed to a student unaffiliated with any approved organizations within the last five

The student had claimed to be a member of a chartered, on-cam-
pus organization; however, the money was not going to the orga-
nization in any manner.

Along with addressing the se-
curity issues of allocating funds to nonexistent entities, the audit brought to light a number of other procedural is-

The six proposed JFC policy
changes include requiring a meet-
ing between the JFC and two of-
cifics of the organization request-

The changes increases com-

The change[s] increase com-
munication really between
the student government and the tier
I and tier II organizations to estab-
lish relationships that are much
more beneficial and making sure
that the money that we distribute
to them is actually being spent in
the way that we agreed upon,” said
Matthew Cauble, SGA’s vice pres-
ident of Finance and JFC chair.

Tier III organizations contain
all other student organizations on
campus that are not categorized as
tier I or tier II. These include or-
inations such as the Paintball
Club and Dance Marathon. These
organizations receive the lowest
level of funding and receive their
money primarily through
Student Activity Fee (SAF) funds.

The current policy restricts the
number of funded members to four. There will still be an $800
limit on conference expenses.

“These changes that we’ve
made right now are more book-
keeping and keeping up with the
way that things have been run.
Some of the things on here
we’ve actually been doing, but we
haven’t been implementing it as a
policy. Such as the two organiza-
tion reps, anytime I send an email
for that, I ask for two organization
reps anyways,” Cauble said.

“This year actually over the
summer and just before school
started, I met with the heads of
the CRC and the Student Center
and kind of did all that stuff. So
we’ve actually used this instead
of using some theoretical policy;“

The six suggested policy
changes will be reviewed at the
next Student Activities Commit-
tee (SAC) meeting on Wednesday,
March 10.

The task force is looking at
several of the major problems with registration for students and
administrators such as credit hour caps and
registration time tables. Such changes can include the addition of
a waitlist function on OSCAR, which could be implemented by
spring 2011.

“The wait list function is one of the things that the registrar’s of-

Fifth year ME major Jim Chen researches diferent classes to put
in his schedule for fall 2010 registration on the OSCAR website.
Concealed weapons on campus follow a pattern of incidents. The UHR meeting in February discussed the issue of concealed weapons on campus. The debate centered on HB 615, a bill introduced by Representative Earnest, which would allow students to carry a concealed weapon on campus.

The survey results were close, with a majority of students opposing the resolution. The discussion among representatives from the organization Students for Sensible Society was lively. Some argued that allowing concealed weapons would make it easier for them to make a gun on campus, while others believed that a concealed weapon would have no adverse effect on campus safety. The open forum portion of the UHR meeting allowed representatives from various organizations to share their thoughts.

The pro-con debate was continued in the following week. A pro-HB 615 student wore a sticker saying, “Guns save lives” at the UHR meeting. HB 615 is a bill in support of concealed carry and it is a way to secure the students’ lives. The survey results were so close, it was important to represent the interests of the majority. The majority were in favor of the resolution, but those who were against it were really proactive. Several representatives were dissatisfied about the fact that results were unavailing of major making it difficult for them to gauge the opinions of their constituency.

Most representatives said that UHR should take a stand on the issue, especially since it would affect the lives of students and campus members. Proponents of the bill argued that regardless of the margin of difference in opinion in the survey, a majority of students did not support the legislation regarding the ban on concealed carry on campus. Some reasoned that due to the nature of the issue, there was a very vocal minority, and that the percentage of respondents supporting conceal and carry were in the minority of overall student opinion.

I actually went to Britain on Feb. 18 and I asked a lot of people what they thought and I spoke to people in my classes I found was that most people actually against it but those who were against it were really proactive,” said Daniel Nusserbaun, third year ISYE major and junior class president who voted for the resolution.

Representatives against the resolution said that because the results of the survey were so close, it was important to represent the views of those in the minority be represented and not to issue a bill that generalizes the opinion of the student body in a broad way. Some saw the existence of a vocal minority as a reason to vote against the resolution.

“I had to use personal judgment in listening to their arguments because realistically in an environment where people are more adamant about what they think, they tend to have more relevant arguments and it made a lot more sense to me… they set me to sight and referred me to arguments and statistics and showed that this worked at other schools for decades,” said Eran Mordel, first-year ISYE major and freshman class representative who voted against the resolution.

Procter and Gamble. The panel was hosted by actor and youth leadership activist Luis Ramos. Ramos led the discussion by introducing topics such as minority unity amongst others, the role of minority communities and the influence that their minority background had on each member of the panel. Audience members had time afterwards to conduct a Q&A session with the panel. There participants discussed their own experiences and perspectives on the aforementioned issues and dispensed advice to the younger members of the audience. The following banquet featured a scholarship ceremony to an outstanding member of the AASU, who exemplified academic prowess and also involvement in the community.

“The scholarship is $1000 and was funded thanks to our corporate sponsors,” said Joshua Wilkerson, fifth-year, ISYE major and president of AASU. “I would say this year because of the economy it was difficult to get funding, I think its important Tech supports future conferences like this.”

AASU hopes to continue to raise the conference’s profile in the years to come. “We want more Tech students to attend the BLC. There are lots of leadership and networking development opportunities. We mean we had a top CNN exec speaking here. We are also trying to finish strong by holding Sunday’s events in the Ferst Center so more students can come,” Smith said. “For example we had forty students from other schools come: the NAACP branch in Kent State and the Black Affairs Council from UGA.”

The AASU has been organizing the BLC since 2004. Since its inception, it has hosted guests such as President Barack Obama and Cornel West, among others.
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SGA election code updated

Kamna Bohra
Contributing Writer

Following election campaign violations and voting issues in recent freshman Student Government Association elections, the new elections code came to pass in the Undergraduate House of Representatives (UHR) meeting held on Feb. 23. The UHR decided to pass new elections code. The change comes after a number of reported violations and voting issues concerning recent SGA elections.

“The biggest problem [we’ve run] into was how to deter people from violating the election code,” said Mike Donohue, second-year PUBP major and elections committee chair.

The code revisions quantify penalties as two percent of campaign budget or five percent of votes for minor violations and ten percent of campaign budget or 15 percent of votes for major violations.

“I’m not a fan of taking away votes. You’re not only punishing the person [whom] you’re taking votes from, but [you’re] also taking away student voice via votes, which is their right,” said Brenda Morales, third-year BCHM major and institute-wide committees chair in the Open Forum of the UHR meeting on Feb. 9 during SGA week.

However, taking away votes appears to be one of very few options for committee members.

“You’re not taking away individual votes. You’re not disenfranchising a particular voter. You’re taking away votes from the vote total, which, other than a budget cut, is the only way the elections committee has any [power],” said Parul Kapur, second-year ME major and sophomore representative.

Another issue brought up was the definition of “campaign worker,” identifying cases where students not associated with a particular campaign cause a candidate’s violation of elections code.

“A big problem last year was the definition of a campaign worker. Clarifying this will help in allowing elections committee [to] decide what is or what is not a violation of election code,” said Austin Edwards, second-year PUBP major and UHR member-at-large.

However, lists of campaign workers run risks.

“On one hand, it would be great if we could have a list of campaign workers so we’d know,” said Parker Hancock, fourth-year EE major and executive vice president. According to Hancock, the possibility of candidates not turning in complete campaign worker lists arises.

