New information has been discovered relating to the two civil lawsuits filed last month against the Tech chapter of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity (FIJI), the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity National Organization, several unnamed FIJI members and others.

As previously reported, the plaintiff, known only as Jane Doe, blacked out after a fraternity member handed her a drink, then woke up partially undressed with vulgar and sexually suggestive comments written across her body, according to the first lawsuit.

According to this suit, one of the fraternity members exchanged text messages with Jane Doe’s friend, “Lance,” regarding her condition, allegedly stating that she was “too drunk to function.” He is not currently named as a defendant in the suit. The Technique can confirm that this individual, along with another fraternity member, was arrested for providing alcohol to persons under the age of 21 on Aug. 6, 2012. Both were booked in Fulton County Jail, almost four months after the sexual assault alleged by the first lawsuit took place.

The lawsuit alleges that the sexual assault occurred at the fraternity house on the night of April 19, 2012. However, a Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) incident report on the arrest states that GTPD was notified on April 19 of “a suspicious circumstance” that occurred on April 18. GTPD

The Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity currently has two ongoing lawsuits that apply to serving alcohol to minors and sexual assault.
The South's Liveliest College … others to follow suit as some municipalities have begun enacting legislation to ban these products as well.

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According to The New York Times, CVS Caremark, the country's largest drugstore chain in overall sales, announced that it planned to stop selling cigarettes and various other tobacco products by October.

CVS has steadily been transitioning from being a largely retail business into more of a health care provider and this move is largely representative of that. "We have about 26,000 Pharmacists and nurse practitioners helping patients manage chronic problems like high cholesterol, high blood pressure and heart disease, all of which are linked to smoking," said Larry J. Merlo, Chief Executive of CVS. "We came to the decision that cigarettes and providing health care just don't go together in the same setting."

The company estimated that its decision would take away an estimated $2 billion in sales from customers purchasing these type of products. This is not much from their overall sales which were about $123 billion in 2012.

In a statement from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, the CVS decision was "an unprecedented step in the retail industry." She predicted that it would have "considerable impact" in the future.

Some major retail stores will continue to sell tobacco products, but an increasing number of health care professionals may start using the decision by CVS to try to pressure other retailers to follow suit as well.

The office contacted the males while they were walking from the south end of the stadium to the west end. The two persons said that they were students exploring the stadium, but did not have their BuzzCards. They gave names and dates-of-births to the officer; as Dispatch tried to verify their information, the males admitted that they had, in fact, lied. They showed their BuzzCards and driver’s licenses.

The two individuals were issued Criminal Trespass Warrants. They were also issued Student Conduct Code Violations for Trespass and Giving False Name/DOB to Law Enforcement; the Dean’s office will handle further consequences.

In addition, the responding officer noticed that one of the males had an earlier report on file in which he gave a fake last name, birthday and address.

According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Tech grad student Saamir Akhdar is in Grady Memorial Hospital with third-degree burns over 90 percent of his body from a fire that started in his apartment on Tuesday in the 200 block of 10th street.

Police said that a Molotov cocktail and several plastic bottles filled with gasoline and kerosene were found in the students' midtown apartment. The report states that the victim started the fire to U.S. Homeland Security, and a police SWAT team and agents with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as well as the FBI were called in.

It was unknown what caused the fire, but an FBI spokesman said the burns were possibly from an incendiary device and the investigation is ongoing.

A statement posted to the official Tech twitter page read: "Georgia Tech is working with law enforcement to notify the victim's family. Until that notification is made the Institution is not able to release the victim's information. We are able to confirm a Georgia Tech graduate student was involved in an incident involving a fire in a building off of 10th street this evening. Our primary concern is to provide appropriate assistance to the victim and for his family as well as his classmates. We continue to cooperate with the investigation of incident."

Due to last week’s inclement weather shutting down campus most of Tuesday and all of Wednesday, the Internship and Co-op fair was postponed.

According to Career Services, the date has been rescheduled for Feb. 19 in order to accommodate employers that had been scheduled to attend on the original date as well as students who had planned to attend.

The Internship and Co-op career fair will be held in the Student Center ballroom, 3rd Floor, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The hit clinic that was scheduled for last week but cancelled due to the inclement weather will not be rescheduled.

Stamps Health Services still encourages students to make an appointment to show, which is free for students provided they have paid their health fee and $25 for those who have not.

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Ps. Also, if you wanna be the editor, I’m graduating. Hit me up. (Free Money)
Harris-Perry gives first black history month lecture

HOLDEN LEE ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Feb. 5, the African American Student Union and supporting sponsors provided the Georgia Tech Black History Month Lecture with Melissa V. Harris-Perry as the keynote speaker. Harris-Perry is an author, professor, speaker on African American politics and host of her own show, “Melissa Harris-Perry Weekend News.” Harris-Perry was invited to speak in order to hold a lecture and conversation on the significant influences that African Americans have made on society in our country, and, while she spoke about these points, she commented on political, social and economic progress in terms of African American history and continued to maintain democracy in our government.

“To live in a democracy is to have the right to govern, not simply to be governed, to rule not just to be ruled, to be heard not silenced and this is the key idea,” Harris-Perry said.

The keynote speaker also commented on the struggles that African American, as well as other minorities, have experienced and have inherited in terms of equality and freedoms in our country. For democracy, Harris-Perry explains that while some groups may succeed in government, they do not have total control and that opposing groups have the right to struggle for what they believe is right. She applies this to historical efforts toward freedom.

“One time we have the underpinning that the winners in democracy don’t get to take everything. I want to acknowledge that securing these rights in this nation has required struggle,” Harris-Perry said. “That may be what democracy is meant to be but what it requires is that we all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to help and support healthy habits that are going to yield long term benefits and we see smoking as being one of those things that, if we can get students to stop now, it will provide long term benefits to them in the future.”

Other universities that have adopted tobacco bans such as MIT and Cornell have had a decrease in smoking rates of eight percent, according to Tammy Turner, Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coordinator in Health Promotion, internal numbers in Health Promotion showed about seven percent of Tech students report smoking, eight percent report cigar use, nine-point-five percent report hookah use and three percent report smokeless tobacco.

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“Such a ban, if enforced effectively in the future,” Harris-Perry said.

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KATHERINE ZHANG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tech wins Campus Kitchens grant

On January 29, Tech won a $5,000 grant from the Sodexo Foundation to start the Georgia Tech Chapter of the Campus Kitchen.

