Beta Theta Pi suspended after hazing reports

By Alex Sohani
News Editor

The Gamma Eta chapter of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity was suspended for two years. As a result of the suspension, residents of the house were told to vacate by June 1.

With the recent hazing allegations, other student organizations such as the Interfraternity Council (IFC) have taken steps with various campus leaders and the administration to try to prevent student misconduct cases such as these from happening in the future.

“We are currently planning quite a few ideas from anti-hazing committees to holding many more educational programs, and inviting speakers to help younger fraternity men. In the future, IFC hopes to give positive reinforcement to those who are acting admirably,” said Prateek Kumar, President of IFC.

The recent suspension serves as a reminder to the Greek community that hazing will not be tolerated on campus, but signs point to hazing becoming a less common occurrence.

“...A few delinquent cases of hazing at Georgia Tech, but overall Greeks here know we are more aware and understanding of these rules,” Kumar said. “As the years pass, there will continue to be hazing allegations nationally, but as a proud Georgia Tech Greek, I have faith in our community and wholeheartedly believe hazing is a dying tradition.”

Stamps to evaluate budget after rejected fee increase

By Alex Sohani
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After the rejection by the Board of Regents of a $6 increase to the Tech student Health Fee, Stamps Health Center will be evaluating some of its operations in order to account for the smaller budget.

The rejected increase to the health fee would have brought in approximately $250,000 of additional revenue to cover a variety of expenses for Stamps Health Services, according to Senior Director Dr. George Moore.

Decisions by the Board of Regents such as health care insurance only being provided to employees working 75 percent of full time have created greater expenses for Stamps that could be covered by the extra revenue. With the extra expenses, Stamps is looking at raising money internally while being more efficient with their expenses.

With salaries increasing in the Atlanta medical market and Tech salaries remaining the same for four years, Stamps has faced a challenge in losing doctors and nurse practitioners. The lack of funds to pay for increased personnel costs has given concern to the Stamps Administration.

“Every year we don’t get a raise we are falling behind in the market. It’s hard to keep up when you are four years behind. It has an impact financially, but it also has an impact on morale. People want to be rewarded for their work,” said Director of Health Operations John Scuderi.

Moore and Scuderi cited that the Health Center is looking at many options such as restructuring the pharmacy’s business model in order to increase funds.

“We are looking at ideas like increasing the price of the drugs that we sell around wholesale by another dollar or two, or looking at how the pharmacy is staffed… We could look at both sides, at how much we’re making and how much cost we have and expanding that concept around the whole organization,” Moore said.

Despite the smaller than expected budget, the administration at Stamps has expressed that these initiatives are just under consideration and feel confident that they are in a reasonable financial situation for the 2012 year.

“There are a number of initiatives we are looking at, but most are just under review for now for options,” Scuderi said. “There’s no great need this year to make any significant changes.”

The Stamps administration plans on proposing another fee increase in the next year in order to continue expanding their services for the student body.
The individual and another companion had previously been apprehended by this officer for the same activity. After the first incident, the two individuals were given warnings that they would be arrested if they were observed for this activity in the future.

Because of this second incident, the male was arrested for pedestrian in the roadway and petitonnating rides or business. No contraband was found in the search of the suspect.

Foul Play

In the late evening of May 17, a group of males approached a GTPD officer near the Car-

tan Parking Deck and the bas-

ketball courts. One male stated that he and his friends had en-
gaged in an argument while playing basketball, and another male punched him in the face. This second male acknowledged the argument, but claimed that he did not initiate the physical fight.

Neither party pressed charg-

es, and the officer informed the group that they could be arrest-
ed for fighting in a public place and disturbing public tranquility.

All-Pavement Special

A GTPD officer observed a dis-

patched to the Waffle House in Tech Square during the early morning hours of Tuesday, May 15.

There, a male was lying on the ground with an open wound on his forehead. The man stated that he had fallen on the ground and hit his head on the pavement.

He was still conscious when the ambulance transported him to Grady Hospital.

Got No Credit Card

A GTPD officer ob-

served a car on Tenth Street, NW, and Fowler Street, NW, with an expired registration de-
cal. After stopping the vehicle, the officer found that the tag had expired a couple of weeks before and had no valid insurance coverage. Furthermore, the driver’s license had been sus-
pended in the state of Georgia in February.