“It falls on the candidates to just be aware of the campus, especially the executive candidates... They should be aware of their presence on campus,” Donohue said.

The elections committee also changed the electorate criteria, now defining voters by the number of completed semesters, while still defining transfer students by credit hours. Elections code previously defined all students by credit-hour completion, which did not always align with the number of semesters spent at Tech.

“The code wasn’t very clear as to who could vote for whom. It was very clear who could run, but you had to do some interpretation to figure out who was voting for whom,” Donohue said.

The confusion associated with the code was also more of a technical problem, and the revisions have been handled by OET.

The academic major representative criterion is still dependent on credit hours and current or prior enrollment in major classes.

“I think [the biggest concern] is making the penalties explicit. Before, a lot was left on the shoulders of the members of the elections committee, and while there [have] always been great people on the committee, it’s not their responsibility to make those decisions,” Donohue said.

The elections code also sets the elections schedule for UHR and undergraduate student body president and vice president.

The application process begins March 28, and the second runoff election results will be announced April 26.

Tuition

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of-state students pay four times the in-state tuition, meaning Tech’s out-of-state students would now pay 40,000 in tuition, plus mandatory fees.

“As yesterday’s subcommittee hearings alluded, there is no doubt that the ability of the state to subsidize the cost of higher education is diminishing. Currently, tuition covers only 16 percent of the cost. More appropriations make up another 22 percent. The remainder is provided by sponsored funding, gifts, and other sources,” said James Fettig, associate vice president of communications and marketing.

When asked how he felt that a 77 percent tuition hike would be received by students, Undergraduate SGA Executive Vice President Parker Hancock said, “Most students will obviously be very angry, very upset. I know for a lot of people going to college is a big burden on their families, or on themselves if they are trying to pay for it on their own.

“By doing this, it will allow a longer amount of time for undergraduate students to register for courses. It will allow us to extend time tickets. We can have a full day for seniors, and then juniors. So there won’t be a complete rush in registration,” Womack said. “The reason behind that is to prevent people from holding classes. And in Phase II registration, the hours will be flipped.

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The tool task force meeting, leaders voted to increase the credit hour cap to be 18 hours instead.

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Large tuition increase will damage students, schools

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Providing affordable, quality higher education to the people of Georgia should be the right for every student, whether they are attending private or public colleges and universities. We believe that the current reasonable cost of tuition allows Tech to be competitive in the state of Georgia and brings in the best from engineers, teachers and civic leaders in the state and the country.

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YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus MovieFest remains casual

I would like to respond to last week’s letter criticizing the quality of some entries in this year’s Campus MovieFest (“Campus MovieFest losing appeal,” printed Feb. 19). I was interested in entering the event this year, but in the end could not get the crew together needed to form a team and make a quality film. But I do take issue with a couple criticisms of the event.

The letter seemed to insinuate that the use of higher quality video production equipment was creating an unfair advantage. As someone with over four years of video production experience, I would first like to point out that the best equipment does not necessarily make the best film. The technical quality of a film may be higher, but that does not mean that the script, story, or cinematography, or editing is also of a higher quality.

Additionally, access to more professional equipment does not mean that students know how to operate them. I know plenty of people at Tech who can use a camcorder, but not as many that would know how to, say, open a Panasonic HVX.200 by two F-stops. Plus, the actual composition of a shot depends nothing on the camera used to capture it. In the end, a film is made by filmmakers, not by equipment.

Also, judges in student film competitions know what they are looking for in a film, and can easily see past the visual and audio quality to judge films based on cinematography, directing, acting and plot. I would expect the judging body of Campus MovieFest to be no exception.

Finally, it is unfair to penalize students just because they use equipment that is not as high quality. There are a plethora of serious independent film competitions out there for aspiring filmmakers, but I would not quite rank CMF as one of them. Those competitions involve professionals who make a living in film and video production, use professional equipment, and often include budgets reaching into the thousands of dollars. CMF is a casual competition for full-time college students looking to have fun and make a quick film in a week. I don’t see how it could be more amateur than that.

Chris Rodnesey
Second-year PHYS

Currents strategies will not solve energy problems

I support transitioning to clean energy and eliminating our dependence on fossil fuels. Not only will clean energy improve our economy through job creation and reduced energy costs for more efficient buildings, but it will also reduce pollution that causes illness, death, climate change and ecosystems devastation. Unfortunately, D.C.’s definition of clean energy includes offshore drilling, “clean” coal and nuclear power. Non-renewable energy sources put our environment, economy and health at risk.

Offshore oil wells spill thousands of barrels of oil, fuel and chemicals into federal waters. How can the medium increase in these “routine” releases, no less the threat of massive oil spills, impact coastal ecosystems? There is no reason to risk our water for oil that, by Department of Energy estimates, would only meet U.S. demand for about two years!

Politicians on both sides of the aisle are calling for billions to develop “clean” coal technologies. Coal will never be clean or renewable. So-called “clean” coal technologies are expensive, inefficient and unpopular. Considering the harm to Appalachian communities caused by mountaintop removal coal mining and resulting pollution, a coal-powered future is costly and dangerous.

Nuclear power is a foolish investment. Rocky Mountain Insti- tute estimates that investments in efficiency could save seven-times as much energy as equal investments in nuclear plants produce, while creating 10 times as many permanent jobs. President Obama recently announced the release of $8.3 billion in loan guarantees to finance the first new nuclear reactors begun in this country for nearly 30 years. Georgia’s Plant Vogtle will be the first to receive funds. This site was intended for four reactors estimated at $600 million total, but only two reactors cost $9 billion. Since nuclear plants are risky investments, the only way utilities can pay construction costs is to pass them on to taxpayers and ratepayers.

Our future depends on implementing truly clean and renewable sources, like solar and geothermal energy. Otherwise we are just paying to poison ourselves, and our children.

Carly Queen
Alumna ’09 ME

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The most disturbing aspects coming out of the meeting are the calls by some state legislators, in particular Sen. Don Balfour, who claims that tuition hikes should not just be on the table, but should definitely be used, as current rates are embarrassing or that failure to do so would be a socialist prerogative.

Providing affordable, quality higher education to the people of Georgia should be a source of pride for the state, and the Senate’s comments are unfitting of a person elected to serve the people of this state. Such a deplorable lack of understanding of current and future constituents is the true embarrassment for the state and the people the assembly represents.

People should earn admission to the state’s public schools based on their academic merits, not the financial fortunes of their parents. Properly educating future engineers, teachers and civic leaders requires the strength of the state and the nation as a whole. Higher education is no longer a luxury for the elite; it is a necessity for next generation to succeed.

The need of the legislature to balance the budget is not forgotten and a reasonable tuition increase may be needed, but it must be done sensibly and with regard to future generations. Unfortunately, because of the change in times, the majority of current legislators cannot fathom the burden they could potentially be dumping on students.

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Olympics offer unique moral perspective

I’m not a huge fan of winter sports in general. Having lived in the South for most of my life, I don’t have much of an appreciation for cold weather. However, there are a couple of things that are cool about this winter so far. This winter gave us a snow day, which is a rareity at Tech. The other thing that’s going on this winter is the major event that everyone has been talking about: the Winter Olympics hosted by Canada, our neighbor to the north.

