SGA is planning to create an Undergraduate Conference Fund to provide travel stipends for undergraduate researchers. With this, about 80 undergraduate students involved in research would receive $250 in research funding aside from other Institute sources, such as the President’s Undergraduate Research Awards (PUR) or funds from the student’s Principal Investigator (PI).

“There has been a lot of research done on students doing research. Students doing research tend to have higher GPAs, they tend to stay in school longer and are more easily accepted into grad school. There are a lot of benefits. But, you haven’t really done research until you’ve presented it,” said Christopher Reaves, Director of Undergraduate Research and Student Innovation.

PUR has seen a significant increase in the number of students applying for travel stipends. “Travel stipends have been our biggest project used to raise money for the pledge bar, which was operated primarily by pledges, was a drug-related charge and other alcohol, be given tickets and check in when an undercover GTPD officer discovered the pledge bar on the house is hosting may check in members invited to the event that was brought to the fraternity by the O. The show, which debuted in 2009 and is currently on its fifth season, has received strong praise, including seven Emmy nominations and a spot as the number-one television series on Time’s 2012 year-end list. Michael Schur created the show along with Greg Daniels, with whom he also created the hit series The Office.

Employing a mockumentary-camera style similar to The Office, Parks and Recreation is set in the fictional city of Pawnee, Indiana, which is home to a controversial and violent history, several bizarre and scandalous politicians, and an unreasonably high number of obese citizens. Poehler plays the quirky but lovable Leslie Knope, a city bureaucrat who works for the parks department. The show follows her life as she tries to accomplish such local government-related tasks as converting a pit into a park, organizing a harvest festival and running for city council. Scott portrays Ben Wyatt, a state auditor who settles in Pawnee and eventually falls for Knope.

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Weather short observatory nights

In past months, Public Nights at the Observatory, an observatory event on the Howey rooftop, has been canceled two consecutive times. While the reasons for delay are not dramatic, unsuitable weather has been the most notable cause.

“No one has weather control,” said Professor James Sowell, Coordinator for Public Nights. “We have to wait for the weather to cooperate.”

According to Sowell, late January and February could be eighty percent unclear one year and completely clear the next.

Potential visitors for the event have found issues with these delays as they have showed up to closed doors, but have sent no negative feedback directly to observatory representatives.

Sowell explained that on nights they cancel but the weather clears, that he struggles to decide if he should tell people to come anyway. However Sowell noted that in small group settings, the word does not spread well.

“I’d rather have people look up in the sky and realize themselves that it’s too cloudy, but shocking enough, a lot of people still don’t even realize that there is an observatory,” Sowell said.

On the other hand, Public Nights has been enjoyed by many who have visited the Howey rooftop, and the program has received multiple positive comments when the event was open last semester.

“All three of us really enjoyed our time at the observatory,” Sowell said. “As evidence, my son gave an enthusiastic reporting of what he saw when my husband asked him about it this morning,” said one visitor of the Atlanta community who visited with her children in a letter sent directly to Professor Sowell.

As the semester wraps up its final two months, Howey observatory will showcase two more Public Night events on March 14 and April 18.

“I will open up for campus groups that contact me, and I will make arrangements for a group night at the observatory,” Sowell said.

Students are recommended to check the weather before attending any scheduled observatory days.
Details of off-campus housing release

BY LINDSAY PURCELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Possible construction of new off-campus student housing at the intersection of 8th St. and Spring St. was announced earlier this month at a meeting held by the Midtown Alliance.

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House committee talks guns on campus

BY KENNETH MARINO STAFF WRITER

House Bill 29 (HB 29), the bill that would allow those with concealed weapons licenses to bring firearms onto college campuses, is now being considered in the House Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. The bill is sponsored by Republican Charles Gregory of Kennesaw and Republican Ed Setzer of Acworth.

The bill would change the Official Georgia Code Annotated “relating to the carrying and possession of firearms, so as to repeal prohibitions against carrying a firearm on to postsecondary institution campuses.” The bill would allow those individuals with Georgia Firearms licenses to bring weapons onto the campuses of public universities, colleges and technical schools. The license requires the owner to be 21 years of age and be clear of felonies and certain other crimes among other requirements.

“It’s a property rights issue,” Gregory said. “Government should be in the business of protecting the rights of individuals.”

Student opinions on concealed carry of weapons on campus are narrowly divided. In 2010, the last time Tech students were polled on the question, 52-33 percent of students opposed allowing concealed carry and campus according to former student body president Alina Staskewicius in a 2010 interview.

“Our responsibility was to take those survey results and put them together into one message to share with the outside world and what Georgia Tech thinks,” said Undergraduate Student body President Evan Moedel. “Right now we’re opposing concealed carry on the campus.”

The legislative bodies of SGA, however, have not been unanimous in opposition. When SGA sponsored a bill to oppose campus carry in 2010, several representatives voted against the measure including then-Representative Moedel. Since then, Moedel has changed his position and has been against campus carry.

On the other hand, Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC) has been a major supporter of HB 29 and similar bills that have been considered in the Georgia Legislature. The organization was founded in 2007 in the wake of the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007 to promote laws that allow students to carry weapons on college campuses for the purpose of self-defense.

“We condone the ability of students to defend themselves here on campus, just as they can anywhere off campus with a valid Georgia weapons license,” said Robert Eagar, President of the Tech chapter of the SCCC. President Peterson and the University System of Georgia, however, have suggested that allowing concealed carry would be bad for student safety.

Both have had historical opposition to concealed carry. Speaking to the Atlanta Journal Constitution, Peterson referred to the mix of alcohol, guns and 20,000 students on campus as a “terrible combination... I think it is a recipe for disaster.”

A joint statement released this month by Technical College System of Georgia Commissioner Ron Jackson and University System of Georgia Chancellor Hank Huckaby stated that they were “united in stating that the best course of action is to continue to follow current Georgia law as it relates to guns on campus.”

The current law is working and is the best and most effective way to protect and ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff. It further stated that “it motions can run high – particularly at athletic events – and the current law ensures such emotions have the most appropriate means of expression.”

“Georgia Tech follows the University System of Georgia policy and the State of Georgia law,” said Matthew Nagel, Media Relations Specialist for the Institute.

While Gregory is hopeful that the legislation will succeed, he has worries about the changes being made in committee. There is a concern that the bill will be combined with other bills and altered to the point where it will have trouble passing both a committee vote and a vote on the House floor.

“I don’t expect House Bill 29 to move forward independently,” Gregory said. “I’m concerned it will be compromised.”

A student holsters his gun off-campus (above). House bill 29 would allow students to carry concealed weapons on campus.

HOUSING

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rollment in the state, averaging a three percent growth over the last 10 years.

“We don’t believe we have a large, unfulfilled demand. If [Ambling is] basing their project on the belief that we are turning away hundreds and hundreds of students, then we’re not sure if that is necessarily true,” Morrison said.

“[Housing] will be interesting to see what happens. We know that Ambling makes a good product: they’re very well respected. We just don’t believe there is a need for 700 students to be housed elsewhere and we’re curious to see where they got their numbers,” Morrison said.

There are three private residence halls around Tech’s campus: The Flats in Atlantic Station, 100 Midtown Apartments and WestMar Student Lofts.

There are currently no plans in place for Tech to build any new residence halls. Rather, old residence halls will be renovated.