The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a traffic violation, and an expired registration. She was transported to the Fulton County Detention Center, and there, she called a friend to pick up her young child who had been in the vehicle with her.

Flashing Lights

A car with red flashing lights running across the hood was observed by a GTPD officer between Hemphill Avenue and Tenth Street. This officer con-
ducted a traffic stop, and after he found no warrants for the subject, the driver got out of the vehicle without be-
ing asked. The officer asked the driver to get back in the car multiple times.

“Hold on, I need to go talk to my friends back there,” said the driver to the GTPD officer, ignoring his requests.

The driver was handcuffed for the obstruction of a police officer. With no identification, the driver gave a false name, and the subsequent fingerprint test came up with no results. Once he was finally identified, he was found to have 11 suspensions and two arrest warrants.

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Central banks pressure other institutions to act in global recession

With last week’s stock market fall, central banks around the world have begun to take measures to attempt to revive global economic growth.

Central banks in China, Australia, Brazil and India lowered rates for the first time in a few years, but neither the European Central Bank (ECB) nor the United States Federal Reserve made any promises to do the same.

Both Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and ECB President Mario Draghi have been pushing politicians in their respective realms to do more for monetary policy to revitalize the global economy.

“Monetary policy is not a panacea. I would be much more comfortable if Congress would take some of this burden from us,” Bernanke said in a speech to Congress in which he appealed to the legislature to cancel spending cuts and tax increases slated to hit at the end of the year.

- Wall Street Journal

Internet switches from IPv4 to IPv6

On Wednesday, June 6, hundreds of technology companies made the switch from IPv4 to IPv6, a new protocol that expands the number of Internet addresses from 3.2 billion to $3.4 \times 10^{38}$.

The new protocol was established to accommodate today’s exploding number of Internet users across dozens of interfaces, including computers, smart phones and tablets.

With this constant expansion of Internet usage, very little time remains before the Network Address Translation method, which basically allows users to share Internet addresses, no longer sustains the volume of users.

Furthermore, as the availability of Internet addresses declines and users are forced to share, the quality of video game applications and other high-power uses for the Internet will decline as well.

Some users may have to upgrade their hardware, but otherwise, the change to IPv6 should not affect an average user.

Several top technology companies are currently pushing this initiative, including Internet service providers, such as Comcast and AT&T, and websites such as Google, Yahoo and Facebook.

- The New York Times
the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons (CULC). This building, a plethora of study spaces and state-of-the-art classrooms serving students, faculty and staff, represents money well-allocated and highly appreciated by the student body. New construction and, more feasibly, renovation projects would hugely benefit older classroom buildings, such as Van Leer and the Instructional Center.

Outside of undertaking major renovation and construction projects, the management of operations and facilities often goes unnoticed, but plays a significant role in the daily experience and Tech’s image.

Finally, alumni dollars would be most appreciated in scholarships, fellowships and endowments. With the increases in tuition and fees, the price to attend Tech is becoming a financial challenge to Tech students. Investing funds in excellent students is a beneficial gift that will keep on giving.

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Mitt Romney’s Russia

By Harvard Crimson Editorial Board

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(UWire) — For a candidate whose foreign policy expertise was presumably sharpened by his two year mission in Europe, Mitt Romney’s pronouncements on the Russian Federation are especially surprising. In recent weeks, Romney’s views on Russia have come into focus and become more widely scrutinized, notably in recent articles in The New York Times and The Washington Post.

In one exceptional and already notorious case, the Republican candidate elect stated that Russia was the United States’ “number one geopolitical foe.” Although he would admit that states like Iran and North Korea pose a greater immediate threat to global stability, Romney appears to cling to the implicit assumption that a post-Soviet Russia still poses the greatest danger to American interests. In particular, he has cited Russian support for rogue nations at the United Nations; given Russia’s status as a permanent member of the Security Council, the Kremlin is able to shield regimes such as Bashar al-Assad’s despotic and cruel regime in Syria from international censure.