The Campus Kitchen is a national student service organization that packages food leftover from meals served in the three dining halls on campus to feed the surrounding community’s individuals in need.

It was a video contest where each campus that was interested produced a short video outlining their ideas and how it would impact their community and by popular vote, said Grant Grimes, the Student Promotions Coordinator at GT Dining.

Between Jan. 20 and 29, students submitted videos on how Tech students could produce a unique program that would serve them best. The Campus Kitchen was chosen as the winner.

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Other universities that have adopted tobacco bans such as UM, UT and GRU rely on students, employees and faculty to enforce the rule by reminding others of the policy. In some cases, infractions can result in disciplinary action, but in most cases, it is handled informally. The Board of Regents would likely use a similar enforcement policy for campuses throughout Georgia.

“The overall enforcement and authority of this policy would lie with the president of the institution but is also a shared community responsibility, which means all students, faculty and staff are encouraged to help and support a tobacco-free campus,” Millsaps said.

Spring Graduates

Mark your calendar with these important dates to help you prepare for your big day.

- RSVP Period: March 3 – March 14
  An RSVP is required to attend the ceremony and receive guest tickets.
- Commencement Fair: March 4 & 5
  Your one-stop-shop for all your Commencement needs.
- Regalia orders due: March 21
  Order your regalia through Barnes & Noble at Georgia Tech.
- Ticket Distribution Period: March 31 – April 11
- President’s Graduation Celebration: May 2
- Commencement: May 2 & 3

Additional information is at www.commencement.gatech.edu.

Remember to check your Georgia Tech email for important reminders from the Commencement Office.

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“Sleek and sexy edge”
- San Francisco Guardian

Friday/Saturday, Feb. 7-8 8 p.m.

Raisa Simpson’s Push Dance Company builds vibrant contemporary dances to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges attributed to mixed heritage. Each moment generates fresh perspectives from intermingling diverse dancers in raw situations that showcase rarely presented topics. Push Dance provides audiences an opportunity to examine issues of identity and intersecting cultures.

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pertinent presentations. To allow student organizations to make any other meetings in order to allow additional student volunteers will package and prepare more food to be delivered. The group will primarily be active toward the end of Brittain’s operating hours as to not interfere with the dining hall’s student meals. Currently, Tech unofficially donates food to the community, but it hopes to increase its involvement.

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FIJI FROM PAGE 1 could not be reached for comment on this apparent discrepancy.

A second lawsuit was also filed against the fraternity and its members, alleging that a different Jane Doe was sexually assaulted by a Tech Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity member in May of the same year. According to this second suit, fraternity members and Jane Doe left Atlanta on May 8, 2012 on a chartered bus for a formal in New Orleans. The lawsuit goes on to state that, “along with other events, the main Formal event took place on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.” This date and time, however, appears to conflict with the previous statement that the events on the boat occurred on the day of the 9th.

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One application to rule them all
Putting all of Tech’s online services in one place

The success of many Tech-related mobile applications, including Jacket Guardian, the Career Fair app, and the Nextbus app suggests the need for a consolidated, well-organized “GT App” that would enable a student to access several different vital online facilities in one place. By focusing on student needs, frequently reevaluating performance and improving the quality of existing resources, Tech could make students’ everyday lives far more convenient.

BuzzPort was meant to be a place to access many resources, but many students complain that it is incompatible with many browsers, hard to navigate, visually frustrating and unhelpful because it has many unimportant links. The often-messy and disorganized nature of BuzzPort makes it difficult to use. Tech could avoid these problems by actively seeking student input through surveys, incorporating a multi-platform-friendly version of Buzzport in GT App and monitoring the app’s usefulness by keeping track of click history data. Moreover, Tech should periodically update the app to reflect student preferences.

The new GT App could also address problems with existing platforms. By implementing a more robust login system, Tech could eliminate the need for students to enter login credentials several times to use different resources. This app could also be used as an opportunity to redesign T-Square to be more mobile-friendly. The current interface could certainly use visual and functional improvements. The new GT App could carry out these changes by making class files easier to access and by making T-Square respond better to mobile browsers.

Tech’s online resources are currently disjointed, but as mobile applications become increasingly popular with the student body, the GT App provides an elegant and thorough solution.

Banning electronic cigarettes is absurd

The role of a governing body in the regulation of personal behavior is highly debated. Is it the duty of the government to protect people from themselves, or simply to protect them from others? As a justification of the implementation of this tobacco ban, using phrases like, “It addresses a harmful behavior that individuals should not be engaging in” is polarizing and will cause significant backlash from the smoking community.

That aside, considering that there are in fact harmful effects due to secondhand smoke on non-smokers, it seems that there could be an argument toward the justification of this ban. However, the fundamentally different nature of electronic cigarettes makes their inclusion in this ban absurd. First of all, e-cigarettes are not even tobacco products; they are just fog machines with added nicotine. Is the board also considering banning the use of harmless nicotine patches and smoking-cessation gum?

Not only do e-cigarettes not create secondhand smoke to bother bystanders with bad odor and carcinogens, they also have an incredibly high potential for actually affecting the change that policymakers seem to want to bring about by this ban; namely, to get people to stop using tobacco.

Consider this scenario: All nicotine-containing products are banned from campuses. Realistically, people who are currently smokers are not going to quit simply because they cannot smoke on campus. Instead, they will either try to break the rules or go off campus in order to smoke. In essence, this ban will be an inconvenience and an annoyance, but not a smoking deterrent.

Now, here is an alternate scenario: What if the ban were to come into effect without the inclusion of e-cigarettes? Students who are addicted to nicotine and unwilling/unable to go the entire school day without smoking will instead turn to e-cigarettes in order to get their fix.

There are many benefits to e-cigarettes, not the least of which is that while there are no good studies that quantitatively determine their health risks, they are almost assuredly significantly less harmful than actual cigarettes. Additionally, they taste much better.

Students who turn to e-cigarettes in response to this ban have a good chance of transitioning to using them more often than real cigarettes.

Rather than ostracizing smokers and putting an additional burden of stress on students already overwhelmed by their academics, leaving the door open to e-cigarettes lays a direct path toward decreasing the overall tobacco use of the student body. E-cigarette use should ideally be encouraged, and at the very least tolerated. This ban as currently outlined does not have a method-of-action for causing smokers to quit smoking; all it does is ban cigarettes from smoking on campus. Banning e-cigarettes would be a tragic waste of money and could have a large impact on improving total public health.