Maple leaves, ham and bacon, and “oh!” are the things that usually come to mind when I think about Canada. But over the past two weeks, the entire world has had its eyes on Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. And purifiably so, as the Olympic games are usually pretty awesome, in my opinion.

The Olympics gives us a chance to watch bizarre sports that we only get to see once every four years. Take curling, for example—who knew that it could be so enthralling to watch? Or figure skating, which hustles and batters across ice that is being feebly swept by two loudly yelping dogs on a hard floor, which combines skating and shooting rifles. I still don’t quite understand how many points is scored between guns and skiing, but it’s entertaining to watch nonetheless.

Common-sense rules for getting around

Getting from Point A to Point B on Tech’s campus is a dangerous activity that requires a good amount of caution. To remedy our poor traffic situation, I will address various groups and their methods of getting around on Tech campus in the hopes that maybe someone out there will learn something useful and stop being dumb.

Pedestrians: I sympathize with this group the most because I’m also one. I also find them to be some of the stupidest people on campus. When crossing the road, a pedestrian has the right of way, and I am sure everyone knows it. But why not look left and right when one is about to go into a crosswalk? I have seen a distracted student or someone on his phone casually walk across from the Love building towards the residential areas on West campus, not looking around first. There is a three way stop sign with cars lining up going in one direction, and people just start walking. I am not saying to stop for cars, but rather to indicate for all vehicles in front of one to go, but it is also in a person’s best interest to want to know, live. There is no victory from getting run over and screaming “Got you! See you in court!” while your bloodied body is on the ground. Look left and right before crossing the street, and you will live longer.

Also, to those who choose to make the illegal life choice to jaywalk, please do not do it in such a way that will obv iously endanger everyone on the road (at least more than the usual jaywalking). On Spring St., it is common to see people underestimate the speeds of cars when they are in fact going 40 MPH or more. The solution? Be better at estimating speeds of cars and be better at valuing life.

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Drivers: the most dangerous people on road besides those that are in vehicles that you can hear are those on foot. I have seen multiple people bike from Tech Square to the Physics building while on the sidewalk and on the opposite side of the road. These people are some of the biggestinated monsters on campus. Is the bike path not good enough? Do people feel superior because now they have the power to run people over as opposed to being the potential victims? I wish these unfortunate bikers no punishment, because whatever hap pened to these peoples’ brains to make them think this is a good idea is something that will present for a lifetime.

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HOT or NOT

Minority leadership

The Black Leadership Conference allowed minority and non-minority students alike to participate in a session that brought several noteworthy speakers to campus. Holding such events on campus reenforces the importance of campus diversity. Hopefully this conference will, as the name insists, lighten minority leadership on campus as it is currently lacking.

Field fire

The evacuation of Field Dormitory last Thursday forced the displacement of nearly all freshmen honors students. While it is commendable that many of the upperclassmen honors students offered to house the displaced freshmen, it would have been more advantageous if such an incident did not occur in the first place, leaving the freshmen to study in peace.

Funds fiasco

The news coming out of the audit JFC that a Tech student attempted to get funds for a club that the student was not even a part of in order to pocket the money raises many eyebrows as to the oversight of the money SGA dispenses. While this appears to be an isolated incident, this potentially five-figure fiasco should not be taken lightly and any potential legal remedies should be sought.

Long, strenuous budget process needed to ensure transparency

Six-figure discussions, percentage cut suggestions, thousands of line items, excel worksheet navigation challenges and the scramble to ensure all the paperwork is done on time (and correctly of course) can only mean one thing: it's budget season! Hopefully you've been keeping up on the state of the institutions finances, but if you haven't, all you need to know is the economy sucks—although it's getting better. Our student fees have been raised to combat shortfalls and support our beloved institution as it continues to grow and prosper. Fortunately, as students, we have rights to a portion of the fees imposed on us (a $186 per semester Student Activity Fee or SAF), and thus, the privilege to distribute the revenue from the SAF, about $4.3 million, in SGA legislative bills and through annual budgets.

SGA is very often known for its lengthy Tuesday meetings. The lesser known portion of SGA finances—although it is the portion through which a large majority of the funding is allocated—is the budget process. Every year, budget requests are due in the line item budget, while the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) reviews these requests and decides which organizations receive funding. Tier I is the CRC and the Student Senate. Tier II are organizations like Student Publications, WREK, IFC, SGA— basically organizations that impact large numbers of students. Tier III organizations consist mostly of the culture clubs.

Over winter break, a schedule was set out to all organizations through the Student Involvement Office concerning when budget hearings with the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) would take place. Unfortunately, due to organizations experiencing officer turnover at the end of the fall, some organizations never knew that the meetings were taking place. Keeping this in mind, we are being forgiving this year, but there is potential that next year organizations will receive penalties for not appearing at budget meetings. So as an officer of your organization now, make it a priority to make that officer transition as smooth as possible at the end of the fall.

Matthew Cauble
SGA Vice President of Finance

HOT

Netting wins

The early season success of men’s lacrosse is a wonderful reminder that non-scholarship athletes at Tech also represent the Institute with pride. The Black Leadership Conference allowed minority and non-minority students alike to participate in a session that brought several noteworthy speakers to campus. Holding such events on campus reenforces the importance of campus diversity. Hopefully this conference will, as the name insists, lighten minority leadership on campus as it is currently lacking.

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Strong Meat

Can you lose your salvation?

This is a loaded question: it assumes salvation takes a person from bursting in hell to dwelling in heaven. The term “saved” along with “lost” (Matt 10:7) and “condemnation” (Rom 8:1) have been misunderstood to deal with going to heaven or hell. Jesus never taught doctrine which dealt with heaven or hell. In fact, the Apostle Paul never mentions the word hell in any of his epistles.

Jesus came to establish a kingdom in which he would reign over Israel on the throne of His Father, David (2 Sam 7:12-15, Luke 1:32). So Jesus begins his ministry performing miracles and preaching “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” calling Israel to her role as priests (representatives before God – Exodus 19:6) to the Gentiles. However, Israel did not accept Christ as her king and Messiah, and in Matthew 11, Jesus changes his message. “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28). This rest does not refer to going to heaven but to resting from the demands of the Law of Moses. Thus when Paul says Christ came to “save sinners” (1 Tim 1:15), he came to give them rest from the “condemnation” (2 Cor 3:7-9)—or judgment—which the law imposes on believers. Jesus removes this condemnation at the cross for all who will accept him (Rom 8:1) by changing them from sinners to saints, who are now dead to the law (Gal, 2:19, Rom 6:7). Understanding the kingdom concept and the fact that salvation refers to deliverance from the old covenant, this passage no longer contains the word “condemnation” there is no condemnation. Jesus removes this condemnation at the cross for all who will accept him (Rom 8:1) by changing them from sinners to saints, who are now dead to the law (Gal, 2:19, Rom 6:7).

Understanding the concept and the fact that salvation refers to deliverance from the old covenant, this passage no longer contains the word “condemnation.” All that being said, one must acknowledge they are a sinner and their inadequacy to adjust the problem (Luke 15:9-14). It’s only after this step that one can accept Jesus and be saved.

Which brings us to next week’s question: What is the unforgivable sin?

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Starting in April, students living on campus will be able to track energy consumption in an RHA competition.