 “[Tech] is not ambitiously going ahead with any new construction, it’s just not where we are now,” Morrison said. “If you are looking at our ‘master plan’, we’ll net maybe 1000 more beds over the course of many years. But even that plan was created before the financial situation of today. We have not identified a new housing need. We would need to eliminate or restore older housing first.”

Ambling will submit their formal construction proposal next month. They already developed 59 other student housing projects across the country and are currently constructing off-campus housing for GSU.

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to the Graduate Conference Fund, which was able to supplement over 400 graduate students’ research. The Undergraduate Conference Fund would total $20,000. Both would have a limit of $250 per student per fiscal year.

“As grants become more difficult to get from scholarships and PI’s funding for travel becomes more restrictive,” said Arren Washington, VP of the Graduate Conference Fund, which gives travel stipends to graduate students.

Money for the proposed Undergraduate Conference Fund would be allocated from the Student Activity Fee.

“It’s our duty to make sure every person is getting their sphere of activities funded. If we only fund sports clubs or cultural clubs, then we’re not being responsible to those students who want to do research,” said Nicholas Picon, Undergraduate VP of Campus Affairs and one of the leaders behind the creation of an Undergraduate Conference Fund.

“It’s nice to see that SGA is recognizing a need for students to be involved in undergraduate research to get their hands dirty and learn the nuts and bolts of their disciplines,” Reeves said.

PURA currently funds about 60 to 70 percent of its applicants and recently had to make cuts. Increased research funding from SGA would help support more students.

Picon hopes to have the Undergraduate Research Fund created by the end of the year.

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**ATΩ FROM PAGE 1**

The operation of the bar, according to individuals speaking on behalf of ATΩ in the report, was similar to the ticketing system. On game days, when the bar was operational, older brothers would check in their alcohol at the bar and alumni could order their alcohol at the bar. According to the same individuals, payment for the alcohol was not necessary, but tipping the bartenders was encouraged.

Although the report showed the photo of a pledge bar sign listing out prices for the various drinks, as well as text reading “We accept all major credit cards/Tips are appreciated”, one interviewee in the report said that “it was understood/word of mouth that no one actually needed to pay for the drinks...”

Despite the fact that the bar had been a tradition for over 30 years and was testified by members that it was run off of a tipping system, the report concluded otherwise.

“The fraternity took responsibility for this bar and despite numerous suggestions that the amounts listed on the poster were ‘suggested donations’, it is more likely than not that the fraternity took responsibility off-campus for parties where drug and alcohol was present.”

He went on to state that if he confirmed he had knowledge that one person had purchased a half-pound of marijuana at a time for consumption and sales. The same member, on a different note, also said that pledges were required to participate in drinking games.

An email from the ATΩ list-serve, provided in this report, also suggested the selling of marijuana in the house.

“Guys, stop selling in the...house. You can get your charter taken and get us kicked off campus...” the email said.

The interviewees in the report, speaking on behalf of ATΩ, also testified, citing that “if students were found doing drugs, they would be expelled from the fraternity permanently and that at chapter meetings, this was enforced verbally.”

The individuals went on further to describe the two drug-related incidents that occurred earlier this semester, where a first-year pledge and another upper-class student were arrested on separate accounts for drug sales.

According to fourth-year ME major John Thomas Shullinan, a member of the ATΩ fraternity, the upper-class student had been suspended from the organization prior to his arrest. The report, however, mentions that this student’s status was not notified to the chapter advisor, Greek Affairs or ATΩ national, as leaders felt that “they could handle the concern and it did not seem out of control.”

The report also mentioned the presence of a separate “smoking room”, the presence of which was confirmed by the report, which included an email on the ATΩ list-serve inviting others to smoke in the room. ATΩ leadership, in the report, expressed concern about drug use in a storage unit near the house, but that there was no way to know what was going on there.

“Based on our investigation, it is understood that [smoking room] is known by fraternity members to be regularly used for smoking marijuana. It is more than likely than not that by not regulating what occurred in this fraternity space, the fraternity acted with others to perform unlawful acts,” the report concluded.

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**MOVING FORWARD**

According to Radivoj, ATΩ aims to move past this recent incident.

“I guess, with this whole thing, overall, it is bad obviously, but our fraternity is not looking back on this anymore,” Radivoj said.

“We're going through a bunch of stuff as a fraternity and just looking forward to this coming fall, new fall rush class as well as our 125th anniversary.”

IFC President Mason Elidge acknowledged the presence of this sort of behavior elsewhere on campus.

“We don’t want to use ATΩ as a scapegoat at all. We are using this internally... reevaluating our techniques on interacting with chapters to see whether programs we've had in the past...have been effective...or gaps in our policies that need to be filled,” Elidge said.

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Above is the emblem of ATΩ on the property of the house. The fraternity was charged with alcohol and drug related charges.
Health & fitness
Physical fitness must not be neglected for academics

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**The day I learned to love the legal pad**

It was spring break junior year and all of my friends were looking for someplace nice to eat. How ironic, we thought, to hit up a cheap eatery right in the middle of the city. Sadly, none of our plans worked out to be the best option, so we decided to give it a try. As we arrived, I was surprised by how busy the place was. We were quickly seated and ordered a round of the drinks I had been craving.

As we sipped on our drinks, I started to feel a bit nervous. I had never been good with public speaking and I didn’t want to miss any opportunities to improve my skills. I decided to try and use the situation to my advantage.

I started by asking my table mates some questions about their day. We talked about our classes, our friends, and the things we were looking forward to doing over the weekend. It was amazing how much more I learned about my friends by asking them questions than I ever would have by just sitting there, listening without saying a word. I was happy that I had decided to use the situation to my advantage.

As we finished our drinks, I realized that the experience had been a success. I was able to learn some valuable lessons about communication and public speaking. I was pleased with the way I had handled the situation and looked forward to trying it again in the future.

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**Social media helping to change education**

Last semester, in my English 1102 class, my professor introduced an idea that I never thought would happen in a classroom setting, we were going to use Twitter as a tool for class discussions.

As an avid tweeter, I was very excited about the idea, but my peers seemed a bit skeptical. The idea behind it was that it would be easier for students to contribute to class discussions because multiple students could tweet at once, and they didn’t have to worry about that one student that feels the need to use half the class time voicing his or her opinion while everyone else just sits there and listens.

There have been some students who were somewhat quiet and not comfortable in more traditional classroom discussions, but with the use of Twitter, they didn’t have to worry about being too loud. It was a good tool for us to see the thoughts from students from other sections.

As planned, we used it during class discussions, and we were also able to comment on others’ presentations without having to be a disruption. It was a hit, and I felt comfortable tutoring other students.

I understand not many of the classes here at Tech aren’t the best way for us to learn anymore. I really want to be like many Tech professors and find creative ways to keep the students engaged. I’m going to try not giving more homework and think about using Twitter to help me.

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**Oscars losing touch with new generation**

On Sunday, 40 million people tuned in to this year’s three-and-a-half hour spectacle honoring the best that Hollywood has to offer. It’s common knowledge that the Academy Awards ceremony has been struggling to keep up with the viewership of its past decades, with the producers trying desperately to draw in an audience from a younger demographic.

This year the people behind the Oscars revealed that the award show got far more out of touch than we thought.

They hit the bullet and blew the lid off of one of the most polarizing men in the business. They knew that he was4 stunned to offend at least three minority groups during the course of the show, but more importantly, they wanted someone who would bring in big ratings numbers. The host did both, and sadly, the experience was a big miss.