A widely held belief about e-cigarettes is that young people are more likely to pick one up than they are to start smoking and that they will become addicted to nicotine and switch to regular cigarettes.

Let me just say first of all that if someone were to start vaping with a peach cobbler flavored e-cigarette, the last thing they are going to do is enjoy a real cigarette. They taste terrible in comparison, especially if you had never had one before.

Secondly, there is a quick, simple solution to the addiction problem. Many companies are producing e-cigs with 0mg nicotine content. A large part of the allure is the fantastical flavors and social mania. If the 0mg versions were mass-produced alongside the standard e-cig, new converts wouldn’t become addicted, and the “fad” would die out in a year or three. Meanwhile, e-cigs would still be available to those who already are.

Electronic cigarettes are the most promising avenue toward decreasing smoking rates, and those who are opposed to their rise haven’t fully considered their implications.

— Chris Gilbert, 5th Year Physics Major

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Emphasis on calculus unnecessary

Any given Thursday, there are 12 generations scrambling to cram mathematics knowledge into their developing brains. They’re sprinting towards a goal that they don’t know anything about. Every student is rushing towards the same thing—calculus.

The progression goes something like this: basic arithmetic, pre-algebra, algebra, a slight detour through geometry, pre-calculus, and finally, calculus. For most students, this is an incredibly disappointing and waste of time.

Ultimately, calculus isn’t a subject practical enough to be used by engineers, despised by students, and forgotten by almost everyone.

My problem with calculus isn’t a thinly veiled difficulty. As an engineer myself, I have used calculus on almost every problem set I have assigned since my first year. On the other hand, thousands of chemistry majors sit there, evaluating triple integrals minute in interval in their lives when they will consider taking a derivative just using Wolfram Alpha.

Consider, then, actually useful replacement for calculus: probability and statistics. Why not spend time building up to this subject instead?

Almost every single STEM career requires a strong understanding of statistics. Coming up with effective and comprehensive tests, as well as being able to evaluate the results of these tests, is essential to an engineering career. Finance careers depend entirely on forecasting, and the ability to interpret stochastic systems. Even the purest definition of science can be reduced to our attempts to understand the universe’s uncertainties.

Probability and statistics are not just useful for STEM students. Marketing is the art of manipulating the chance that a consumer will buy a product. Sociology is an in-depth analysis of the probability of a person’s decisions in a given scenario. Entrepreneurs must be fully aware of risks before undertaking any venture. None of these people would benefit from learning unnecessarily specific cases of Graham’s Law.

The skills gained through statistics classes are important for educated, high-functioning citizens.

ARVIND NARAYAN
OPINIONS EDITOR

“Wealth distribution and social justice are important topics across all majors. My problem with calculus isn’t a thinly veiled difficulty. As an engineer myself, I have used calculus on almost every problem set I have assigned since my first year. On the other hand, thousands of chemistry majors sit there, evaluating triple integrals minute in interval in their lives when they will consider taking a derivative just using Wolfram Alpha.

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Almost every single STEM career requires a strong understanding of statistics. Coming up with effective and comprehensive tests, as well as being able to evaluate the results of these tests, is essential to an engineering career. Finance careers depend entirely on forecasting, and the ability to interpret stochastic systems. Even the purest definition of science can be reduced to our attempts to understand the universe’s uncertainties.

Probability and statistics are not just useful for STEM students. Marketing is the art of manipulating the chance that a consumer will buy a product. Sociology is an in-depth analysis of the probability of a person’s decisions in a given scenario. Entrepreneurs must be fully aware of risks before undertaking any venture. None of these people would benefit from learning unnecessarily specific cases of Graham’s Law.

The skills gained through statistics classes are important for educated, high-functioning citizens.”

Religion a personal choice, not a forced belief system

I find it intriguing that within the word “belief” lies its center. Growing up, I was raised as a cradle-Catholic, i.e. I went to church and church school every Sunday, but did not read the bible or pray. Most Catholics fail to do so.

At Sunday school, I learned that Jesus saved us from our sins, the Holy Spirit’s prettiest form was a dove, and God looked like a white man with a beard (I am a fan of beards, but that’s a story for another day).

I stuck with church, partly because of my parent’s coercion. There were many days I did not want to go to church or church school. I failed to memorize prayers and stumbled over them during the congregation chants. I didn’t get the whole transubstantiation thing (where the bread waver and wine you consume during Communion miraculously turns into the blood and body of Jesus). I did not like that abortion or homosexuality was reluctantly dragged there until my Confirmation where I vowed that I would continue to practice the Catholicism. I feel like I lied to save face for the beliefs that I was taught were facts.

Part of college and so did the end of my visits to church, except for the obligatory Christmas and Easter Masses.

My mom still believes that I am just going through the typical college kid phase of “discovering myself” and that I will eventually “come back” to the church. That may be so, but being at Tech I’ve met so many new people, from so many different backgrounds. I have learned that there are many beliefs out there, and the root that binds them at its origin is a belief in some higher power and our fears of death. Being open to my friends who are Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic etc., I have learned much more about their beliefs and myself.

Ignorance is bliss, it’s easy to teach under the safety net of your cradle-raised religion... It’s easy to preach under the safety net of your cradle-raised religion, but is that the only language of faith?... It’s easy to preach under the safety net of your cradle-raised religion, but is that the only language of faith?... It’s easy to preach under the safety net of your cradle-raised religion, but is that the only language of faith?

Being American doesn’t mean “speaking American”

With the Coca-Cola building as a shining beacon in the Atlanta skyline from my window, it is hard for me to forget about the company’s moving, now controversial advertisement from the Super Bowl last Sunday night. The advertisement features beautiful compiling of every American Americans experiencing joyful lives in all corners of America, paired with a just as beautiful rendition of “America the Beautiful.”

This unique arrangement features seven different languages, including the top three most spoken non-English languages in the U.S.: Spanish, Mandarin and Tagalog. Seconds after the ad aired, people took to social media, concurrently praising and denouncing it. The latter, more outspoken party was outraged that a patriotic American song had been sung in languages other than English.

Surely, much of this xenophobic commentary can be attributed to knee-jerk reactions of cultural defense. However, many tenacious commentators demonstrate that many people in the U.S. genuinely believe that songs about America are obliged to be sung in English, and any divergence is disrespectful. This begs the question of how these so-called patriotic Americans believe that English, or “American” as some have called it, is the only language of the U.S.