The logical fallacy behind Romney’s conception of Russia as America’s greatest enemy is apparent. Despite Romney’s determination that the anchor of the former Soviet Union remains a serious threat to American freedom, the reality suggests otherwise. Admittedly, Russia is misinformed and suspicious of American motives, particularly regarding the construction of a missile shield in Central and Eastern Europe. At home, Russia is far from free; “managed democracy,” a term too often used by Western media outlets, has served as a byword for Vladimir Putin’s “United Russia” party’s domination of the political sphere for more than a decade.

But Russia hardly qualifies as the U.S.’s most pressing adversary. Rather, both the modern Russian Federation and the United States face similar challenges: both struggle, though in different ways, with the threat of Islamic-inspired fundamentalist terrorism. While the United States may face the impending question of how to deal with rising Chinese economic power, Russia has already been forced to accept economic second-power status. Unlike the U.S., Russia faces acute immediate challenges: she must confront an imminent demographic crisis arguably worse than anything faced by the least fecund Western European countries. While Russian GDP growth had been phenomenal under the first few years of Putin’s administration, the long-term outlook for an extractive-resource and, specifically, petro-state economy seems uncertain.

Both Russia and the United States face similar challenges, albeit to different extents, of how to reduce large nuclear arsenals, push back terrorism, and address long-term competitiveness issues. In the post-Soviet era, the two countries have been on remarkably similar paths: zero cooperation in their Cold War relations. With that in mind, the Republicans’ apparent desire to return to a clear war rivalry is quite baffling.

Mr. Romney would do well to avoid characterizing Russia as evil. His own understanding of Russian relations can in part be informed or explained by the suggestion that he views Russian policy as a “zero sum” game. Such an outlook bears a depressing resemblance to former president George W. Bush’s pronouncement that “you are either with us or against us.” Good or evil, blessed or satanic; these are the kinds of counterproductive, black and white judgments that Barack Obama, however successful or not he has been at foreign policy, has been careful to avoid.

It would be a shame to revert to this good-evil divide. Instead, Romney and the American public would do well to recognize who is working to deliver reform and democracy in Russia and who is hindering this effort. Transparency International’s Corruption Perceptions Index regularly lists the world’s largest country as among the most corrupt. In many cases, large-scale corruption has also turned Russia into a violent and lawless state. Witness the now well-known death of Moscow lawyer Sergei L. Magnitsky and the U.S. Congress’ subsequent effort to pass the “Magnitsky Act” aimed at targeting corrupt bureaucrats and security officials thought to be behind Magnitsky’s death after he exposed a massive fraud. Romney and the Republican Party would do well to draw the distinction between the ill-informed view of a “Russia” driven by ulterior motives and the reality: the desire of Russians to secure a more ethical and democratic future for their country.

Russia is not the U.S.’s best friend, but neither should the two states be anything approaching real enemies. Romney’s conception of Russia is indeed confusing to today’s generation of young Americans who have grown up in a post Cold War era, and who in many cases know—or are among—the millions of former U.S.S.R. immigrants who have moved to the United States.

Russia has changed and modernized considerably since the fall of the Soviet Union. Any visitor to today’s Moscow would surely balk at the idea that the capital represents Washington D.C.’s top adversary. Romney’s own misguided stance re-emphasizes the need to interact with contemporaneous powers through diplomacy and understanding rather than jingoistic and unfounded nationalism.
Reevaluation of NBA draft rules necessary

While I love college athletics, I’ve never been able to get into college basketball unless it’s the wild and unpredictable postseason. Generally, I find it boring, because 90 percent of the players that play at an elite level are one-and-done guys who will only be in school for a year before deciding to go pro. While it is fun to watch these guys absolutely smoke their competition, it doesn’t provide for an interesting college landscape like we see in college football or baseball when guys are coming and going all over the span of one or two seasons.

This problem could easily be solved by two rules that the NBA and NCAA need to omit the rule that players cannot be drafted directly out of high school. While it can be problematic that some kids coming out of high school will be allowed to enter their name into the draft too early, there has been plenty of evidence in the NBA that players drafted directly out of high school pay huge dividends.

Kevin Garnett, LeBron James, Andrew Bynum and Dwight Howard are just some of the examples of players who came straight out of high school and are performing at the highest level. All four have made appearances on the All- NCAA ballot. Scouts and general managers are a waste of time. It’s easy to get caught up in trying to figure out what he learned as a player at the University of North Carolina. Jordan learned lessons through the elevated competition, such as playing on a big stage and hitting clutch shots that resulted in him having an amazing transition into the professional world. Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, two more NBA Hall of Famers, both stayed in school for multiple years as well, and even ingrained their respective rivalry in the NCAA Tournament.