**RHA raises watt waste awareness**

**By Athrisa Divya Varahabhatla**

Contribution Writer

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**Andrew Nelson**

**Staff Writer**

Following Tech’s trend of sustainability innovations in practice and building design, the Residence Hall Association’s (RHA) improvement committee has announced this year’s round of Wasted Watts—a competition among residence halls to lower their power consumption.

“One of the biggest issues we’re looking at is how to get people to use sustainable practices in their daily lives and apply that on a larger scale so that small drops in the bucket are a valuable contribution,” said Parul Kapur, second-year ME and RHA vice president.

The goal of Wasted Watts is to educate and build student interest and support in sustainability, as well as improving transparency with energy usage on campus.

This is the second Wasted Watts competition, and the key improvement this year is electronic measurement. Last year, power consumption was recorded manually by reading the meter on each building.

**Students recognized for changing communities, world**

Jabril Leigh, second-year CE, and Jennifer Chirico, graduate student Environmental Policy, were accepted to the Clinton Global Initiative (CGIU) in recognition for their steps to creating change in the world and their communities.

The Clinton Global Initiative (CGIU) recognizes the work that students like Leigh and Chirico complete and allows world leaders, Nobel Prize winners, college students and administrators to come together, discuss and implement innovative projects to help alleviate pressing social and environmental problems.

According to the website, [www.clintonglobalinitiative.org](http://www.clintonglobalinitiative.org), the CGIU is singularly different from other organizations in that it “requires each member to make a specific commitment to Action.” Commitment to actions can affect either a campus or any community or particular population.

“The Objectives of CGI are to get people, younger generations from all over the world together, work together and communicate together. It’s also to share others’ difficulties and successes and see feedback and connect student, faculty, and administration,” Leigh said.

Leigh wanted to come up with a way to improve education in his home village in Gambia, Africa by giving students in his village adequate transportation to and from school. “I wanted to make a difference at home,” said Leigh, “[I] created bike sharing program so allow them to travel to school on time and return back dark. It also motivates them to go to school.”

He believes that if one improves the education of children, their livelihood will improve as well. Leigh, a former construction worker, came to Tech in order to learn how to better benefit his community. His acceptance to CGIU is an unintended consequence of his goals to benefit his village.

The objective of CGIU is to get youth involved in helping a community to increase awareness for a social issue. “I want to increase awareness of waste management issues in the Pacific Ocean by developing a short documentary,” said Chirico.

Jennifer Chirico plans to increase awareness about poor waste management in the U.S.
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A few more factors were changed for this year’s program, including the duration (increased by three hours) and a new dance-off competition.

The participants could choose to take a number and try to stay on their feet for the entire ten hours of the night. Those who remained standing competed at having best mastered the morale dance. The winner, Will Hackett, a fourth-year ME, won two AirTrain tickets for his stamina.

In accordance with Dance Marathon policies, all $15,669.77 will go to Hugh Spaulding Hospital. Traditionally, the Techdpone in increases in fundraising, many schools across the country also contribute. As Johnson pointed when the night kicked-off, most non-profit organizations are down by about 6-7 percent in their fundraising while DM is up by 18 percent, all of which can go straight to the 170 hospitals around the U.S. and the world that treat 17 million children each year.

A few of these children are able to make it to Tech’s Dance Marathon every year; some of them are the “Miracle Children” that Children’s chooses every year while others are ones that volunteer to come tell (or have their parents tell) their stories.

“We’re much smaller than other schools, but we definitely impress with what we can do being on an urban campus,” said Griffin when asked about how Tech compares with other schools. Johnson agreed and said, “I always use Tech as an example for other schools with non-traditional campuses to show how the event can work.”

Next year’s steering committee applications are already up, if interested in Dance Marathon reference www.marathon.gatech.edu.
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GTPD plunges into giving back to community

By Chris Russell
Online Editor

This semester, the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) is giving back to the community in more ways than usual. The Georgia Special Olympics are coming up in May, and the GTPD is playing a big part in fund raising for the charity.

“We want to embrace the Georgia Tech community in our efforts for this heroic event and encourage everyone to participate, whether it’s a monetary donation or a volunteer effort to help us raise money for Special Olympics. We are here to give back, as well as to protect and serve the members of the Georgia Tech community and we welcome everyone’s participation,” said Regina Rogers, Captain of the GTPD’s Administrative Services Division and the officer organizing fund raising and volunteer activities for the department.

On Feb. 20, Rogers took part in SOGA’s “Freezin’ for a Reason” Polar Plunge at Lake Lanier when the recorded low for the day was 24 degrees.

Over 150 ‘plungers’ from ten police departments and five civilian organizations took part in the event.

Before the day was over, they managed to raise over $40,000 for SOGA.

According to a statement on SOGA’s website www.specialolympicsga.org, “All proceeds collected by ‘plungers’ will benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Georgia.”

Prizes were awarded for the oldest plunger, youngest plunger, best group plunge, and best costume, among others. Rogers herself won an award for the individual to raise the most at the event.

Other events currently in the works include Cops on Donut Shops, an event where police from across the state climb onto participating donut shops and remain for an entire weekend.

“Cops on Donut Shops [has] volunteers, police officers or civilian participants, sit on top of a Krispy Kreme Donut shop until money has been raised to get them down. We’re working on participating with the City of Atlanta Police Department to coordinate our efforts. [The] event will be taking place April 30-May 2, 2010,” said Rogers.

GTPD will also be hosting the “Jail ‘n’ Bail.” Volunteers—be they students, faculty or campus dignitaries—will be “arrested” by the GTPD and held until their friends and coworkers have raised enough in donations to pay their “bail.” According to Rogers, the event is currently slated for some time in May, though a final date has yet to be set.

Aside from fundraising, the GTPD will also be helping with the festivities during the Special Olympics.

The GTPD’s SWAT team will be taking part in the torch relay before the games start, and officers from the department—as well as other departments across the state—will be volunteering during the events.

This year, the games are set to take place on Emory University’s campus from May 21-23.

Students are welcome to get involved in any way they can.

“Prevention Officer Candy Walcott has been meeting with some of the Greek organizations to get them involved, [but] we’re still working on that. We’d like to get them involved in the Car Wash effort as well as the Jail ‘n’ Bail event, whereby they can help us serve ‘warrants’ on campus dignitaries and help them raise their ‘bail’ money to get released,” said Rogers.

SOGA’s website also encourages people interested in helping to sign up as a volunteer.

A statement on their website said, “Special Olympics Georgia wouldn’t be able to carry out its mission of providing sports competitions to those with intellectual disabilities without its volunteers. With only a small staff of full-time employees and over 500 sports competitions throughout the year, it takes a large and dedicated volunteer force in order to make our program a reality.”

Founded in 1970, the Special Olympics Georgia (SOGA) website describes the Special Olympics organization as “the first—and still the only—organization to offer training and competition for people with intellectual disabilities.”

SOGA’s first games were held in 1970 and involved 500 athletes in a set of track and field events. Today, over 22,000 athletes take part in many different events throughout the year and are offered year-round training.

SOGA is largely a volunteer-driven organization, with most of its funds coming from law enforcement organizations across the state or private donors.

A list of other fund raising events and volunteer opportunities can be found online.
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Tegan (left) and Sara (right) performed at Variety Playhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 23. The twin musicians played songs from the six studio albums that they have released.