They forget the U.S. proudly remains one of the few countries in the world without an official language, coinciding with the idea that America is a melting pot of immigrants who import their native tongues and cultures. According to a 2011 government report examining language use in this country, from over 60.5 million Americans speak a language other than English at home.

Of course, “America the Beautiful” is a patriotic song about you, America, the one filled with those who have descended from generations of English-only speakers. However, this is also my America. The one that belongs to the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants, born in Flushing, Queens, New York, whose first language was not English, but actually Mandarin Chinese. A language I spoke while celebrating the 4th of July annually with family and friends at Gold Coast cookies at Chinese School with. Yet, my America? It’s the same as yours and everyone’s, the Beautiful.

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ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

“I loved watching Bruno Mars perform during half time. The puppy bowl, too.”

CHRIS ANTON
FOURTH-YEAR IIE

“I hate all of it because the Broncos lost.”

TAYLOR SANTUCCI
FOURTH-YEAR IIE

“What was your favorite Super Bowl moment this year?”

“...America is a melting pot of immigrants who import their native tongues and cultures.”

JOSH VIJAYAN
SECOND-YEAR AE

“I’m not a fan of football, but it was so boring. And I fell asleep a few minutes.”

WILL VIJAYAN
FRESHMAN IIE

“It was so boring. And I fell asleep after five minutes.”

XIN WAN
THIRD-YEAR IIE

The skills gained through statistics classes are important for educated, high-functioning citizens.
HOT or NOT

Waffle House Heroes
During last week’s snow storm, almost everything at Tech shut down. Classes were cancelled and even the CULC seemed abandoned. However, the Tech Square Waffle House was a last bastion of hope to hungry students. The restaurant stayed open for 48 hours during the snowstorm, and the owner even came down to serve students. Even with the horrible weather, Waffle House still stayed alive.

Tech on Ice
Last week, as the metro Atlanta area entered a frenzied panic following the snowstorm, several members of Tech’s staff came out onto the roads to help direct traffic and to assist those who were stuck. Several members of the staff at the Georgia Tech Hotel at Tech Square came out and selflessly helped anybody who needed it. This is in character for Tech; our motto is, after all, “Progress and Service.”

Bus Signs Bust
It’s 9:56 a.m. and there are nine painfully short minutes until that Differential Equations midterm. To take the bus or to run? That is the question. Unfortunately, when there’s no sign to predict the next Blue Route bus, that decision is a lot harder to make. Last week, many signs, including the ones at the Transport Hub and at the CRC weren’t working, leading to late, disgruntled students.

Makeup Week
With the winter wonderland that was Snowpocalypse 2014, several students were caught in the bliss of cancelled classes, and consequently, were assigned assignments. Unfortunately, they are all forced to face judgement now, as all of the assignments have piled up in this winter unfortune, work-filled week. Tests, projects and homework have all accumulated, and finally, we are forced to pay for our happiness.

Adding more majors helps recruiting student athletes

“While only offering 34 majors, Tech still believes that the areas of study offered by the school are diverse.”

NEW CLARK
SPORTS EDITOR

Tech’s Office of Admission’s website reads, “Georgia Tech offers degrees in thirty-four undergraduate majors, forty-seven master’s programs, and thirty doctoral programs as well as pre-professional programs in law, dentistry, medicine, teaching, pharmacy, and veterinary. Our programs of study are as diverse as the students enrolled in them.” That’s right. While only offering 34 majors, Tech still believes the area of studies offered by the school are diverse.

Unfortunately, that just is not true. North Carolina State University offers over 100 majors and Clemson offers 80. Even schools that are more comparable to Tech academically, such as Duke and Vanderbilt, offer 50 and 65 majors respectively.

Having such few majors limits the amount of people interested in attending a school, especially when it comes to prospective student athletes. If Tech were willing to add a few majors that athletes at others schools seem to be drawn to, it could make it significantly easier for Tech to recruit top athletes.

When it comes to regular students, as in students who are not athletes, if it is fine for Tech to not offer that many majors. Even though Tech is still technically limiting the pool of prospective students, it is known as one of the top engineering schools in the country. So, Tech still receives plenty of applicants, top-notch high-school students who are interested in math and science, and is able to put together impressive freshman classes year in and year out.

If a regular student is not interested in the fields that Tech offers, then that’s fine. He or she can just go to another school, and it will not really hurt Tech in any way, but when it comes to athletes, that is not the case. Tech has enough recruiting problems as it is—a smaller fan base, being in the ACC in the middle of SEC country, running the triple option—Tech should be doing everything in its control to shorten the list of items dissuading potential applicants.

It would obviously be impossible for Tech to offer every major that prospective student athletes could want, but if it were to add one, I would suggest a sports management major. Though not all student athletes have the same interests, the one that they all have in common, presumably, is that they enjoy sports. Sports management was the ninth most popular major of college football players in 2010.

It’s not that I believe that athletes are not smart enough to handle most of the majors that Tech currently offers. They just may not be interested, thus limiting the pool of players Tech has to recruit from.

Even if they are interested, it can be hard for student athletes to make the time commitment necessary to succeed in some of the areas of study. For example, former center Jay Finch came in and planned on majoring in Architecture. Once he realized how much time he would have to commit to it with all of the hours in studio, he decide it would be best to switch to Business.

If Tech were able to attract better athletes, and therefore have improved teams, through adding the major, not only would it help the athletics department, but it would also help the university as a whole.

Having better athletic teams gets universities more national exposure and typically leads to more students being interested. Since Nick Saban has arrived at Alabama and led the resurgence of their football program, they have seen a huge spike in applicants and their acceptance rate moved from 64 percent down to 53 percent.

Just like with recruiting athletes, if Tech were able to choose from a larger pool of applicants, that quality of the student would continue to increase.
Tech’s Waffle House is most visted in nation

LINDSAY PURCELL
LIFE EDITOR

Expect the arrival of Leslie Knope any minute now, Tech students, as she heads to get her daily delicacy of waffles at the number-one Waffle House in America, located nowhere other than at Tech Square.

Tech’s recognition as the number-one Waffle House by Four-square’s calculations in the nation recently resurfaced and caused surprising reactions from various people.

“I feel great. I’ve been here for four years and when I found that out I was like ‘oh my God, I’m going to be on the news!’ When they told me I was like ‘Are you kidding me? Are you kidding me?’” said Shantel, a Tech Square Waffle House employee.