By keeping players locked to the college level, you not only ensure that they don’t leave too early in many cases, but you also give the fans something to look forward to. Could you imagine what the NBA would look like if every roster was full of one-and-done players like we see at the University of Kentucky? We just wouldn’t be as excited to watch their team. There’s a novelty to having a player eschew the college level, even for the short four-year period that the college landscape allows. There’s an example that history very close to home when it comes to this. Tech managed to have one of its best recruiting classes in years in 2009 after picking up the number two prospect in the country, Derrick Favors. While Favors had a strong freshman season, he was by no means a completely developed player. While he has shown sparks of brilliance in his time as a member of the Utah Jazz, he remains a work in progress, and could have benefited from either entering the NBA earlier and learning in the pros, or gaining a higher skill set with an extra year or two in the college landscape.

While this was the first year that we saw a roster filled with freshmen and more superstars win a national championship, it seems like the sports world sees less and less “veteran” teams making deep runs in the NCAA tournament. The top recruits who are NBA ready by the time school becomes freshmen filling up powerhouse rosters like Kentucky, UCLA and Arizona, and absolutely blow the competition away. By allowing super talented guys go to the NBA early and using the college playing field almost as a developmental league, I feel we would see a lot more parity through college basketball.

With the need for coaches to really develop players instead of accommodating to superstar divas, I feel like keeping players around in college would really make the post-season even closer and more exciting.

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HBO’s Girls raises self-awareness for twenty-something women

I haven’t always been a big TV watcher, mainly because there are few shows that catch my interest enough for me to sit down on a weekly basis. Reality shows haven’t cut it for me, because quite frankly, they aren’t relatable to my life. I haven’t been able to identify with American Idol because I’m not the most gifted singer, nor do I have the chance to become a star like Kelly Clarkson. I’m not from New Jersey and don’t like to lead the life-style of a Jersey-shore-er.

However, I have been brought to discuss this topic because of the new show called Girls. On the HBO network, the series premiered this past April 15th and has quickly become part of my Sunday schedule.

Directed and written by lead actress, Lena Dunham, the show focuses on a group of four twenty something girls trying to make it in New York City. While this plot line may sound cliché and trivial, I have left each episode feeling like I am actually a living character in the show itself. It is incredibly realistic to women in their early twenties.

Dunham plays the role of Hannah, a newly graduated gal who struggles on a day-to-day basis. The opening scene of the pilot shows Hannah having dinner with her parents who are visiting her in NYC. She is taking full advantage of the free meal paid by the pads as she stuffs her face with every item on the table. All the while, her parents share some upsetting news with her; they are no longer going to support her financially.

As a fifth year approaching graduation this December, I can identify easily with Hannah’s reaction to her parents. Responsiblity is beginning to play a larger role in my life every day and the best way I can approach it is to simply embrace it.

The four main characters are Hannah Horvath, Marnie Michaels, Shoshanna Shapiro and Jessa Johansson. These characters allow young women an outlet to share the pain of growing up and reveal the truth that growing up is something we all have to do.

This show tends to grasp the realistic ups and downs of life. By no means is Hannah perfect and gets everything she wants in life. But she keeps on keeping on, which not only helps me look forward to the next episode, but also allows me to realize, it’s all going to be okay.

I sincerely believe that it is difficult to be a twenty something woman in today’s world. There are so many expectations for students as they wrap up their college degrees, questions like, ‘what are you going to do after graduation?’ or rather ‘the rest of your life post-grad’ arise from every personal thought and bit of advice we receive. The thoughts of finding the right partner suddenly becomes a relevant point of discussion and the question of, where do I want to begin my career, near my family?

It’s not all going to be glamorous as many TV shows portray the lives of some characters. Yeah, I enjoy watching How I Met Your Mother, but the characters’ age group is in a different stage of life than my current stage. The stage of their lives is further down the road, whereas mine is just beginning.

Girls has targeted a vulnerable audience. Young twenty-something women need an idol or some added optimism to their lives. This show does that. It depicts the reality that we are all about to face after graduation, but at the same time it is comforting seeing these women go through the creepily similar situations and turning our alright.