The Oscars rely on three things for viewership—the red carpet, the star-studded audience, and nominees that people actually care about. While the red carpet is still a time-honored tradition, today the majority of movie-goers just don’t care who designed Nicole Kidman’s dress this season.

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**What do you think about Burger Bytes?**

“The food is good overall, and I really like how clean the restaurant is.”

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**KAMANIA RAY**
SECOND-YEAR CE

**“After eating here three times, my satisfaction has decreased.”**

**SONIA MUHAMMAD**
THIRD-YEAR MSE

**“My meal was pretty bland, and I wish there were more vegetarian options.”**

**MICHAEL EDWARDS**
FIRST-YEAR ME

**“It’s really good! No complaints.”**

Photos by Niyah Crittenden. Student Publications
LETTERS FROM PAGE 6 aspects of my life thus far and I am proud to call myself a Yellow Jacket. I love our school’s history and how it has been embedded in the past: Progress and Service. Especially Progress.

Tech has always been on the forefront of not only technological progress, but social progress. Tech was the first public university to desegregate peacefully in the Deep South. The administration has consistently been supportive of LGBT rights on campus. We are one of the top producers of engineers from minority ethnic groups. We are also the top producer of women engineers.

With this in mind, I was disappointed to hear that Congressman Phil Gingrey has been invited to speak at Tech for the SAA Expert Jackets event. This disappointment stems from comments he made regarding the “legitimate” rape of women and their body’s response to this traumatic event. Gingrey defended Todd Akin’s use of the phrase “legitimate rape” and stated that he was “partly right” in saying that a woman’s body would shut down and prevent pregnancy if she were raped.

There were several problematic components to Gingrey’s remarks. There is a pervasive myth that women “cry wolf” about rape very often, but this has been consistently shown to be not true. Approximately 10 percent of all rapes are reported, and of those, only 30 percent end in trial, and of those, 10 percent are jailed. Of the 10 percent reported rapes, two percent are false accusations.

The stigma and shame attached to rape make it very unlikely that rape victims will come forward. I’m sure you can talk to people at the Women’s Resource Center and hear many heartbreaking stories of women from our campus that have gone through this and the fear and anxiety that comes with reporting rape. All of this is further complicated by the general lack of understanding of the rules of consent among the population.

And regarding the woman’s body shutting down if she has not ovulated, there is absolutely no scientific evidence to support this. In fact, studies have shown the same pregnancy rate from rape as consensual sex. I expect better from a man who made his living assessing women’s bodies as the opening of Highland Bakery, located behind Tech Tower, has delayed been delayed.

Our Views

HOT— or —NOT

Hackathon

A team of four graduate students came away with the top spot at a twenty-four computer science contest hosted by eBay this past week. Starting at 3 p.m., teams had until 10 a.m. the next day to build an eBay application.

HyZ

Board up your windows, barricade your doors, it’s that time of year when the walking dead are upon us in their yellow arm bandanas; Humans vs. Zombies is back and you’re on the menu. It’s every man for himself now.

Highland Bakery

Unfortunately it seems we’re all going to have wait a little bit longer to fill our brownie and muffin voids seeing as the opening of Highland Bakery, located behind Tech Tower, has delayed been delayed.
**Campaign promotes healthy body image**

**BY ANU SEKAR**
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For students who may have fallen into a post-New Year’s rut or are looking to start fresh with healthy habits, Stamps Health Services sponsored their fifth annual Campaign for EveryBody this week to encourage positive body image perspectives.

The Campaign for EveryBody promotes the importance of healthy perspectives on a variety of topics ranging from body image issues to exercise to proper diet. It serves to reinforce and to introduce new ideas that remind everyone of ways to lead a healthy lifestyle at Tech.

Volunteers from different health services on campus, including Stamps and the Women’s Resource Center, planned a week full of events to bring awareness to the issues that students might be facing, both on physical and emotional levels. All of these resources provide both counseling and one-on-one advice to students who may be concerned about their health or general well-being.

The goal was to make sure that students are aware of the importance of being in a good state of mind and body, and regardless of the seriousness of their issues, asking for help and getting advice right away is the best approach.

The campaign officially kicked off on Monday in the Student Center, where students could sign a banner with positive notes of encouragement to promote healthy body image perceptions and to show signs of peer support.

“Body image issues are important to address. While most students are engaging in healthy behavior, some students are not. Our mission is to promote body image resources on-campus and to encourage student involvement regarding body image efforts,” said Michelle Cohen-Segall, co-chair of the EveryBody Campaign.

There are always social pressures to have specific physical qualities, and as with popular conception about Tech, many students often find themselves under academic stress as well, which can also contribute to health problems.

“We want to see students talking about body issues and learn to connect health with success,” said Cohen-Segall.

On Tuesday, a screening for Disordered Eating Habits was also held in the Student Center, where students could fill out surveys about their eating habits and sit with a counselor immediately to discuss any potential problems and resources that would be useful.

This week, students were invited to participate in a screening for eating disorders and unhealthy habits as a part of a promotion for positive lifestyles and body image perceptions.

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**Sport club competitions keep students active**

**BY MADISON LEE**
**FOCUS EDITOR**

For students who want to stay active through competitive sports, Tech has over thirty different options to choose from through the Sport Club program. Working with the Office of Student Involvement, the program is led primarily by students and provides opportunities to try new sports, gain leadership experience and participate in intercollegiate competitions across the country.

Ken Lovic, the Sport Club Coordinator, works with the teams by helping them to find funding from resources within and outside campus, access their budget, make travel arrangements for competitions and get field space for practice. Lovic assists in every way he can, and has found that the students leading the teams are the ones that make the Sport Club program different from other Tech athletics is that these students are the ones pitching in to help the team themselves. There isn’t an organization that does this for them, and leadership opportunities come from the fact that they get to oversee and delegate their teams,” Lovic said.

GT Water Polo has played in two tournaments so far this semester, placing second at the UGA Spring Classic and beating a local Atlanta masters club Dynamo in overtime.

“We’re one of the most competitive teams in the southeast and I’m very proud of how we’ve been playing this semester. We’re always getting new guys and working them in because you never know when someone’s going to turn out to be a starter one day. You get what you pay for it,” said Kevin Hendley, GT Water Polo president.

Women’s water polo is new this year, and interested girls with swimming ability are encouraged to join the training program.

With over 60 active members, Yellow Jacket Archery club has seen a lot of growth in past years. Club membership doubled last semester. Ann Ruengvivatpant, the president of GT Archery, attributes this to the club’s regular participation in regional competitions as a part of a new venture. The interest in archery saw a growth in the games and sprints.

In addition to individual shoots, there are team rounds for representing the school as a group, and special “fail shoots” in the future.

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**Stress Less**

**BY ARVIND NARAYAN**
**ASSISTANT FOCUS EDITOR**

Stress is no stranger to Tech students. Especially now that midterm season is in full swing, we find ourselves under immense pressure from classes and work. Fortunately, there are ways to manage this stress and make sure it doesn’t get the better of us.

### PLAN FOR STRESSORS

Mapping out the weight of the world on your shoulders can be extremely depressing and overwhelming. Any workload, however, can be managed if you approach it correctly. Make a list of the things that are stressing you, whether they include schoolwork or personal problems. Attack each one individually, and progress through them determinately. This will make you feel much better about your list of activities.

### IT’S OKAY TO TAKE A BREAK

Several students make the mistake of working constantly. This kind of pressure isn’t good for retaining information, nor is it even remotely normal for maintaining mental and emotional health. Taking a short and controlled break every so often will make you feel refreshed and give you time to process that ridiculously complex list of thermo equations.