Four-square released their findings, which blew up all over the Internet thanks to Buzzfeed late last month. The social check-in service took the number of people checking in at each of the more than 1,700 Waffle House establishments across the country before compiling the results and projecting which establishments were seeing the most customers.

“We weren’t expecting it. A news lady just came in one day and asked if we knew this was the most-visited Waffle House. I just said, ‘Oh my God, oh my God,’” Shantel said.

Eight of the top establishments were from inside the Atlanta city limits alone, with the number-one spot going to the Waffle House in Tech Square. Tech often boasts about its rankings, from our spot among public universities to our number of women in engineering majors, but rarely is Tech so proud of a restaurant.

Unlike many of the top W-Ho’s, the Tech Waffle House is young, opening roughly four years ago in June 2010. Unique to the number-one Waffle House is the Tech-centered artifacts scattered throughout the restaurant. That, and the good word runs through the building’s core.

Everything else, though, is just like any other Waffle House. The never-ending and particularly high influx of patrons at the early hours of the morning. The relatively quick service. The busy waiters rushing to and fro. The cheap, yet ultra-filling food. And the waffles.

While the Tech Square location is still in its infancy, Tech holds a deep connection with Waffle House, where Joe Rogers Jr., son of co-founder Joe Rogers Sr., is a Tech alumus and a prior CEO of the company.

The new CEO, Walt Ehmer, is also a Tech alumnus, graduating with a BS in ISyE in 1989. He was recently spotted during last week’s snow storm with Institute President G.P. “Bud” Peterson at the Tech Square location, helping greet patrons and keeping students fed as Atlanta battled the winter storm conditions.

Despite Snow Jam, Waffle House kept up its 24-7-365 tradition. The Tech Waffle House has also been very dedicated in promoting other Tech clubs in its first few years, helping sponsor and provide food for events, most notably SAA. Just last fall, SAA and Waffle House unveiled the first-ever WaHo food truck. The WaHo food truck has already been spotted at several Tech events, including the SAA membership kickoff.

LIFE EDITOR:
Lindsay Purcell

Humorous Hofstadter
Steve Hofstadter showed off his comedic stylings in front of Tech students last week. See "Humorous Hofstadter" on page 12.

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Life

An inside look at Tech’s Dining Halls and Services

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The dull, off-white plates, bent silverware, slick floors and sticky tables are characteristic of Tech’s Dining Services. Whether they are one bowl of cereal per semester or one in front of students every morning, freshmen students were required to purchase a meal plan. Nearly everyone on campus has memories of walking through the dining hall doors, swiping their BuzzCards and praying today’s food would edible.

Cashier Antoinete Sumlin at Brittain Dining Hall, one of the 350 people GT Dining employs, notes that her favorite part of her job is “meeting and greeting the students.”

“I love it when the former freshmen come back after they’ve grown up and matured; they’re like your own children,” Antoinette said.

Antoinete and many of the other staff have a unique perspective on Tech students. They take on sort of the parental role that students lack in college, making sure that students are fed and following the rules.

Cora Sherrod, another Sodexo employee, has “done a little bit of everything” during her six years with Sodexco. She started out at Woodruff and since then has moved to Buzzbye, the grab to go service behind Brittain, and in between has worked in the bakery, doing the dishes and the sandwich station—but her favorite is her current job.

“I love talking to the students,” Sherrod said.

Inside the dining halls, weird sights are everywhere as poor college students try to make the most of their meal plan.

“I once saw a pledge take two napkin dispensers, about twenty cups stacked up and a couple handfuls of various silverware,” said Reed Alexander, second-year ME major. “He managed to stuff it all into one backpack.”

During the recent snow days, students found creative ways to stretch their dining hall dollars. They could even be seen cheerfully stuffing Glad plasticware with hot food.

Despite the cafeteria-style meals found in all dining hall locations, Dining Services goes out of its way to make sure that healthy options are available for students. This surely stops some from gaining the dreaded “freshman 15.”

According to Rich Steele, Director of Auxiliary Services, a high percentage of the produce found in dining halls is locally grown. Fresh fruits are also available for students to take on the go.

As for the healthy options, Sodexo does a good job of labeling most of the food with nutrition values; knowing what students are eating is an important part of having a healthy campus. In the future, Dining Services hopes to continue its emphasis on a healthy lifestyle, including using the Mindful program and the myfitnesspal app.

Dining Services also hopes to expand further. Next year, Wing Zone will open across from Westside Market. The restaurant will accept BuzzFunds and offer late-night delivery.

Later this semester, too, High-land Bakery will expand into the library, much like during last semester’s Finals Week.

Dining Services succeeds at its essential purpose, which is keep-
Snow Jam gives Tech students unexpected break

LINDSAY PURCELL
LIFE EDITOR

While the rest of Atlanta was stuck on the freeway or desperately trying to warm up from their long hikes home, many Tech students were safe in their dorm rooms enjoying nearly a week of school off.

With snow and ice piled up from Techwood to Ferst to Hemp-hill, getting to class would have been impossible for many students. As the snow fell heavily on the morning on Tuesday, Jan. 28, it became obvious that campus would have to close that afternoon.

Snow Jam 2014 is not the first time in recent years Tech has been forced to close due to wintry weather. In 2011, classes closed for four days during the Snowpocalyptic. Then, although roads on campus became relatively clear within days of the storm, the roads just off campus were still impassable, making it difficult for campus to open.

Since 2011, Tech’s Emergency Preparedness department has helped Tech better prepare for winter weather. With less worry over safety, many students were able to enjoy their unexpected second winter break.

“It was almost magical, walking back from a noon lecture and hearing that the struggle was, at least temporarily, over,” Tech was on snow break until further notice,” said Joshua Wade, second-year ME major.

Many students could be found tromping through snow-covered Grant Field, sledding through the Burger Bowl, starting snowball fights throughout campus or even four-wheeling through Midtown Atlanta.

Some students, however, found the snow a short-lived thrill. “The snow wasn’t that great after Tuesday. I enjoyed taking pictures while the snow was falling down... I’ve now officially had my fill of snow for the next year,” said Andrea Latimer, second-year BIO major.

John Forbes, a third-year AE major, was especially irritated with the record-breaking weather. “The cold front rolled into Atlanta and went straight for my immune system. Being taken by storm, my nose iced over and a headache like constant brain freeze settled in, but I had warm soup to thaw my aching head,” Forbes said.

Even more, students who tried to drive home during the Snow Jam experienced incredibly long commutes. The 2.6 inches of snow caused cars to drive at a breakneck speed of less than five miles per hour.