The experiences these characters encounter is either already happening to us, or going to in the next few years. This show highlights those instances in our lives where we are going to need support from our friends and family. This show reminds us that we are not alone in these seemingly unfortunate life changes coming our way, very soon.

In a doctors appointment at the OB/GYN, Hannah spills her thoughts on being unemployed and poor. The doctor bluntly responds, “You could not pay me enough to be 24 again.” Hannah retorts, “Well, they’re not paying me at all.”

Maddie Cook
Opinions Editor

Why do the MoSE elevators always smell so dank? where do i apply to write for the niece? That awkward moment when you hear a roommate close and then lock their door... welp, no co-op wanted to hire me, i guess i’m worthless i don’t think my body understands what sleep or food are anymore... Michael and Michael: I’m so glad we’re a family :) i am ready to end it - PATEL What’s wrong Ronald-kun? Could it be that you are craving my McNuggies? Chivalry is not dead. You won’t even look at me when I hold a door open for you. Cute redhead boy that always sits in front of me on the bus...talk to me already! It’s almost the end of the year and the cute tall redhead that always ends up on the same bus as me hasn’t even spoken to me. Tall cute redhead boy tall cute blonde girl = adorable! Guy playing Lel in the CoC is having an on the nose nerdgasm I always feel a little worse when I try to look up what I “learned” in a 2000 level class, and find it @ another university, but a 4000 level course. GG Besides healthcare, college tuition is the only thing to have consistently risen over the past 50 years. Girl in my algorithms class... Want to work on the cut property sometime? i swear the guys above us ride skateboard on 6 inch heels on... some times i wish Madame Pince works at Tech’s library Don’t forecast or you will forecast in Brunswick You know it’s dead week when you’re slammed with projects and stay up late enough to watch Good Day Atlanta. You can only make fun of someone when it’s false and to their face. gather girl in 1331 with the pixie-like hair, EVERYONE can hear you whisper.
Studying abroad. Taking a road trip. Teaching for America. These are all things Tech students participate in over the summer. For those stuck on campus, though, don’t worry; Atlanta has countless sights to see and events to attend.

For those looking for a way to enjoy the sunny weather, Piedmont Park is located just north of Midtown. The site of the first UGA vs. Georgia Tech game, the park has a long history and many opportunities for outdoor activities. Throughout its 212 acres, Piedmont has 7.1 miles of paved walkways for jogging or biking, providing a contrast to urban Atlanta. The park also just opened a $41.25 million dollar expansion. The 53 acre expansion added two new plazas, an interactive fountain, the Lower Meadow, and an expanded dog park.

The Piedmont Park Aquatic center was also a part of the expansion. The center includes features such as lap lanes and a current channel to float in. Adult admission is $4.

For budget-conscious park-goers, the Piedmont gives free Bird Walks on the first Saturday of every month and History Tours every Tuesday.

A number of events and concerts are also held in the park annually. The Peachtree Road Race and Atlanta Pride Festivals are among the varied offerings. A calendar of events can be found on Piedmont Park’s website at www.piedmontpark.org.

For a more cultured experience, the High Museum and Atlanta Symphony Orchestra provide a variety of programs throughout the year.

This summer, the High’s exhibitions include Hale Woodruff’s murals portraying the Amistad mutiny and its aftermath, golf-related art from The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, works of Brooklyn-based artist KAWS, and acclaimed photographer Richard Misrach’s presentation of environmental damage along the Mississippi River.

Just across from the High, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra hosts a number of musical events covering a wide variety of genres and musical tastes. Performances this summer include A Flowering Tree composed by minimalist John Adams, conductor Michael Kraizewsky leading Musical Magic of John Williams, and ARRIVAL. From Sweden performing an ABBA tribute with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Apart from Piedmont and Woodruff, Atlanta’s Peachtree Street offers a retail experience close to campus. More than forty big-name retailers, shops and restaurants are laid out in a pedestrian-friendly mall with bench-lined streets to sit and enjoy the day. The IMAX Theater also provides a venue to see this summer’s latest blockbuster.