### GET HELP FROM FRIENDS

One of the great things about being at such a large school is that you’re never really alone, even during a week with three midterms. Finding friends for a study group or even just for some down time can work wonders for managing stress. Several students find that working or occasionally taking breaks with others allows them to study efficiently while maintaining a positive outlook.

### STAY HEALTHY

It’s common to see students skip meals, workouts and sleep in order to study more. Deviations from a healthy lifestyle have a negative impact on academic performance. Without sufficient nutrition and exercise, the body and brain aren’t as strong as they should be, impairing your capability for any physical or mental activity. Also, while pulling an all-nighter may be an attractive last-resort choice, not sleeping makes you tired and prevents your brain from encoding information that you may have learned. Staying healthy is key to preventing stress.
Outbreak on campus marks high point of intense flu season

BY AARON TUMULAK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Long lines for vaccinations were a spectacle to behold on campus as students faced a campus-wide flu epidemic earlier in the year. Flu season typically coincides with the spring semester, making it a big concern for the Tech community.

This year, the U.S. saw higher-than-normal pneumonia and flu activity across the nation. In many cities, the number of hospital visits for influenza-like illnesses (ILI) was above epidemic levels.

The outbreak has begun to decrease in prevalence in recent weeks.

Flu season generally lasts from October through May, peaking sometime during January and March. During the months of January and February, Stamps Health Center reported over sixty cases of the flu.

To combat this, many preventative measures can be taken to reduce the risk of infection.

"Probably the most important thing students can do is get the influenza vaccine," said Dr. Frank Pickens, a primary care physician specializing in internal medicine at Stamps Health Services.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly recommends using some kind of antiviral treatment (either the flu shot or a nasal-spray vaccine) every year to reduce the risk of illness and decrease the chance of serious flu outcomes like pneumonia—an illness with symptoms like a cough and fever that often mimic those of the flu.

Bronchitis, which accompanies viral infections in some cases, can manifest itself in chest discomfort, a wet cough and shortness of breath.

If students missed the free flu vaccinations in January, vaccinations can still be bought at many pharmacies on West Peachtree St. which provide flu vaccines.

Prescription drugs like Tamiflu can also help prevent the onset of flu. The antiviral medication can also help speed the recovery from flu.

Another way to reduce the risk of getting ill is to avoid catching influenza in the first place.

The two primary mechanisms which spread influenza are airborne transmission and surface contact. Influenza can be spread through the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. For this reason, avoiding large crowds is another way to avoid catching the flu or other airborne illnesses.

Surface contact transmission of the flu occurs when influenza viruses on a door, table or keyboard are picked up by an unsuspecting person. A person then might touch one of his or her eyes, nose or mouth, leading the virus into the body. Washing hands frequently has been shown to greatly reduce the risk of flu transmission.

Because influenza is not the only illness that students are at risk of receiving, with cold bacteria and pneumonia also common-place around the same time as the flu, if symptoms worsen suddenly after having the flu, students are advised to visit the health center immediately.

Last fall, Tech saw an epidemic of pneumonia, reaching about 90 cases, up from nine the previous year. The CDC helped determine that the causative organism was mycoplasma pneumonia. Stamps Health Services works with the CDC as a sentinel site, reporting data weekly for flu surveillance purposes.

Perhaps the best strategy to avoid illness in general is to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Exercising, maintaining a proper diet and getting rest are all key to staying healthy.

"It is a challenge because of time constraints for Tech students. As far as exercising goes I think it’s a really good investment of time," said Dr. Pickens.

"If you spend thirty minutes a day exercising, you become more efficient, can focus better and can concentrate more."

Taking the time to maintain a healthy lifestyle is frequently overlooked as a simple solution to building a stronger immune system and body in general. Although exercise might often conflict with study time, regular exercise has been shown to improve academic performance.

"I think healthy dietary choices are important too. I think if you make the effort it can be done," Dr. Pickens added.

The CDC announced that the flu season had arrived early when hospitals became significantly busier with an influx of sick patients in December.

Although the worst of the flu season is likely over, habits like proper hygiene and a healthy lifestyle are encouraged year round.

Over the past few months, Stamps Health Services has been working hard to accommodate many students who present flu-like symptoms, and vaccinating those who want to avoid the epidemic.
Healthy eating a worthwhile challenge

BY JOHN RHINEHART CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One of the biggest challenges of college for many is balancing a healthy lifestyle with a busy work schedule on a budget. This week, Focus helps students by delivering advice on fostering healthier eating habits.

“Research has shown that students learn better when well-nourished. Healthy eating has been linked to higher grades, better memory and concentration, more alertness, faster information processing and better attendance,” said Angie Garcia, Tech’s registered dietitian.

Additionally, she recommends students choose whole grains like whole wheat bread, brown rice, and whole wheat pasta over refined white products. These options provide more nutrients and fiber to keep people feeling full longer, and they aren’t processed.

As a general rule of thumb, avoiding meals that could not be prepared in the kitchen is a good way to avoid processed items and fast foods.

Before consuming their next meal, students should ask themselves, “Could a cave man have prepared what’s on my plate?”

“The questions from students can vary quite a bit, from how to lose weight to how to gain muscle weight, or even avoid food allergies. Some students are referred by the Stamps physicians for high cholesterol and blood pressure. Other students may be referred by a member of the Eating Disorder Treatment Team to obtain specialized treatment from experts in that area,” Garcia said.

Students are encouraged to participate in free G.I.T. FIT exercise classes during the Campaign for Everybody Week of events.

“One of the biggest mistakes students make is skipping meals. Eating a meal or snack every four to six hours will help keep your metabolism working efficiently. It’s best to eat in certain increments during the day, starting with a light breakfast,” Garcia added.

Students can schedule individualized meetings with Garcia to discuss their diets and make strategies for healthier eating.

“Choosing between a nutritious meal and one that is high in fat may be difficult, but having a healthy lifestyle now can be worth the trouble. General guidelines. A student may think they are doing everything right according to the guidelines, but a dialogue with the dietitian may reveal areas that can be tweaked to provide greater health benefits,” Garcia said.

Garcia and other health professionals can address a variety of health concerns from students.

“Research has shown that the connection between academic performance and diet is a time- and effort-saving technique. Garcia points out the surprising connection between academic performance and diet. Students can schedule individualized meetings with Garcia to discuss their diets and make strategies for healthier eating.

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Finding Happiness
BY ARVIND NARAYAN
ASSISTANT FOCUS EDITOR

Everyone has different definitions of “happiness.” Whether deciding to chase that euphoric feeling by listening to great music, by playing sports or just by spending a peaceful moment alone, people who report higher levels of satisfaction in their lives correlate with generally higher levels of success.

Students at Tech realize this and undertake their pursuit in different ways.

Some, like first-year AE major Andres Garcia, find happiness in everyday life.

“I think that’s more important to find lasting happiness than joy,” Garcia said. “It’s great when you have those exciting moments, but I try to find happiness in appreciating the small details around me.”

Vivek Ramachandran, a first-year DMTH major, agreed.

“I think just going out makes me happy. I like to see different things every single day, and I’m able to do that here,” Ramachandran said.

Other students cited spending time with their friends as things that made them happy.

“After a really long day, it feels really good to just hang out with your friends,” said third-year IE major Lisa Wang. “No matter what happens to you in class, it’s nice to come back and talk to people who don’t really judge you.”