**CMF finale wows**

**2010 CMF winners**

- Best Picture: *Noctis Irae*
- Best Drama: *When it's Over*
- Best Comedy: *Brain Dead*

By Roshan Kalghatgi
Contributing Writer

For the fourth year in a row, Campus MovieFest has given college students the opportunity to create and showcase their own talents. Students are given one week, a computer, a camcorder and any technical support they need to create their very own five-minute (or less) movie.

The best part is that it’s absolutely free for everyone involved. The filmmakers spend nothing and earn as much recognition as they deserve while the viewing audience gets a free and entertaining night of independent filmmaking.

The top 16 films from Tech were shown Friday night, Feb. 19, and featured films from a wide variety of genres and talents. There were short comedies, romantic stories, zombie tales and even movies that attempted to mess with your head. In general, the films were incredible and showed us that a huge talent for filmmaking and storytelling exists at Tech.

One of my favorites was *Emotional High School*. Although it didn’t win any awards, *Emotional High School* was a hilarious documentary-style parody of the dramas of high school. There were eating disorders, dramatic breakups, weird teachers and strange drug scandals. It had a lot of great acting and random funny moments mostly due to the teacher in the movie (played by a Tech student).

Another personal favorite was *Brain Dead* (which won Best Comedy), a story about two video gamers who decide to get rid of their annoying friend because they think he is on the verge of turning into a crazed zombie. It was an obvious play on traditional horror movies that approach the poetry of the best moments in cinema, art or literature, where emotions are more complex than a simple fight-or-flight response. Even games like *Mass Effect* have wrapped the moral choices of their characters with shooter mechanics.

Finally, with *Heavy Rain*, we have a game that jettisons much of the tropes that games have relied on over the years, instead taking their cue from the reality of everyday life. It is an ambitious goal, though one that many people may feel is unnecessary for games. This review will attempt to address this belief.

In *Heavy Rain*, you control four main characters: a father, a journalist, a private detective and an FBI agent as they progress through a mystery surrounding a serial killer. There is no sandbox, and you are not free to roam. Indeed, this is a very linear story.

Before you consider this to be a negative, think about how much time you may have wasted in an open world game merely trying to find the next objective. *Heavy Rain* is a relatively short experience at around eight hours, but not a second of it is wasted time. Consider a game like *Portal*, which could be played to completion in two hours. Should that game have been longer? Most people would say no.

Having the narrative involve a serial killer implies a lot of police procedural work, and as the detective and FBI agent you do this, albeit in an inventive way. More unexpectedly are the simple actions
The Sweet Feasts at Four Seasons Hotel Continues

The dances of sugarplums are hard pressed to match the sheer decadence of Four Seasons Hotel’s Chocolate Buffet. Returning this year, the Chocolate Buffet will treat chocoholics every Friday and Saturday from Feb. 26 until March 26. Furthermore, if an endless buffet of fifteen shifting chocolate confections is not enough motivation, each Friday of the Chocolate Buffet will host a local celebrity. These Celebrity Chocolate Nights will have the celebrities share both their life experiences and a tasty recipe! Each buffet is only $20 per person and begins at 9 p.m. inside Park 75, the Four Seasons’ premier restaurant. More information can be found at www.fourseasons.com.

Atlanta Submits to the Sound of Laughter

Fans of comedians will have an amazing time this March when both Lewis Black and Gabriel Iglesias perform in Atlanta. On March 6, Black, occasional Daily Show commentator and best comedian to play on personal anger since Don Rickles, will storm the stage of the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center. His howling insights will certainly carry the evening to raucous laughter. That same night, Iglesias, the “lufy” comic and self-proclaimed lover of chocolate cake, takes the Tabernacle with his unique voices, large presence and charm. Which venue with to lock on March 6 is a difficult choice, but rest assured there are no negative outcomes except to exempt from both. Gabriel Iglesias’ show begins at 7 p.m. with admission of $34 while Lewis Black’s begins at 8 p.m. for $47.50. Tickets are available at www.tabernacleatl.com and www.cobbenergycentre.com respectively and both comics are absolutely hilarious.

The Alliance Theater Performs Disney’s Mulan

For fans of Disney’s Mulan, the story of the Alliance Theater’s newest musical production will be extremely familiar. The tale of a young woman overcoming adversity and saving a Chinese empire from conquering Huns is the storyline of Disney’s Mulan and this performance does nothing to rock the boat. With every note and lyric booming from the stage, any musical fan may easily enjoy this hour-long rehashing of a recent Disney classic. Mulan is a weekend only performance from Feb. 27 to March 14. Performances will begin at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. with the exception of opening day. Tickets are $35 and available online at www.alliancetheatre.org.

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that you perform to define your character, such as a father deciding which of his children to play with first. These actions described in print may seem pointless, but inhabiting these simple actions builds empathy between the player and the characters that no other medium can touch. This game is truly interactive.

Heavy Rain is also heavily steeped in morality. The game evokes the film Seven, where the murders put the story in motion, but in the end the film was about the moral choices made by the characters. While games like BioShock have atmosphere to spare, it remains surrounded with a fairly standard first person shooter mechanic. Heavy Rain has no standard mechanics, beyond using the left analog stick to move and the R1 button to walk. Every other action is completely context dependent.

These controls mostly consist of timed button presses, not only using reaction time but also deliberation. To apply disinfectant to a wound, you have to move the right analog stick slowly. To throw off an assailant who is choking you, you must press one of the face buttons repeatedly.

The first action requires you to exercise as much care as the on-screen character, while the latter action builds a tension in your arm that is the closest physical sensation to the on-screen action possible with the controller. There is even limited motion control using the PlayStation 3 controller, with striking a match requiring a quick downward movement of the controller, just as one would strike a match.

While this might seem simplistic, French developers Quantic Dream manage to find endless inventive ways of obfuscating and effecting which of his children to play with. Choice carries enormous gravity, as such, it may seem difficult to see what the point of this game is. In the end, the point is not in how you do it, but how do you do it. It is atmospheric and contemplative, while also being visceral and tense. It runs the gamut of emotions in a way that most games only barely touch. But, in the end, if you enjoy gaming as a challenge of obstacles overcome, you may not enjoy this game. Heavy Rain ultimately requires the same careful attention that cinema and literature demand. For those who devote their full attention to it, this game delivers a rich experience like no other. It is an unqualified masterpiece.
FX’s *Archer* shows cult-classic potential

By Chris Harless
Contributing Writer

At first glance, *Archer*, the innovative new show on FX, seems like it belongs on Adult Swim. This makes sense because Adam Reed, the creator of this show, has been the creator behind two very successful shows on Adult Swim. While *Archer* is just as creative and edgy as Reed’s other shows, it faces the serious challenge on its place and it has some similarities to a whole new level.

The show is similar to other comedies that are set in the workplace and it has some similarities to *The Office* in that sense. It is predominantly set in the ISIS building where Sterling Archer works and it deals with typical workplace topics. However, Archer’s workplace is definitely not typical and it makes all of the bad etiquette in *The Office* look like nothing.

For people who have never been fans of Adult Swim, it is admittedly difficult to even give Archer a chance and the pilot episode doesn’t exactly help things. However, the show does seem to get a little better in each successive episode. The pilot episode of *Archer* was not quite as funny as the most recent episodes that have aired. It originally aired last year in Sept. as a sneak preview, but the show only recently started producing episodes again. Overall, it’s a good decision to at least watch two or three episodes before forming an opinion of this show because while the pilot is a good representation of the show, it’s not the best.