Little Five Points provides a more locally-oriented shopping experience, though it is farther from campus. In what’s been called Atlanta’s answer to High-Ashbury, there are many food and music venues tucked away, though some venues are harder to find than others.

More accessible locations also exist. The Junkman’s Daughter sells a wide variety of odds and ends, or “junk” as the name suggests, and can be found right on Moreland Avenue. Visitors can also eat award-winning burgers at the Vortex. The skull-shaped entrance to the local restaurant can be spotted right off Moreland as well.

Closer to campus, situated just across from the connector, is Tech’s own Tech Square. By now, students are familiar with the culinary offerings so close to campus.

Though Tech Square is filled predominantly with restaurants, the area hosts other events during the summer. The Student Center Programs Council hosts “Flicks on Fifth” with four weeks of free movies outdoors at the intersection of Spring Street and Fifth Street. This year’s lineup includes Range and Just Go With It among other movies.

The activities covered in this article are only a fraction of what Atlanta has to offer. Visit accessatlanta.com or atlantabuzz.com for even more things to do around Atlanta.

By Aaron Tumulak Contributing Writer

Studying abroad provides world of opportunity

By Mia Wrightson & Ian Bailie Contributing Writer / Focus Editor

Hundreds of Tech students study abroad each year, many during the summer semester. Different programs offer a myriad of opportunities, allowing students to select a program right for them.

For Maggie Kellett, a third-year BA major, the Georgia Tech Longine (GTL) program provided a way to simultaneously ease cultural insights she gained while abroad.

“I didn’t get as much out of the classes as I had hoped,” Hare said. I didn’t get as much out of the classes as I had hoped,” Hare said.

Beyond classes, study abroad programs offer students the opportunity to experience cultures outside of their own, often in multiple locations.

Corey Airken, BA ’12, for example, studied at GTL and did internships in Germany.

“Through cultural immersion and adaptation, I learned immensely about other cultures,” Airken said.

Other students, like Ali Kimm, a fifth-year MGT major, also noted the cultural insights she gained from studying abroad.

“I found… I could find commonalities with the citizens in unexpected ways,” Kimm said.

In addition to the cultural experience studying abroad provides, some programs even encourage students to travel, scheduling classes such that travel is possible. The GTL program, for example, offers students three-day weekends, making longer trips through Europe possible.

According to Kellett, even program instructors understand students travelled during the weekends.

“The fact that the program was working to get you to travel meant a lot to me,” Kellett said.

Though the students learn about other cultures through their travels, studying abroad often allows students to develop personally.

“Studying abroad taught me to be independent, self-sufficient, and open to new experiences,” Kimm said.

Despite these benefits to studying abroad, some students opt to pursue other forms of career development and education. Often, cost of such programs is prohibitive.

“Studying abroad is expensive,” Hare said. “Some students abroad miss out on other fun opportunities because they simply cannot afford to do extra trips and excursions.”

Other students cite a prevailing party mentality as a detractor from the study abroad experience. Many study abroad programs take place in locations where the legal age to consume alcohol is lower than in the U.S., allowing students to act irresponsibly.

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Tips and Tricks: Road trip car prep

With the summer months in full swing, it’s time for the college road trip. Don’t let car trouble be the end of a weekend excursion; follow our pre trip tips to help make your drive as smooth as possible.

- Check your engine fluid levels. This includes windshield, brake, power steering, and transmission fluids as well as engine oil and coolant.
- Ensure the battery is charged and the terminals are free of corrosion.
- Check the tires for wear. Make sure the sidewalls are free from tears or bulges and there is a good amount of tread left.
- Have the brakes inspected to ensure pads and rotors aren’t too worn.
- Ensure the tires are inflated to the proper pressure. Tire pressure information can be found on the driver door sill.

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drinking age is younger than 21.

“I think the majority of college students treat study abroad like a drinking tour of whatever country they are visiting,” said Lisa Altshul, a second-year BA major.

To study abroad, students must meet certain requirements. According to Georgia Tech’s Office of International Education (OIE) website, students must meet minimum GPA requirements and be in good academic and disciplinary standing. Individual program requirements may vary. Some foreign language based programs require certain course prerequisites, for example.

As with requirements, the costs of study abroad vary by program and depend on the location, length and other associated fees of each program. Scholarships and other incentives do exist to help students pay for program fees and tuition. Also, out-of-state students pay the reduced in-state tuition fee during study abroad semesters. OIE has financial aid resources for students.