Scott Dawson, a fourth-year BA major, said that he gets rid of stress through exercise.

“Not only is working out good for you, but it also is a great way to let everything out,” Dawson said. “It makes you feel more energetic, and it helps you to move on after a hard day.”

Others also said that exercise helped them get through hard days.

“I just play outside or at the CRC,” said Jeff Schwartz, a first-year INTA major. “It makes me happy to meet new people playing racquetball or frisbee, and it also helps you to get in shape.”

Apart from working out and spending time with friends, playing or listening to music is a great way to get in a good mood.

“I think that you can always be happy if you listen to the right music,” said Dawson. “Just turning on your favorite song and blasting it can make a day seem so much better.”

Debbie Xing, a fourth-year MGT major, finds joy in discovering new music on campus.

“I like to go to the more underground [venues],” Xing said. “There are smaller places on campus, like classrooms and some small studios, where bands just go to jam. I guess that’s what makes me happy...just finding things that I like.”

“For many students, simply getting out and enjoying quality time with friends is the key to happiness at Tech.”

The GT Cycling sport club competes regularly in Southeastern Collegiate Cycling Conference road, mountain and crit races.

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for setting up papers and exams as target practice.

It is a competitive sport, but we really help each other and learn from each other. If you have bad form and you can’t see it, you need someone else to point it out and show you how to fix it. We have a big support system here, and when we go to regional competitions it’s a really friendly environment,” Ruegsvold said.

The archery club has not been able to use Glenn Field for practice this semester, but in spite of this obstacle they are still active and will be competing this coming weekend against other collegiate teams at the Indoor Nationalals tournament in Statesboro, GA.

All members who have been in the club for at least a semester or have prior archery experience are encouraged to compete regardless of skill level.

Another sport club, GT Cycling, has also seen an increase in membership and activity. The team participates in many different events like mountain races, road races and criterium short distance courses. Last semester the club acquired a record 25 additional members, the majority of them new to racing.

“I’ve always had a bike and I basically just used it for transportation purposes, but one day I just decided that I wanted to get active and get back in shape...so I joined cycling club last January and that’s really where it all started,” said Nathaniel Rowe, president of GT Cycling.

“We have a great team here. Most of our members come in with no more experience than just knowing how to pedal a bike, but we go out really committed, and we push ourselves and each other.”

The first women’s cycling team in recent memory is also currently active. Tech’s Stephanie Lin placed first in a women’s individual time trial in at Georgia Southern this month.
The Americans balance espionage with family

TELEVISION

The Americans

NETWORK: FX Networks
WHEN: Wed. 10 p.m.
STARRING: Keri Russell, Matthew Rhys

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

BY JESSICA SFAFFORD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Tech students are taught from freshman year to hate the color red. This might change, however, with the dawn of FX’s new series, The Americans. The show is a Cold War-based series following the lives of KGB spies on American soil.

Keri Russell (Felicity) and Matthew Rhys (Brothers & Sisters) expertly play Elizabeth and Phillip Jennings, a typical couple living the American Dream. They have two children and live on what a character in the show deems, “the most boring street in America” in the suburbs of 1983 Washington D.C. However, the Jennings are anything but boring.

As revealed at the onset of the series, the couple accepted an arranged marriage so they could have covers as sleeper agents. Nothing seems real about their lives of KGB spies on American soil.

Although The Americans is set in the 1980s, the timeline bounces back and forth between then and the ‘60s and ‘70s. Audience members witness the long-term relationship that the Jennings share. They seem to love each other beyond the facade, but after fifteen years of a sham marriage, they either do not recognize their own feelings or choose to ignore them. Like all couples, they argue about how to parent and who should chaperone school events. These daily issues are further complicated by their Soviet missions, which involve anything from stealing to kidnapping. It is amazing that these elements of family and espionage can mix without making the show seem fake. One does wonder what the children are doing during their parents’ missions, which most often than not seem to occur on school nights.

With powerful performances, Russell and Rhys show how their characters care about their children while also showing how much they love their home country. This concept is shown in both small and over-the-top ways. When the Jennings’ son remarks that America was the first nation to walk on the moon, for instance, his mother lovingly notes that the Soviet Union did “an amazing job” making it into space first. And then there are crucial, tense shots, like when Phillip roughs-up a man for saying inappropriate things to his daughter.

This protective scene as well as others like it are the reason why the show is rated TV-MA; the need for the rating becomes clear in the first few minutes of the very first episode. Violence and sexual content are not excessive in the series, but they are explicit. The Americans is well made, and any credit for this most likely goes to the show’s executive producer, Joe Weisberg (Falling Skies). Weisberg worked for the CIA before he became a screenwriter, so it is anyone’s guess whether or not the events depicted on the show are fiction, or an inkling of secretive reality. When asked about the development process behind the show, Weisberg stated, “I wanted to do a show about a husband and a wife and their children who don’t know and how it affects the kids. We always conceived of The Americans as a show about a marriage, more than espionage, that shows how, even under the craziest circumstances, the marriage still looks and feels like any other marriage.

Weisberg does such a good job of developing the characters based around these circumstances that the audience is often torn on who to root for in the show. Do they support the couple who struggle to balance country with family, or corrupt FBI agents who try to destroy America and democracy? Everyone on the show wants to do right, but the version of what is right changes from character to character.

Overall, the show revolves around themes of uncertainty and mistrust, and these themes are on full display for viewers. This writing makes every viewer question why exactly they think the way they do.

The Americans has aired five episodes this season and was recently renewed for a second season.

Films, tv recycle thematic elements

BY NICK FLINT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ever wondered why there are so many recent movies and TV shows about vampires? Or why films with the same plot come out within a remarkably short amount of time of each other? It’s no mystery that this happens, and whether we notice or not, it works for the movie industry, as we viewers eat up every pairing of thriller, drama, and romantic comedy plot that comes our way.

For example, in January of 2011 the film No Strings Attached, featuring Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman, was released in theaters. The plot is simple and very predictable; a guy and girl attempt to keep their relationship strictly physical with no emotions, but end up falling in love. Anyone could see that something was coming from a mile away. However, later in 2011, the movie Friends with Benefits hit the theaters, starring Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis. As if the title was not obvious enough, this film involves two newly single friends who only are in it for the sex, nothing more. And, as expected and previously depicted earlier in the same year, they fall in love in the end. Both movies are hilarious and very entertaining, but why does this happen?

Many believe that the main reason that such similar movies are released simultaneously is due to a lack of imagination, or the development of herd mentality. This follow-the-leader tactic has usually worked in the movie industry, especially for successful productions. A movie with just a slightly different plot can effectively piggyback off of the ideas of its predecessor and reach the same target audience without being caught or accused of copying others. While some frown upon this decision, it is undeniably good business, which makes money and provides more entertainment—nobody is really complaining too much.

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Origins of the Harlem Shake phenomenon

BY JILLIAN BROADDUS
STAFF WRITER

Months after Psy took the Internet by storm with the legendarily “Gangnam Style” dance craze, a new rave sensation has become known as the “Harlem Shake.” This phenomenon, in less than a month, is characterized by a group dancing spasmodically and elatedly to a sample of a song that became known as “Harlem Shake” by American music producer Baauer. As anyone with Internet access knows by now, these videos and subsequent replicas are characterized by one person dancing alone, with another person dancing alone for 15 seconds, surrounded by others who seem preoccupied and oblivious; then, the bass noticeably drops, and the video cuts to an engaged crowd. A minimum of clothes or costumes, crazy outﬁts and strange props usually add to the hysteria.