Latimer claimed her commute, which should have taken five minutes, took over an hour. According to students who lived even further from campus, just getting off campus added an hour or two to an eventual five-to-ten-hour commute.

Even some students who stayed on campus found the snowstorm tiresome after the first day or two. As the snow became slushier, students went in search of available food and campus services with little luck. While a few dining halls were open during selected hours, most of campus was completely closed.

Also, as many students knew, a break from Tech is not really a break. There was still homework to do and tests to study for. Because so many classes had to be cancelled, the rearranged schedules and syllabi caused the following week to have an extra-burden-some workload.

While the rest of the country is still battling with winter storms, for now, Atlanta is once again safe. Snow Jam gave students a much-needed chance to binge drink hot cocoa and frolic through the snow.

Tech students across campus were able to take a break from classes and play in the snow during their unexpected break last week. Snow Jam 2014 forced most of campus to close for three days.
Rubgy captain balances Tech and sports

LINDSAY PURCELL
LIFE EDITOR

While other Tech students are busy working on countless hours of homework or napping after their all-nighters, Taylor Armstead is out in the Burger Bowl, leading Tech’s Women’s Rugby team towards yet another victory.

Technique: What’s your favorite thing to do when you’re not on the rugby field or studying?

Armstead: I’d really like to do something with biomaterials—basically on the design and research side of sports medicine.

Technique: What is the most difficult aspect of playing for Tech’s rugby team?

Armstead: I first got involved with rugby because I sort of ran into them at FASET and I happened to actually know where the Burger Bowl was because I lived on West Campus.

Technique: What is your favorite part?

Armstead: My favorite part is the competition—I love to compete. Hitting people is pretty fun too.

Technique: How is being a captain different from just being on the team?

Armstead: The biggest difference is that I have to make sure I am being cool, calm and collected. It is definitely a skill I have had to improve this year.

Technique: How do you balance rugby and a Tech workload?

Armstead: Balancing Tech and rugby is hard, but the way I try to manage it is by staying organized and knowing when tests and things are due, etc.

Technique: What is your favorite thing to do when you’re not on the rugby field or studying?

Armstead: Favorite things would probably be eating and taking my girlfriend on dates.

Technique: Will you continue with rugby after Tech? Why or why not?

Armstead: Yes! I have huge rugby aspirations—I want to play at the national or club level.

Technique: You’ve run half marathons and marathons in the past. How does that compare to a typical rugby match?

Armstead: They are very, very different—almost incomparable. Running half marathons isn’t so bad, but a marathon is on a whole different level.

Technique: You’re a self-proclaimed Harry Potter expert too; do you think Hermione and Ron shouldn’t have been together?

Armstead: Hermione and Ron totally should have been together! They’re awkward and cute in a perfect way.

Technique: Any advice for students aspiring to be more active?

Armstead: Play rugby! It is SO much fun, and we are the most fun, loving and open group on campus.

Taylor Armstead, third-year MSE major, is also the Captain of Tech’s Women’s Rugby team. She has been involved with Rugby since her FASET and hopes to eventually play at the national level.
“Comedy Without Apology” comes to Tech

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On Friday, January 24, comedian and columnist Steve Hofstetter visited Tech to host a Q&A session entitled “Comedy Without Apology.” For an hour, Hofstetter spoke to about 30 students in the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (CULC) and answered questions about the nature of comedy, life as a stand-up comic and writing jokes. The event was publicized through stands outside the CULC, posters in several locations and Facebook.

Born in Queens, Hofstetter graduated from Columbia University in 2002, after which he pursued a career in journalism. Hofstetter wrote for several well-known publications, including Sports Illustrated, Maxim and The New York Times.

Hofstetter eventually left journalism because he was disappointed with unethical aspects of the career.

“I found it frustrating when I was edited for voice and not for content,” he said. “Your writers should be able to use their own voice... A lot of journalists don't remember that their number-one job is information.”

Hofstetter explained that he began pursuing stand-up comedy seriously six months after he tried it for the first time, mentioning that it enables someone to communicate complex and significant ideas through humor.

Hofstetter explained that his on-stage persona was a more confident version of himself, and that since he enjoys debating in real life, he tries to carry this onto the stage.

“I didn't really have a message when I started... it took me time to figure out what's funny, but also what I want to say,” Hofstetter said. Hofstetter's comedy is often blunt and about taboo topics, and many people have found his jokes offensive.

“I don't say anything on stage that I don't mean,” Hofstetter said, in response to a student question about the importance of openness on stage.

He also explained that honesty is important even for comedians who have distinct characters on stage, like Stephen Colbert and Louis C.K. Hofstetter explained that the character still has to be true to what he is saying.

Hofstetter's comedy analyzes aspects of American politics and society. The comic described his perfect audience member: someone who is willing to question his own belief system in light of new ideas. Hofstetter himself claims that his views were probably influenced by other comics, and that he tries to have messages in his comedy.

“I write for the audience I want, not the audience I have... I want to be able to reach people, but I would never pande,” Hofstetter said.

Hofstetter explained that his writing process involves writing to the “top of the room,” or not dumbing down jokes purely for the sake of popularity.

Hofstetter also addressed his comedic influences, saying that though he admires many comedians, specifically Bill Hicks, he does not try to emulate a specific comic.

“Comedy Without Apology” comes to Tech was definitely a forward step for Tech, encouraging students to finally break out of their engineering minds and pursue their individual interests.

Last month, comedian and former CollegeHumor writer Steve Hofstetter held an open Q&A session, answering student questions on topics ranging from offensive jokes to a career in comedy.

Georgia Tech First-Year Students and Graduating Seniors
You are invited to participate in the NSSE Survey, beginning Tuesday, February 18, 2014

What is the NSSE?
The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) collects information at four-year institutions of higher-education about participation in programs and activities provided for student learning, academic engagement, and personal development.

How will the NSSE be administered?
On Tuesday, February 18, you will receive an email with a link to the NSSE from Dr. Colin Potts, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.

I'm crazy busy—Why should I spend 15 minutes to complete this survey?
GT wants to know what YOU think... There is great interest in your responses for at least two reasons:

• GT chose to participate; it wasn't required. With this information, faculty and staff can better understand student engagement on our campus.
• NSSE data is used in a variety of ways to communicate, maintain, or enrich aspects of your undergraduate experiences. YOUR responses—aggregated with those from your peers—will be read with great interest by the faculty and staff at GT.