Students interested in studying abroad in future semesters can find several resources to research both Tech sponsored and independent programs. OIE specializes in Tech’s study abroad programs and is located in suite 211 of the Savant building. The OIE website can also be found at oie.gatech.edu.

Regardless of student’s opinions of studying abroad, most agree the experience is unforgettable.

Kellett recalls her experience in Venice. During Carnival, nightly concerts were held in San Marco Square in the city and she said she saw a memorable disco cover band.

“It was really funny to me that they were playing our music from the 70s,” Kellett said. “It was so much fun.”
Snow White revamps classic tale for older audience

By Joe Murphy
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A new spin was put on the most classic of Grimm fairy tales this past week with Snow White and the Huntsman, which opened in theaters on June 1. From the producers of Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland, this film provides a darker, more warlike look at the world of Snow White in order to play to a slightly older audience than the original Disney cartoon did; the heroine herself is depicted as more of a warrior than a damsel in distress. However, despite this reasonably original perspective on the story, poor casting choices and an inconsistent plot fail to make this latest adaptation of Snow White memorable.

Though Snow White and the Huntsman does depict some more mature elements, the basic structure of the classic tale is still evident. Snow White (Kristen Stewart, Twilight) is the princess of some unnamed fairy tale land who is imprisoned as a child by her evil-sorceress stepmother (Charlize Theron, The Road) after the death of her father. Years pass, and when the evil queen learns that Snow White's stunning beauty will soon surpass her own, she vows to consume the heroine's heart and attain immortality. However, when Snow White escapes to the dreaded Dark Forest, the queen hires a rugged huntsman (Chris Hemsworth, Thor) to track her down and retrieve her. It is at this point that this latest adaptation begins to branch off from the original story. Rather than bunking in a quaint cabin in the woods with the seven dwarves (although the dwarves do make an appearance in the film), Snow White instead teams up with the huntsman, raises an army and plots to end the reign of the evil queen once and for all.

As mentioned before, the cast of Snow White and the Huntsman is what drags the film down the most. While Theron certainly does a fine job of portraying the power-hungry and slightly neurotic evil queen, Stewart and Hemsworth regrettably fail to reach such levels. Stewart's acting skills have certainly improved since her recent liberation from the melodramatic world of the Twilight franchise, but she and Hemsworth combined cannot match the performance of Oscar-winner Theron, and as a result, the film seems somewhat one-sided in the acting department.

The plot has some areas in which it succeeds and some where it leaves much to be desired. The new makeover of the story is refreshing with its darker tone and more realistic characters, and there is still enough of the original fairy tale there to give audience members a nostalgic shout-out to their younger, Disney-infused days. However, there are parts in Snow White and the Huntsman that seem to have been thrown in just for the sake of relating back to the original Snow White story, one example being the abrupt and practically unplanned appearance of the seven (or in this case, eight) dwarves. It is these scenes that sap the strength and individuality of the film, turning it into a simple remake with a twist rather than an action film that can stand on its own.

Snow White and the Huntsman definitely earns its place as a kickoff to the summer blockbuster season. Its visuals are great, and there are certainly more than a few scenes that are both stunning and haunting. However, viewers may find that the film takes a few too many liberties with its plot, and that the story is wrapped up a little too quickly. But even if it will never achieve the timeless status of the original animated Disney film, this new adaptation of the well-trod fairy tale is definitely a step, albeit a small one, in the right direction.

Red Bull Soapbox Derby

The Red Bull Soapbox Derby returns to Atlanta this Saturday, June 9, after a two-year hiatus. Teams create their own "works of engineering" and hope they hold together on down the bumps and turns of the course down 10th Street along Piedmont Park. Businesses around Atlanta from Sweetwater to the Czech House to Publix will participate alongside private citizens, each with their own unique design for a vehicle. Pit opens for viewing at 10 a.m. with races beginning at noon.