So, how did this video gain such instant fame? In part, this seems attributable to its short length, which makes it easy to watch. Furthermore, the hypnotic beat and catchy feel-good vibe make the viewing experience all the more enjoyable. And the fact that such humor can be translated to the Internet, changing the language, expands its potential to spread to various cultures and age groups.

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The star performances given by Russell and Rhys, combined with the convincing writing of Weisberg, form the base of a show that is both riveting and endemic of 1980s American society.
Philanthropy at Work

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Process of voting on The Oscars is arduous, exclusive

BY KEITH FRADY
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

First awarded in 1929, The Oscars are the oldest media award. Similar awards such as the Grammys, Tonys and Emmys were all modeled after the film industry’s award ceremony. The Academy Awards officially changed its name to The Oscars this year, perhaps in an attempt to stay fresh to a younger crowd. After 85 years, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) relented to the nickname bestowed on the little golden man handed out annually. But what is this Academy that everyone thanks on stage as they clutch their statues, and who comprises it?

The Academy consists of roughly six thousand members, all of whom are tied to the film industry. Directors, make-up artists, actors, set designers and editors are a few examples of the jobs these people hold. Membership into the Academy is granted when an already existing member nominates someone in the industry or someone who has made a significant contribution to it. The Academy’s Board of Governors must then extend an invitation to said person if they deem him or her worthy.

The Academy consists of all the members who specialize in a certain aspect of films. The nominees for each category are selected by Academy members in that branch. Therefore, actors vote for actors, directors for directors, editors for editing, etc. The animated feature film and foreign film categories are nominated by certain combinations of these branches and the Best Picture nominees can be voted on by anyone. When the nominees are selected, a second round of voting commences. In this round, all Academy members can vote on every category and not just the one they specialize in. The results are broadcast live annually at the award ceremony.

The selection for the best picture award is tricky, and is based on a preferential voting system. Voters list their picks for Best Picture in order. For example, there were nine movie nominees for Best Picture this year. One ballot ranks these nine nominations from one to nine. Next, the ballots are distributed into piles based off the films voted number one. Assuming each movie receives at least a single vote in the number one spot, there will be nine piles. If one of these piles has over 50 percent of the vote, it wins. If not, the pile with the lowest number of ballots, or the movie with the least amount of number one votes, is eliminated. The ballots from this eliminated pile are then re-distributed, but now based off their number two selection. This process continues as such until one pile, meaning that movie, has over 50 percent of the votes. And the Oscar goes to that movie.

Almost as soon as it began, the Academy has been criticized for a variety of reasons. The usual complaint revolves around the show being promotional and not a sincere entity. The second being that the Academy has a tendency to play it safe, and does not award the edgier or more modern films. The most recent case of the latter argument, that the narrative of the social network being promotion and not a sincere entity. The second being that the Academy has a tendency to play it safe, and does not award the edgier or more modern films. The most recent case of the latter being, The King’s Speech which won Best Picture.

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Quentin Tarantino, Anne Hathaway, and Christoph Waltz deliver their acceptance speeches at the 85th Academy Awards after being nominated by their peers; they were voted on by all members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS). The Oscars are more than self-congratulations inside the industry or advertisements for non-blockbuster films, it is both cynical and understandable.

Ultimately, The Oscars are awarded based on the opinions of a select group of people inside the film industry. And no, they are not going to agree with everyone’s selections. Some people watch just to see the stars walk down the red carpet, while some might want to see the host poke fun at the gathered crowd. Others may be cheering for their favorite film or actor of the year. But with the huge audience the show draws annually, The Oscars are not stopping anytime soon.
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hilarious situations parodying the real-world bureaucratic system. One of the most acclaimed subplots in the show is Leslie’s relationship with Scott’s nerdy-but-lovable character, Ben.

“I think they’re a really good fit for each other,” Schur said. “We originally thought that Leslie was going to go through this huge series of guys and learn something from each one... But then, once we got Adam and Amy on the screen together, we knew it was going to stay.”

The character of Leslie has been paired with several suitors in past seasons, including a shy police officer played by Louis C.K., a smooth-talking lawyer played by Justin Theroux and an extremely creepy MRI technician played by Will Arnett. However, her relationship with Ben has been notably more mature and at some points rather dramatic. The two have a believable amount of on-screen chemistry, and their relationship has formed the backbone of the last few seasons in terms of emotional depth. To the delight of avid fans of the show, the couple finally tied the knot in last Thursday’s episode.

“It’s something that everyone was looking forward to,” Scott said. “I think we all knew it was going to happen, but now that it’s finally going down, everyone’s excited.”

Schur and Scott commented on the emotional nature of the episode, pointing out how it was a high point for the overall direction of the series.

“I think we’ve had a few emotional moments on the show... This episode really gets you close to the characters,” Schur said.

At one point in the interview, Scott jokingly told a reporter, “Oh, you cried when Leslie and Ben finally got together? Well, be prepared to lose it.”

The episode follows Leslie and Ben as they hastily go through their marriage, and is round-off with several heartfelt moments interspersed with the regular Parks and Recreation hilarity.

“I think that our show has brilliant writers,” Poehler said. “Without them, we definitely wouldn’t be as funny as we are.”

Comedy writing is tough to get into, especially in Tech. Talking specifically to the Technique, Schur gave advice on how to pursue a career path in comedy despite the stigmas that exist at an engineering school.

“If you love comedy, you should try to write comedy. If that means trading in the companionship of the invertebrate nerds who populate engineering programs for the invertebrate (and much pastier) nerds who populate TV writers’ rooms, so be it. Do what makes you happy. Or at least try. Because, why not? The Second Law of Thermodynamics will still apply in five years if you decide to go back,” Schur said.

He also commented on the art of comedy writing and on writing material that can be applied to a general audience.

“When something makes you laugh, remember it, study it, think about it. Don’t question it. Just accept that it makes you laugh. Comedy is a far less exact science than is engineering, but the scientific method can be applied to some extent. The more you know what makes you laugh, the more easily you’ll be able to create things that make others do so.”

Movies

Another theory behind the fact that nearly identical films are released back-to-back revolves around the idea of trends. For example, The Twilight saga, True Blood, and The Vampire Diaries all involve vampires and romance. It is doubtful that these shows and movies are copying one another’s ideas—they’re all going after the angry teenagers who can’t get enough of vampire-human love. These productions are successful due to society’s current trends and desires of the consumers. It’s simple marketing. But trends go as soon as they come; pretty soon the whole vampire scene will die down, and people will want to watch whatever else becomes the newest pop culture craze.

The similarities of productions can also be due to a rivalry between movie companies, as seen with the animated movies Antz and A Bug’s Life. Both films follow the lives of ants, their everyday drama and the journey of one who eventually saves the day. Antz was produced by DreamWorks in 1998, followed by Disney’s A Bug’s Life in the same year. These two companies, engaged in a bitter rivalry, have always tried to outdo one another. As audience members, all we can do is sit back and enjoy the entertainment as it comes.

Vampires have become both a pop cultural fascination and cornerstone of the entertainment industry in the last few decades.

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Hey Ocean! album blends variety of genres

Hey Ocean! is a three piece indie band from Vancouver, British Columbia composed of vocalist/guitar player David Beckingham and vocalist bass player David Vertesi. The band released their third full length album IS Jan. 29. They broke ground in Canada, performing at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and various music festivals all over the country. Recently, the band has become increasingly popular in other forms of media as well, due to Ball’s roles as ponies Rainbow Dash and Applejack in My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic.