In each episode, our main character deals with his overbearing mother who also happens to be his boss. He also deals with his various other co-workers in each episode. The show has a relatively large number of characters, and Reed clearly tried to make them all unique. Some important characters include Archer’s ex-girlfriend, Agent Lana Kane, and Agent Kane’s new boyfriend, Cyril Figgis. Agent Lana Kane and Archer frequently fight with each other, and Cyril Figgis is the typical nerdy guy who somehow gets the attractive girls. Figgis is also the guy who probably takes the most verbal abuse from Archer.

The producers of the show apparently take roughly a month to create each episode. They first create initial drawings of the characters by using the voice actors as a guide. The overall look of the show is supposed to resemble a comic book from the 1960s.

The show itself seems to mix elements of current culture. For example, everyone seems to be wearing clothes from the 60’s, the computers look really old, but characters carry cell phones. Overall, if you’re a fan of Adult Swim, and you’re looking for an edgy new show that is directed towards a more mature audience, then this show is definitely for you. The show does seem to cater to a fairly narrow-minded audience, but it still has its funny moments for people who don’t like the style of the show.

Currently, *Archer* is expected to produce ten total episodes for this season, and it is likely that FX will drop the show unless it gains more viewers. It seems that *Archer* could possibly turn into a cult classic rather than a long-running show, but there is still a good chance that it could be very successful.

If the show does end up lasting longer than one season, then expect it to have a relatively small, but loyal fan base.
Goodie Mob returns for reunion

The Goodie Mob is an Atlanta-based group known for their eclectic and energetic performances. On Sunday, Feb. 23, 2010, at the Tabernacle, they put on a show that was both nostalgic and forward-thinking.

Bobby Ray (B.O.B.) surprised the crowd when he joined the Goodie Mob, bringing his unique rap style and energy to the stage. The performance started slowly, but quickly picked up pace with hits like "Steppin Out," which the crowd chanted in harmony.

The Goodie Mob performed a medley of their hits, including "In Da Wind," "One," and "Cell Therapy," which served as an aural assault on the audience. The intensity of the performance was heightened by the group's chemistry and the crowd's enthusiasm.

The Goodie Mob showed that they are talented musicians in their own right, with Bobby Ray delivering Andre's features with the same passion, and T-Mo and Khujo Goodie delivering Big Boi's lyrics with their own twist. The group performed two more songs from their debut album Soul Food, which epitomized pop with catchy vocals and soulful sound.

The performance left a lasting impression on the audience, proving that the Goodie Mob's music can still hype a crowd at home. The Tabernacle erupted to this single performance, which was a testament to the group's ability to entertain and captivate their audience.
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**TELEVISION: M&M’s**

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features Syndicate

**ACROSS**

1. Shaped like an onion  
8. Up, so to speak  
13. Merchant’s come-on  
17. Gained without effort  
19. Had a yen for  
21. Big cat  
22. A prime minister for Victoria  
23. Southern university since 1834  
24. “Git --, little dogies!”  
25. Map abbrs.  
26. West Point undergrad  
28. Not your sharp-eyed lookout man!  
30. To boot  
31. Have a talk  
33. Plains dwellings  
34. Hollywood star in 1928 debut  
38. Floor-plan designation

**DOWN**

1. Signs of spring  
2. Platoon, perhaps  
3. Minus  
4. Lawyers, as a group  
5. Delphi attraction  
6. Nervous  
7. Only once in a while  
8. Legislature’s offering  
9. Marsalis instrument  
10. One of the Sundas  
11. “Stop it, sailor!”  
12. Placed under canvas  
13. Eliot’s Marner  
14. Wide-eyed  
15. NBC night owl  
16. Cogito -- sum  
17. With a new moniker  
18. Ohio city  
19. Fireplace residue  
20. Object of worship  
21. Soft drink  
22. Dispatches mail  
23. At full speed  
24. One of the Falkland Islands  
25. Paper order  
26. Ceremony  
27. Properly aligned  
28. fireplace residue  
29. Gives a new moniker  
30. Ohio city  
31. Flexible  
32. Fireplace residue  
33. Slanted type  
34. Stamp order  
35. Object of worship  
36. Soft drink  
37. Soft drink  
38. Soft drink  
39. Flexible  
40. Runway traffic  
41. Dispatches mail  
42. Redolence  
43. Symphony conductor from Bombay  
44. At full speed  
45. Aircraft-engine enclosure  
46. One of the Falkland Islands  
47. Fumble  
48. Exchange  
49. Had a yen for  
50. Paper order  
51. Robin Hood’s girlfriend  
52. Freeze intro  
53. One with a deck  
54. More like street talk  
55. An archangel  
56. What witnesses take  
57. Kinship group  
58. To-do list item  
59. Gram preceder  
60. Ceremony  
61. Tea cakes  
62. Faucet  
63. One with a deck  
64. Waistbands  
65. Ruches  
66. -- spumante  
67. Astronomer Sagan  
68. Japanese verse  
69. Dull sound  
70. -- and sciences  
71. Spuds  
72. Handgun  
73. Coast to coast  
74. Clock’s measure  
75. Map abbr.  
76. And others  
77. City on the Moselle  
78. Addict’s retreat  
79.Introduced to the payroll  
80. Muslim world  
81. Twosomes  
82. Cube-maker Rubik  
83. Restrain  
84. Fumble  
85. Too many to count  
86. Chopin work  
88. Of course!  
89. Colorful wool fabric  
90. Theater side  
91. Actress Anderson  
92. Business abbr.  
93. Crescent  
94. Best-actress nominee for “Cinderella Liberty” (1973)  
95. Packs  
96. -- Saud  
97. Add to the payroll  
98. Duds  
99. Buffalo Bills  
100. Doesn’t stay the same  
101. Mumbai servant  
102. Long-snouted ray  
103. Created  
104. Columnist’s paragraph  
105. Investor’s target  
106. Yemen neighbor  
107. Ointment  
108. Byline on English “Essays”  
109. City on the Moselle  
110. Not on  
111. Not on  
112. Actor Dullea  
113. Killer whales  
114. 19th-century Iowa commune  
115. One of the "in" crowd  
117. Spunkier  
118. Explosive  
119. Vader’s “Star Wars” title  
120. Swift’s forte  
121. Type of evidence  
122. Dry-goods remnants  
123. “-- common denominator”  
124. Homemakers, of a sort

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MICKEYMOUSE  DEN  PPS
ODOR  MEHTA  NACELLE
SOLO  TRADE  MAIDMARIAN
SLANGIER  STAND  ERRAND
ANA  RITE  SCONES
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ETALII  TRIER  OUTSIDER
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**COMICS**

**DILBERT® by Scott Adams**

Wally: I'll need your load calls by Tuesday. Remind me on Monday.

You're hoping I won't remember to remind you, then you'll say it's my fault.

But I will remember, and I will remind you. Good luck Monday is my hiding day.

**Victor:** Quit. I need you to take over his project.

Did he leave any documentation? No, but it's obviously some sort of glowing box that should be enough to get you started.

Can you finish it by Monday? If it's a night-light, I can finish it by today.

**Victor didn't leave us much documentation on his project.**

Fzzet!

I guess that's what he meant by “still working on the goat head issue.”