I need more information...
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As a THANK YOU for your participation in this very important survey, you will be automatically entered to win ONE OF FIVE retail gift certificates worth $25 each!!!
Surprise “visual album” shows new side of pop icon

**BEYONCÉ**

**LABEL:** Columbia Records  
**GENRE:** Pop, R&B

**TRACK PICKS:** “Blue,” “Drunk in Love” and “Flawless”

**OUR TAKE:** ★★★★★

**RAY KONIETI**  
**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

On Dec. 13, 2013, Beyoncé’s eponymous album, *Beyoncé*, was silently released exclusively on iTunes without any prior marketing of the work.

Her fifth studio album, *Beyoncé* follows *4*, an album boasting such hits as “Run the World (Girls)” and “Love on Top.”

A multi-platinum artist and winner of 17 Grammy awards, Beyoncé Knowles is a pop, female and African-American icon.

Knowles started her career in the group Destiny’s Child but released her first solo album during a band hiatus. This first album, *Destiny in Your Hands*, launched her as a solo performer.

With such a prestigious history, can her latest album live up to the artist’s own reputation?

Labeled as a “visual album,” the album consists of 16 songs and 17 music videos, an unprecedented mark in the digital music industry.

In a day and age where songs and videos are leaked and pirated before the album release, Beyoncé has managed to do something modern-day artists have been struggling to do: beat piracy.

The silent and secretive album, furthermore, was unequivocally a marketing prodigy. Relying on the trusty social network outlets of Twitter, a small snippet of Beyoncé’s arrival album was enough to send the borders of people rushing to download.

With no prior announcements or even hints, Knowles was able to keep the songs and the nature of the album in great suspense. Not only has Queen Bee revolutionized the marketing and music industry with her surprising album release, but Beyoncé has delighted with her music and has not disappointed any of her fans.

“Flawless” is Beyoncé’s arrival album, was enough to keep the mind at peace and the mood mellow.

On the other spectrum of Beyoncé’s album is her song devoted to her precious daughter, Blue Ivy. The song titled “Blue” has the movement similar to her previous hit, “Halo.”

With a single piano accompaniment, which was portrayed in many of her songs this album, Beyoncé conveys the natural love and immersion. The cast brought their powerful voices and apply appropriate over-the-top Broadway singing, failing to disappoint anyone.

Comedy is a fickle subject and the humor in The Book of Mormon walks a fine line between crude and ingenious, using both slapstick and verbal wit, but that is expected from the writers of South Park.

In fact, Trey Parker, Matt Stone and Robert Lopez took that line and played jump rope with it. The actors chosen for the touring group did a fantastic job of bringing out the full potential of the show, both with their music and acting.

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The comical timing of AIDS
BOOKS

Andrew's Brain
E.L. Doctorow

GENRE: Drama
PUBLISHER: Random House
RELEASE DATE: Jan. 14

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

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E.L. Doctorow's latest work, Andrew's Brain, is about the life of the titular Andrew, a destructively absentminded cognitive scientist, from inside his own mind. Told loosely in the format of conversations with a therapist, the story peels back layers of Andrew's recollections.

The summary of the plot is simple and unfortunate. Andrew marries Margaret and they have a daughter. He is inadvertently responsible for the death of the child and moves across the country in his grief. He marries Briony and they move to New York City and have another daughter, then Briony dies in the 9/11 attacks. Andrew's retelling gains an emotional, rather than intellectual, pervaded with worry, slightly careless about real life, lost in self-speculation.

Unfortunately, this emotional and developmental depth comes at a price to the novel's readability. The novel is told from an unspecified place and time in the first and second and third person by an exceedingly unreliable narrator in stream-of-consciousness. Andrew speaks about dreams and reality without making any distinctions between the two. Occasionally the doctor to whom he is speaking attempts to impose order, but he never succeeds.

At 224 pages, it is not surprising that all the readers' questions are not nearly wrapped up in a bow. The unusual style makes Andrew's Brain feel like the answers would have bubbled to the surface eventually but only after a few hundred more pages. That is not to say that the pacing is slow; because of the unconventional structure, the events unfold like scattering marbles, going in many directions at once in a great overlapping clatter in the way a person might remember the events of his life. The tone also emphasizes Andrew's storytelling—intellectual, pervaded with worry, slightly careless about real life, lost in self-speculation. The rush of events combined with the poetic voice knocks the reader from his observational perch and into the drama of the story.

E.L. Doctorow is a veteran writer, but this experimental form is a departure from his usual style. There is no driving plot and a number of unanswered questions at the end, making this book feel remarkably like an emotional and subjective review of a man's life.

Long-time fans of Doctorow's work may be disappointed, but to the open-minded newcomer this book is a brief, disorienting and worthwhile dive into Andrew's brain.

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clap their hands twice to literally turn off the lights in the entire theatre, only to return to the lights with bright, pink vests strapped onto their chests while they continued to dance.

Which leads to the choreography. From the heavily tribal music to the sappy jumpy and excessive show-tune jazz/bop routines, these numbers challenged whether or not the actors and actresses would burn out. Glen Kelly did an absolutely astonishing and fabulous job.

In “Two by Two,” an exciting and delightful song where the newly-trained Mormons part

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traction that few have achieved.

The visuals are marvelous with stellar settings, magnificent movements and camera finesse. The dance sequences and empowering lighting adds to the effect of the album’s music.

The videos add an additional layer of intensity and intrigue that sells the importance of adding the music videos to the album. Beyoncé is truly a masterpiece of an album. The studio performances and the usual immaculate performance will make Beyoncé’s fifth solo album a large hit.

Beyoncé continues to hold true to her roots while spicing things up with a variety of new melodies to appeal to a range of audiences. Whether it is the surprising release of the album or the complete trust of the fans, Beyoncé has taken a large risk and it has paid off in big dividends.

Prolific writer releases new novel

Andrew’s Brain, Doctorow’s latest novel, is a departure from his usual style of writing and features stream-of-consciousness.
Musician Andrew Ripp’s album, Simple, is a collection of acoustic “stripped” version of songs off his previous albums and includes a cover of the hit song “Mirrors,” by Justin Timberlake.

While the thought behind Simple is well intentioned, it is misplaced, making the album unnecessary to all but the most devout fans. Just because the album was a bad idea does not mean that Andrew Ripp is a bad artist. On the contrary, his songs are rather good. “Mirrors,” as a cover version, is the exception.