East Point Possums Show

What began years ago as a simple dare has morphed into a major fashion show of sorts, drawing hundreds to witness the travesty of "bad drag." The Possums Show's featured queens walk the runway, earning "tips" for charity. The show benefits local non-profits, and this year's main beneficiary is The Phillip Rush Center. So come out to the Southeast's premier and most attended drag show. The Possums Show will take place beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the Commons in Downtown East Point.
VENTURE CAPITALISTS GAVE US $10 MILLION, BUT I HAD TO AGREE TO PUT ONE OF THEM ON OUR BOARD.

SHOULD I BE WORRIED THAT YOUR OTHER BOARD MEMBERS HAVE A COMBINED IQ OF ABOUT 70?

THEY WEREN'T DUMB ENOUGH TO GIVE ME $10 MILLION DOLLARS.

BURN!

DO YOU RESPECT THOSE WHO SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

IN THIS CASE IT MEANS YOU'RE IGNORANT, BALD, AND OVERPAID.

DO YOU RESPECT ME YET, OR SHOULD I KEEP GOING?

OUR MISSILE PROGRAM IS THE PRIDE OF ELBONIA!

YESTERDAY WE LAUNCHED A TEST MISSILE THAT WENT A HUNDRED YARDS BEFORE RIPPING THE ROOF OFF AN ORPHANAGE.

YOU TEST YOUR MISSILES NEAR ORPHANS?

WHAT ARE THE ODDS THEY'D BE UNLUCKY THREE TIMES?

WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING.

HOW I DECIDED TO PROVE A POINT.

HOW THINGS WENT AWRY.

30 YEARS LATER...

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE! NOTHING'S CHANGED.

WHAT? WHY?

WHEN CRYOGENIC FREEZING WAS ANNOUNCED, ALL THE ENGINEERS WHO WERE EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE FROZEN THEMSELVES. SO THERE'S BEEN NO ONE BUILDING ANYTHING NEW.

BUT THERE'S ALL WAKING UP NOW!

SWEET! I'M GONNA JUMP FORWARD 30 YEARS AND USE THIS GIANT WIPED BECAUSE I'M GOOD.

ME TOO!

WANT IN?

I'M NOT SURE.

WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED WITH THIS HILLSIDE GUY? WE HAVE ALL OF TIME WE COULD EXPLORE!

HE'S EVIL. INNOCENT! HE MURDERED MILLIONS AND SPARKED GLOBAL WARMING. EVERYONE AGREES—IF YOU GET A TIME MACHINE, YOU KILL HILLS.

I'M TIE IN IT! C'MON DOWN, BRAD! ROLLING MILLER!

HERE ARE YOU HAPPY? JIMMY.

HE WAS IN SOME KIND OF BUNKER. THIS WAS MAD!

NO!

10,000 YEARS LATER...

WE'RE BASICALLY THE SAME, EXCEPT 99% OF US HAVE A CONDOM-BREAKING MECHANISM ON OUR PENIS.
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**Baseball sees postseason success**

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The Jackets baseball team had an unexpected end to a season that was perhaps even more unexpected. The team, which began in February ranked 9th in the nation, finished the regular season 26-10-2 in 2012. The Jackets, who finished in eighth place for the tournament and finished in the top twenty for the season as ACC champions. Jake Davies was named ACC commissioner John Swoford's hand. Davies earned the MVP award after four solid games.

![Photo courtesy of the GTAA](image)

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**Tech golf program established as national power**

By Matt Schwartz
Staff Writer

The Tech golf program finished another successful season with their fourth consecutive ACC championship. The golf program is grabbing headlines on both the collegiate and professional levels.

The Jackets headed to New London, N.C., for this year's ACC tournament. On the first day, the Jackets posted an 18-under 270 with a comfortable six-stroke lead over Virginia. Junior Bo Andrews and sophomore Kyle O'Leary formed back tees, both shooting 6-under 66. Andrews was tied for second with his first round, and O'Leary fired a 3-under 69.

After two days of work, Tech's 1-under 285 put the Jackets in the top three of the individual leaderboard at 9-under. Tech relinquished four strokes in the tournament's final round, but the Jackets held on to the lead and captured the title.

One month later, Tech looked to carry the momentum of their ACC title into the NCAA Southwest Regional. The Jackets finished the opening round in eighth place after shooting a 2-under 286. They finished in the top five after the opening round, and came out with a 2-over 288 to put the Jackets in the final four. Tech finished the tournament with a 1-under 285 to win the regional by four strokes.

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