Are you having any problems taking over Victor's project? Nope. Smooth sailing so far.

Smooth?? It gave me a goat head!!!

He asked if I had any problems. Wait for your turn, Asok.

**Alice:** A horrible accident has given me a goat head. I need you to slap me so hard that I change species from the neck up.

Hold still, Asok. This might take a few tries.

Two hours later.

Dolphin is close. One more should do it.

**The math clearly shows that our project won't work, even if we do everything right.**

It's embarrassing to cancel a project in the middle. Let's act dumb and hope someone in upper management cancels it for budget reasons.

Should I stop buying stuff? You should buy twice as much.
15 loss to Florida State.

It’s not about what happens to us—it’s how we respond to it.

You’ve got to play 40 minutes, and 20 minutes isn’t going to beat a top-10 team,” Joseph said.

Foster led the Jackets with 15 points. Ardossi had 14 points and tied with sophomore center Sasha Goodlett for the team lead with eight rebounds.

Thomas led Duke with 20 points on nine-for-14 shooting.

Tech traveled to Miami on Sunday, Feb. 21 and held on for a victory despite a strong effort from the Hurricanes, who fell to 3-9 in ACC play.

This time it was the Jackets who got off to a 15-5 run to open the game. Miami rallied, though, and forward Shenise Johnson led the way as the Hurricanes closed within one at halftime, with Tech up 35-34.

Miami pulled ahead and led 53-47 with 14:27 to go, but Favors, Lawal and forward JordanCW. 5-2. Favors’ performance was also a top-10 team,” Joseph said.

“We probably played our best game of the season,” Hewitt said of his team’s performance.

Favors’ performance was also a good indicator of his improvement. Eight of his 18 rebounds came on the offensive glass, and he shot three-for-four from the foul line.

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The tennis teams lost ACC openers.

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“[Tucker] got open on the wing,” Rice said. “I put my hands up trying to make sure he didn’t get a clean look, and he just got it off.”

Although they were unable to come away with the win on Saturday, the Jackets did put on one of their better performances of the year. The team shot 41 percent from the floor against the Terrapins, with Favors, Lawal and Shumpert combined for 50 of the 74 points.

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Irina Falconi lines up for a return at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Falconi defeated Josipa Bek 6-3, 6-1, but Tech lost the contest 5-2.

On Feb. 24, the No. 14 Tech women’s tennis team took the court to face No. 12 Clemson in their first ACC match of the season. Tech was unable to defeat the higher ranked Tigers and fell 5-2.

Clemson took two of the three doubles matches from the Jackets, but the two Tech losses were highly contested. The team of sophomores Hillary Davis and Viet Ha Ngo fell to Clemson’s team of Laurianne Henry and Keri Wong 8-4. Sophomore Lynn Blau and freshman Elizabeth Kilborn each came closer to winning but were defeated 9-7. Tech’s team of sophomore Irina Falconi and junior Sasha Krupina did win their match 8-6, but it was not enough and Clemson earned the first point of the match.

No. 1 ranked Falconi tied the match at one by defeating No. 18 ranked Josipa Bek 6-3, 6-1. Falconi’s victory was her 14th over a ranked opponent this season.

Falconi’s victory did not give the Jackets any momentum however, as their number two player, Krupina, fell to Wong 6-3, 2-6, 6-0. The loss would give Clemson a 2-1 lead, a lead they would not relinquish.

Blau and Kilborn both lost their matches to clinch the victory for Clemson, but Davis won her match from the sixth spot after Clemson’s Estefania Balda retired.

“We had some opportunities but we just did not capitalize on all of them,” said head coach Bryan Shelton, courtesy of ramblinwreck.com.

The road will get no easier for the Jackets. Tech traveled north to face No. 7 ranked Notre Dame on Feb. 28.

The men’s tennis team traveled to Florida State on Feb. 21 and also lost their ACC openers.

Tech dropped all three doubles matches to give the Seminoles an early 1-0 lead.

No. 3 ranked junior Guillermo Gomez gave Tech the equalizer by defeating No. 35 Juan-Ves Aubone 6-4, 6-7 (7-9), 7-5.

Junior Dean O’Brien and freshmen Magin Ortega and Juan Spirals all fell in three-set matches to give Florida State a 4-1 advantage.

Sophomore Kevin King did defeat his opponent in Tech’s fifth spot, but junior Elliot Purvin ended the match with a loss to give the Seminoles a 5-2 win.
Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse face division rivals

By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

Tech’s men’s and women’s lacrosse teams took to the turf for a series of home games over the weekend. The women’s squad stumbled to a 1-6 loss against highly-ranked Georgia on Friday, Feb. 19 but rebounded with wins over South Florida and Alabama on Saturday, Feb. 20, remaining unbeaten through four games.

Friday’s rivalry game was the first for the women’s team since their victory in the Mardi Gras Tournament from Feb. 6-7 in New Orleans. After wins over Wisconsin, the Central Lacrosse Club and LSU, Tech faced Central again in the championship game. Tech pulled ahead early and held off a comeback attempt, winning 5-3 to take the title.

“We hadn’t done too well there in the past, so it was nice to go down there and get some wins,” said senior attacker Gabby Sirow, the women’s team president.

The tech’s defense locked up the ball and scored repeatedly.

Tech got on the board with 7:17 left, when Sirow scored off a free position to cut UGA’s lead to 6-1. “It was a spot where we just really needed a goal, so I was going to take my chances,” Sirow said.

Tech’s defense locked down for a long stretch in the second half and held UGA scoreless for a stretch of nearly 15 minutes.

Near the end of that stretch, junior midfielder Georgina Scharf fired a shot past the goalie to give Tech its second goal.

Ultimately, though, the Jackets fell 16-2. “I think we gave it a good shot tonight,” said women’s Head Coach Kevin Richards. “[UGA] made good passes and hustled after the ground balls, and it showed on the scoreboard.”

Richards correctly predicted that the team would win both Saturday games.

The morning game saw Tech face South Florida. The contest was fairly even in the first half, with Tech up 7-6 at halftime.

After USF tied it early in the second half, the Jackets scored nine straight goals—including three by freshman attacker Rachel Hare—to pull ahead 16-7, and they won 16-8.

The afternoon game against Alabama saw Tech come out on top against its region foe. Hare had four goals and two assists, and Sirow and senior midfielder Lauren Baugh added three apiece as Tech picked up a 17-12 victory.

The men’s team pulled out narrow 9-8 victories in their first two games of the season, holding off Vanderbilt in overtime on the road and topping divisional foe Ole Miss on an icy home field.

The warmer conditions on Thursday, Feb. 18 offered a welcome change, and Tech rolled to a 22-4 victory over a Reinhardt College program playing its first-ever game.

Sophomore attacker Eric Schlifp had four goals, while sophomore attacker Neal Toomey added a goal and four assists.

Tech looked to improve to 2-0 in divisional play against Alabama on Saturday. Tech’s team speed against the bigger Alabama team proved effective on the turf of the SAC Fields. Tech led 9-3 at halftime and cruised to a 13-6 victory.

“The guys did well transition-wise. That’s the big part of our game, is that we play good, solid defense and get the ball in transition with opportunities to score,” said men’s Head Coach Ken Lovic.

Senior attacker Alex Del Pozzo led the way with four goals and two assists, and seven players contributed points in the game as Tech peppered the Alabama goalie with 45 shots. Junior goalie Sam Karpowicz made 11 saves.