Rather than sticking within the confines of a single genre, Hey Ocean! explores a wide range, indicating their versatility as a band and offering listeners an new experience with every track. IS contains an assortment of different music genres packed into 13 songs. The album invokes animated feelings as well as inspirational, folksy moods. It kicks off with the song “If I Were a Ship,” which reeks the audience’s attention from the beginning. It starts with a group of people shouting “Hey Ocean!” and is followed by a piano strain that merges with a beautiful flute melody, which moves into Ball singing mellow lyrics. The song “Make a New Dance Up” is orchestrated of entirely different sounds, where the jive that Beckingham brings with his guitar complements the upbeat drum beats and a noticeable bass groove in the background. “Big Blue Wave” delivers more indie rock, with increasing toe-tapping tempos which contributes to the definition of Hey Ocean’s sound. Jazz elements can be heard in the song “Bicycle,” supporting the change of Ball’s voice with relaxed beats and casual guitar riffs. There is a variety of other voices in the music as well, like Beckingham in “Steady,” a more tranquil song opposed to some others in the album. There is also “Jolene,” a song that was inspired by Dolly Parton’s song of the same name, sung in duet-style by Beckingham and Bell.

As the name suggests, there is a recurring theme of the ocean in each song, where elements like the tides and moon are used as metaphors for love and perseverance, shown explicitly in the lyrics of songs such as “Jolene,” where Beckingham and Bell sing “She’s the sea/ she’s the hardest thing to leave/ I wish that she would notice/ but the sea will never notice.” Inspirational songs like “Give,” which moves away from the lively sounds that the album started with, sends the message of reaching for opportunities before they are gone. This song, along with “Last Mistake,” captures the listener’s heart, with the band members using the earth and sky as metaphors to express love and purposefulness in their lyrics.

Hey Ocean! has completely reinvented indie music through IS, in that their songs bring together segments of indie rock, pop, folk and jazz into one spirited album. Their tropical themes can transport anyone to the paradise; just follow the music as it leads you to the waves.

The Harlem Shake gained a following due to its simplicity to recreate. Consisting of a single, stationary camera and one effortless jump cut, the video requires practically no effort for any group to reconstruct, regardless of technological proficiency. The simplicity of the concept allows fans to infuse their own individuality, whether this is crazy costumes, crazy props or outlandish filming locations. It can also be generated with any number of people, as has been shown through videos ranging from two best friends to the entire Clemson student body. Finally, the Harlem Shakefad puts fans on the same playing field as their favorite celebrities, many of whom have also created their own versions.

As with Gangnam Style, the Harlem Shake has gained an almost astonishing amount of recognition, albeit for slightly altered reasons. Its accessibility and opportunity for creative freedom have ultimately allowed it to transcend the status of a viral sensation, becoming instead a global meme and a cultural phenomenon. But as with past similar crazes, the Harlem Shake has likely reached its peak, allowing a new craze to soon take its place. Before this happens, we hope to see some more celebrities do the Harlem Shake.

We would love to see Barack and Michelle Obama do the Harlem Shake. If not, we can always hope for a Screaming Goat Remix of his inauguration speech to go viral soon.
SMBC BY ZACH WEINERSMITH

**What If We Say It Good Stick?**

Historical fun fact:
Marketing is just over 140,000 years old.

XKCD BY RANDALL MUNROE

**What’ve You Been Up To Lately?**

I’ve been hanging out with some pickup artists.
I’m learning a lot.

**Oh, That Sounds Like Fun!**

The world seems like a happier place if you think “pickup artist” is like “pickup basketball player.”

HARK! A VAGRANT BY KATE BEATON

I had another dream that I think has predicted my own death by drowning.

Do you remember the one where my house collapsed in a flood?

I think I mean “naked child rising from the sea you’re going to drown sort of thing.”

Do you mean like “naked child, who cries?” Or like “naked, morbidly seventeen-year-old, the bullet kind of thing?”

Do you mean like “naked child, who cries?” Or like “naked, morbidly seventeen-year-old? That bullet kind of thing?”

In this one, a naked child rose from the sea.

Reginald! Intelligent! Look at all these deadly letters! Because you laid your life on the line.

Do you really mean like “naked child, who cries?” Or like “naked, morbidly seventeen-year-old? The bullet kind of thing?”

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Total coincidence, Ross!

It’ll never happen again.

It’s better not. Now get to the set! Yes, sir.

Soon.

AND ALL MURDER BY KATE BEATON

SHUT IT DOWN

Total coincidence. Boss!

It’ll never happen again.

It’s better not. Now get to the set! Yes, sir.

SOON.

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NEEDS COMIC BY ANTHONY CLARK

Rodney, Etc. BY CASEY TISDEL

I feel wrecked without my morning cup, headaches, exhaustion.

It was such a cruel night, but I feel so ruined the next day at the office.

I feel pretty chill. Think I went to bed early for once.

Classic FoxTrot BY BILL AMEND

**Whoops!**

Hello! You’ve reached the Fox residence.

To leave a message, press the square root of 1.296 Press the cube root of 13.824 times 37.8 times the 4th root of 1.948, 027, 761.

I’ve figured out what’s wrong. With the answering machine, or our son.

Sorry, that’s up. Goodbye. (Click)

Keep it up. It’s going to take forever to put them back in order.

There are any hope of starting my world war I essay tonight?

No, no. I spilled my history notes all over my floor. It’s going to take forever to put them back in order.

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Apart from these being your chemistry notes.
Even though National Signing Day for 2013 was nearly a month ago, in the world of college football recruiting never ends. College football coaches are already out recruiting prospects for class of 2014 and 2015, and if you’re Nick Saban, the class of 2017. One of the biggest issues with recruiting is a player committing to a school, and then decommitting. According to the AJC, out of the 190 high school football players that signed with FBS programs from Georgia, 50 of them had at one point decommitted. I realize the recruiting process is about the players and them choosing the school that will be best for them, but it can be very frustrating for coaches and fans of the school that lose the commitment of the player. I believe there are many flaws in the way the current system is setup that allows players to be able to decommit, but I have a few suggestions that I believe would make the process more efficient.

Here is a hypothetical situation of a common occurrence in the recruiting process that leads to players decommitting. I’ll use the name John to represent the high school football player. John is a cornerback who has received offers from various small colleges, but has yet to receive an offer from a big BCS school.

In November, John receives his first BCS offer from Georgia Tech. After thinking it over for a few weeks he isn’t sure Georgia Tech is the school he wants to go to because he really wants to play in the SEC, but he also doesn’t want Tech to give the scholarship to another player, so John decides to go ahead and commit to Tech. Now since the Tech coaches believe they have their cornerback the whole time and had shifted their focus to other positions.

Meanwhile, John continues to have a stellar senior season on the field and is gaining interest from even more schools. As National Signing Day approaches in February, Mississippi State decides to offer John. John has always wanted to play in the SEC, so he decides to flip to Mississippi State, which leaves Tech with an open spot. Since Tech thought they had their cornerback the whole time and had shifted their focus to other positions, they haven’t had much contact with other top corners and are now left with just a few days to try to convince an uncommitted prospect to come to Tech, or they will have to flip someone themselves. If Tech ends up flipping a player from another school, then this whole process would just repeat itself at that school.

My suggestion to fixing this particular situation is to get rid of the whole committing without it truly meaning you are committing. When a player decides on whatever school it is that he wants, he just sign then and there. If this were the case coaches wouldn’t have to worry about losing a kid at a certain position because they know they have him locked up. It would also save tons of money for schools on travel.

College football recruiting is a very complex topic and there is a lot more to it then what is mentioned here. Although my suggestion would not make it perfect, I do think it would be a step in the right direction.
the Eagles were able to strike early and often as Clay would be tagged for four hits and four earned runs in just 1.2 innings pitched. Luckily for Tech, the offense picked up where it had left off Tuesday night.

Tech scored nine runs in the first four innings including solo home runs by both Sam Dove and Daniel Palka, to go up 9-4 after the top of the fourth.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Eagles would score four runs off junior Jonathan Roberts to cut the lead to 9-8, but that would be all the scoring the Eagles would get on the night.

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Softball struggles in Nutter Classic

BY NIKhil RAGDE
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The Tech softball team played in the five-game Mary Nutter Classic in Cathedral City, Calif. on Feb. 22-24. The Jackets played two teams ranked in the top 10 and finished the weekend with a 1-4 record.

The Jackets opened their play against the Northwestern Wildcats on Friday afternoon. The first six innings saw strong defensive efforts from both teams and left both teams tied at zero going into the last inning. At the top of the seventh, the Jackets scored two runs to take a late lead. The lead would be short-lived, however, as Northwestern’s bats came alive in the bottom of the seventh as well.

An error by the Jackets’ junior shortstop Ashley Thomas would allow the Wildcats to score their first run of the day, and a double just a couple of batters later would add two more runs in the seventh to extend her hitting streak to 12 games. The Bears would add two more runs in the eighth inning before scoring the final three runs of the game in the sixth inning. Those final three scores would end the game as an 8-0 run-rule loss for the Jackets.

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Tech next played No. 8 ranked California in the evening game. The Bears got on the board quick and took a 3-2 lead in the first inning.

The Jackets would get their only hit of the game in the fourth inning, when Thomas connected and beat out the throw for an infield single to extend her hitting streak to 12 games. The Bears would add two more runs in the fifth inning before scoring the final three runs of the game in the sixth inning. Those final three scores would end the game as an 8-0 run-rule loss for the Jackets.

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Jackets top Terrapins, 78-68

Freshman guard Marcus Georges-Hunt drives to the basket during a 78-68 Tech victory over Maryland. Georges-Hunt had eight points and three assists in the win. With the victory, Tech is now 15-12 overall and 5-10 in conference play.

BY GRANT HEFFLEY
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The Jackets returned home Wednesday evening to take on the Maryland Terrapins, after a brief road trip to Virginia during which Tech suffered arguably its worst loss of the season at the hands of the Cavaliers by a score of 82-54. The Jackets arguably put together their best win of the season, topping Maryland 78-68.

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Redshirt junior guard Brandon Reed took over the game at 17, at the nine minute mark after Tech had trailed for most of the first eleven minutes of play. Reed showed that he's a threat from behind the arc time and again, with the Jackets' next possession being one of those times.

Another Reed three-pointer gave Tech its first lead of the game. For good measure, Reed finished his hot streak with a fast break dunk and an assist to redshirt junior forward Kammeon Holsey in consecutive possessions to push the lead to seven and prompt Maryland head coach Mark Turgeon to call a timeout.

"He took good shots all night long," said head coach Brian Gregory of Reed's play. "Probably the best all-around game that Brandon Reed has ever played at Georgia Tech."

After the break, Reed found sophomore forward Julian Royal in the scoring with an athletic move to the basket to score his first points in several games. Royal, a highly touted high school recruit, has seen limited action this season but played six minutes of solid basketball off the bench, scoring four points and adding two steals as well inbounding the ball well against Maryland's press.

Maryland appeared to struggle with Tech's man-to-man defense and was harassed repeatedly by Tech's big inside combo of Miller and freshman forward Robert Carter Jr. The Jackets out-rebounded Maryland 13-6 underneath the Terrapins' basket in the first half.

Reed and Carter Jr. scored the half's last four points to give the Jackets a 38-33 lead heading into the locker room.

Tech opened up the second half with five quick points, courtesy of Miller and freshman forward Marcus Georges-Hunt. Maryland threatened to close the gap after Ve quick points, courtesy of Miller and Georges-Hunt.

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Down the stretch, the Jackets showed their grit by staying focused after more than a handful of controversial calls were made in the Terrapins' favor. Tech appeared poised for its usual second-half scoring drought, but amidst the crowd's boos and protests towards the referees, the Jackets were able to close out the game.

2013 football schedule released

Tech will open up the 2013 football season with a home game against Elon on August 31. Their next four games will be at Duke, home against North Carolina, home against Virginia Tech on a Thursday night, then at Miami. Tech will then have to make another long road trip out to Provo, Utah to take on BYU before heading home to face ACC newcomer Syracuse. Tech will travel to Virginia before coming home to play Pittsburgh. After a bye, Tech will travel to Clemson for another Thursday night contest before hosting Alabama A&M and The University of Georgia.

Paul Johnson joins Twitter

Head football coach Paul Johnson (@GT-PaulJohnson) is now officially on Twitter. As of Thursday afternoon, Johnson had 2,920 followers and had tweeted nine times.

Coach Johnson now becomes the sixth Tech football coaches on Twitter, with the others being defensive coordinator Ted Roof (@CoachTedRoof), receivers coach Buzz Preston (@CoachBuzzPri), quarterbacks and wide receivers coach Kristy Echols (KristyEchols), wide receivers coach Buzz Preston (@CoachBuzzPri), quarterbacks and wide receivers coach RamblinSpeed (@RamblinSpeed), and wide receivers coach Buzz Preston (@CoachBuzzPri).

Junior guard Tyanna Marshall has been named ACC Player of the Week for the third time this season. Marshall had 27 points and 10 rebounds in Tech's 82-64 win over Wake Forest on Feb. 21 and scored 37 points and had six rebounds in Tech's 68-64 victory over Miami on Feb. 24. The 37-point performance ranks fourth all time for women's basketball at Tech. Marshall is now averaging 18 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game on the season.

Baseball completes sweep against Southern

The No. 20 ranked Tech baseball team headed down to Statesboro, Ga. on Tuesday Feb. 26 to take on the Georgia Southern Eagles in a two game series. Tech continued to perform well at the plate as they won the first game 11-4, and the second game of the series 14-8. Tech is now 8-1 and has won three games in a row.

“arated a really good club and we had to battle both days to sweep them,” said head coach Danny Hall.

Sophomore Josh Heddering took the mound for the Jackets to start the game on Tuesday, but his appearance would not last long. The Eagles would rough Heddering up for three runs on only two hits in just 1.2 innings. Tech trailed 2-1 after the first.

The Eagles would add one run in each the second and fourth innings to go up 4-1, but then the Tech bats came to life.

The Jackets put up five runs in the sixth inning, including a home run by junior catcher Zane Evans, to take a 6-4 lead. Evans was not finished just yet. In his next at bat, appearance Evans hit another home run, this time a three run shot that would give Tech 9-4 advantage over the Eagles.

Tech would add a run in the eighth on a triple by third baseman Sam Dove, and then added another on a double by freshman Matt Gonzalez in the ninth inning to go up 11-4 before freshman Jay King came in to seal it.

King struck out five of the seven batters he faced and did not allow a hit.

Junior Zane Evans rounds first base. Evans had three home runs and six RBIs in two games at Georgia Southern.