“We were focused on playing a complete game... We just went hard all game and luckily it paid off,” said junior attacker Casey Timmerman, the team president.

Women’s Swim, both dive teams compete at ACC Championships

Tech’s women’s swimming team, along with both the men’s and women’s diving teams, took part in the ACC Championships last weekend in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The swim team ultimately finished in ninth place.

During the four-day event, the Jackets set school records in the 800-free relay, the 200-free relay, the 100-butterfly and the 200-backstroke.

Golf takes fifth in Puerto Rico

Redshirt junior John-Tyler Griffin shot 11-under-par for the tournament and finished tied for fourth individually as Tech took fifth at the Puerto Rico Classic.

As a team, the Jackets started off strong by shooting three-under-par in the first round, and they followed with a five-under-par in the second round.

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Baseball

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In Tech’s first home game of the season, 4-1.

The teams continued to trade runs until freshman pitcher Hope Rush hit an RBI single in the eighth inning to give the Jackets a 10-9 win. Rush recorded her second save of the season.

Sophomore right fielder Jessica Sinclair led off the fourth inning with a leadoff home run to center field to give the Jackets a 2-0 lead.

The teams struggled to score runs in the first inning and Rush hit a two-run home run to center field to give the Jackets a 4-0 lead. Tech looked like they might mount a comeback in the bottom of the seventh when Jordan Jones doubled to left to score one run, but Jones tried to score as well and was thrown out at the plate. Sinclair popped out later in the inning and Tech lost their first game of the season, 4-1.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, the Jackets hosted Kennesaw State in Tech’s first home game of the season. Sophomore pitcher Jessica Coan struck out two batters in the first inning and Rush hit a two-run homer to center field to give the Jackets an early 2-0 lead.

In the second inning, Jordan doubled to a center field that placed two more runs. Rush then hit her second home run of the game, and the sixth of her career, to give Tech a 5-0 lead. KSU cut into Tech’s lead by scoring three runs, but Yee responded with a three-run homer in the sixth to increase the lead to 8-3. Rush recorded her first collegiate save, closing out the Owls for the last two innings.

The Jackets are now 9-1, but they will continue to be tested early this season. Tech travels to Columbus, Ga. on Feb. 26-28 to face five different opponents including No.18 Louisiana-Lafayette.

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Jackets lose on final shot at Maryland

By Kyle Conarro
Staff Writer

Despite leading with two seconds left in the game, Tech’s men’s basketball team (18-9, 6-7 ACC) fell to Maryland on Saturday, Feb. 20 in College Park.

Freshman forward Derrick Favors, who garnered ACC Rookie of the Week honors for the fourth time this season, finished the game with a career-high 18 rebounds and 21 points, including Tech’s final bucket that put them ahead by one in the final seconds. Maryland guard Cliff Tucker hit a three-pointer as time expired to give the Terrapins the win.

The teams fought for the edge early on, recording five lead changes and seven ties in the first half alone.

With the score tied with 5:21 left, the Terrapins quickly passed the ball in to Vasquez, who banked in a desperation half-second remaining.

Sophomore guard Staf Writer

Against MSU, Tech rode a strong start by junior right-hander Deck McGuire to a 4-0 win in Friday’s opener. The lineup, led by senior first baseman Chase Burnette, then came alive and guided Tech to a 20-3 win on Saturday and a 13-0 victory on Sunday.

“I know we’re all really excited about this year...This is exactly the way we wanted to start off,” Burnette said.

McGuire, one of two First Team Preseason All-Americans on Tech’s roster, was in command from the start as he took the mound on Friday. The junior struck out the first two batters he faced to quickly end to the top of the first. Junior center fielder Jeff Rowland led off the bottom of the first by driving an 0-2 pitch over the right field wall, giving the Jackets a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Jackets added their lead as McGuire, leading off the inning for Tech, launched a solo home run to right-center.

McGuire left after pitching a scoreless seventh. He went seven strong innings, allowing five hits and no walks while striking out 10.

Senior right-hander Andrew Robinson pitched a scoreless eighth, and junior closer Kevin Jacob, Tech’s other First Team Preseason All-American, struck out the first two batters he faced to pick up the save.

The Infielders

“I was very disappointed in our effort in the second half...I felt like we didn’t punch back,” Joseph said.

McGuire throws a pitch at Russ Chandler Stadium. McGuire, a 2010 First Team Preseason All-American, threw seven shutout innings in Friday’s season opener against Missouri State, allowing five hits while striking out 10 batters.

After Tech scored six runs through three innings, MSU starter Mike Kickham was pulled for right-hander Tyler Bean to start the fourth. Bean faced no better, leaving after giving up nine runs on eight hits and a walk while getting just two outs.

Tech did not get a home run in the fourth but picked up eight RBI hits, including a Rowland triple, to increase the lead to 15-2.

Cumpton left the game after five innings. He allowed two runs on seven hits and no walks.

Head Coach Danny Hall put in his reserves, inserting backups across the field and using four relievers to finish the game. That group, which included freshmen Luke Bard and Ben McKinney, combined to allow just one run on two hits as Tech completed the 20-3 victory.

In the Sunday finale Tech sent sophomore Jed Bradley, their lone southpaw, to the mound for Tech and pitch well, but it was the offense that stole the spotlight.

Women’s Basketball falls to No. 8 Duke, tops Miami

Sasha Goodlett attempts to steal the ball during last Friday’s game against Duke. Goodlett finished with eight rebounds.

By Nishant Prasad
Sports Editor

In the second game of a tough homestand, the No. 19 Jackets were unable to hold up a halftime lead and fell 64-50 against No. 8 Duke on Friday, Feb. 19. Tech rebounded, though, holding on for a close win at Miami, 77-73, on Sunday, Feb. 21.

Tech now stands at 21-7 overall and 7-5 in ACC play.

Friday’s game, Tech’s second straight contest against a top-10 team, served as Tech’s annual “Pink Zone” game. The Jackets wore pink jerseys in honor of breast cancer awareness, and the team sold apparel during the game to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The game began. Duke jumped ahead early. Senior point guard Jasmine Thomas scored 10 of Duke’s first 15 points as the Blue Devils pulled ahead 15-5 with 9:31 left in the first half.

The Jackets simply could not hit a shot from the field during that stretch. Tech hit just two of 18 attempts from the field as Duke built the 10-point lead.

Tech quickly swung the momentum in their favor after that, locking down on defense to hold the Blue Devils scoreless for six-plus minutes. Tech, meanwhile, scored 13 straight points to take an 18-15 lead.

The final few minutes saw little scoring, and the Jackets led 21-20 at halftime of the defensive struggle. It marked the first time Duke had been trailing at the half in ACC play.

“In the first half, I thought defensively we did just about as good a job as we could possibly do,” said Head Coach McChelle Joseph.

After the break, Duke broke an 11-2 run to take a 31-23 lead. Tech battled back to pull ahead 38-37, and a 14-2 run put Duke in control for the remainder of the game.

Tech committed 17 second-half turnovers, and Duke went on to win 64-50.

“I was very disappointed in our effort in the second half...I felt like when they delivered a blow, we didn’t punch back,” Joseph said.

It marked Tech’s second straight loss to a top-10 team after the Feb. 11 loss to No. 8 Duke.