Before becoming a singer himself, Andrew Ripp was a songwriter, meaning that he now writes most of his own songs. Singing something created by someone else is rather difficult, as it is hard to capture the full meaning behind the song.

Since Andrew Ripp is, for the most part, his own writer, his songs are sung the way he intended. His variety of genres is entirely a testament to his talent. Most bands and singers tend to choose a single genre and stick with it throughout their careers. Andrew Ripp, on the other hand, decided to choose two: pop and country. He also dabbles in rock, though it is clear this is not his true calling.

Though Simple is a superbious album, the songs on it are worth a listen; it is just advisable to get the original three albums instead of the simplified compilation.

“Let Love Win” and “Rescue Me” are two great examples of Andrew Ripp’s affinity for country songs, though they are not good enough to attract more fans to the genre. “Falling for the Beat” is polar opposite as an excellent example of pop rock.

Even though only three of his four albums are worth listening to, Andrew Ripp has succeeded in the entertainment business enough to currently be on tour. His tour, which is the first tour that he has headlined, lasts through March and includes songs from all four of his albums.

His tour passes through Atlanta where he will be performing at Center Stage Vinyl. On Feb. 15, Andrew Ripp will be performing with Judah & the Lion, a band even newer to music than Ripp himself. New does not always mean bad, but neither does it always mean good.

Either way, Andrew Ripp is a great new musician who is talented in multiple genres. He merely has the slight drawback of believing that an acoustic album of songs released less than a year ago is worthwhile.

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Really, the comforting side in most conspiracy theory arguments is the one claiming that anyone who's in power has any plan at all.
### DILBERT® by Scott Adams

- I took your advice to start over again. So I could save all of my lunch money for work.
- The only down side is a twenty-year reduction in my life expectancy.
- Are you okay with that?
- I didn’t exercise all I could lose sixty pounds in one day?
- And that’s the easy part.
- This is Alice. You need to know two things about her.
- When she feels stressed out she gets angry.
- Tell him the second thing.
- She’s always stressed out.

### Pearls Before Swine by Stephen Pastis

- Rat Works for the U.S.A.
  - Sir, I understand you’re seeking a warrant to tap the phones of a Mr. Pig. Mr. Pig, head of a federal agency, I need express legal assurances that this is for national security reasons only.
  - It is.
- Punny Swear?
- You’re getting very strict about these things.
- Hey, Mr. Pig, you probably don’t remember me. I’m the goat. I met you in the cafe. Anyway, I just wanted to say you have beautiful eyes.
- What do you say, Jenny?
- I didn’t just say “Thank you”, I just wanted to say “I love you.”
- You didn’t just say “Thank you”, I just wanted to say “I love you.”
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### Classic Cul de Sac by Richard Thompson

- Often I feel that you keep your house clean as a giant monster.
- Oh yes?
- Oooh.

### Classic Calvin & Hobbes by Bill Watterson

- Calvin:
  - Why in the world did you leave this up in the attic for all these years?
  - I don’t think it was there when I first got the tree.
- Hobbes:
  - Nice arrow through the attic.

### Mini-Sudoku Puzzle

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1 8 7
9 7 8
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By SUDOKUCOLLECTION.COM
Softball players gear up for a new season

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SPORTS EDITOR

Despite Tech coming off a disappointing 25-30 (10-10 ACC) season, which resulted in the termination of head coach Sharon Perkins, and finishing in the bottom half of the ACC standings, there are plenty of reasons to be optimistic about the start of the softball team's 2014 campaign tomorrow with a three-game home stand against Missouri State.

Though the Jackets were picked to finish eighth in the ACC by the coaches of the conference, with a new coach at the helm and the return of nearly every key player from last season's team, the Jackets have the potential to make a push back to the top of the conference.

After the dismissal of Sharon Perkins, athletic director Mike Bobinski made his first coaching hire at Tech, naming Shelley Hoerner head softball coach. Hoerner coached at College of Charleston the past eight seasons, where she posted a record of 254-206. Hoerner led the Cougars to a 37-20 record last season. Hoerner told the Technique last month that her team is hard working and knows what it takes to win. She also said that the team should be fun to watch with how much they plan to run and their ability to hit the long ball.

Pitching could once again be the downfall for the Jackets this season, however. The Jackets ranked seventeenth out of eight last season in team ERA at 5.57, and dead last in the ACC in walks allowed, giving up 221 free passes.

The worst part is that Tech lost their most successful pitcher from last season, Hope Rush. Rush started 27 games for the Jackets last season, nearly half of the 55 total. She had a 1-13 record with the team leading 4.04 ERA. Rush also made eight relief appearances and was on the mound for 49 percent of Tech's innings. Rush finally led the team at the plant with 52 RBIs and 17 home runs.

The most probable replacements for Hope on the mound are sophomore Ashley Clifton and Junior Kylie Kleinschmidt. Kleinschmidt had the second most starts on the team last season with 11, and posted a 7.7 record with a 6.42 ERA. Clifton started 30 games before being sidelined with an injury. Freshman Kanari Cabrales could also be an option. Cabrales led Archer High School to a state championship last season with a 24-4 record and a 1.23 ERA. She was named the 2012 Gwinnett County Pitcher of the Year.

The Jackets had no problems putting up numbers on the offensive side last season. Tech ranked first in the ACC in batting average and stolen bases last season and third in runs scored with 304. In terms of batting average, the Jackets will be returning their top four hitters from last season, including 2013 ACC Player of the Year Ashley Thomas. The senior shortstop hit .417 last season with 30 RBIs. Though Thomas only had 16 multi-base hits last season, she made up for it with her speed, stealing an ACC-high 37 bases.

Senior catcher Alysha Rudnik will also be a key piece of the Jackets' infield. The catcher hit .399 last season and had the most RBIs, 49, of any returning player.

The most likely candidates to start in the outfield this season are sophomore Morgan Taylor, junior Katie Johnsky and senior Hayley Downs. Taylor received the most playing time out of the freshmen last season when she started 34 of the 35 games in left field. She hit .281 and had 27 RBIs. Johnsky started every game in right field last season and hit .345, the third highest average on the team. Johnsky was also second on the team in doubles with 13. Downs hit .339 last season and was efficient on the base path, converting 17 of 18 stolen base attempts. Downs' .339 average was much improved over her sophomore season when she hit just .228.

Even with all the talent the Jackets are returning, the addition of three new teams to the conference will make it more difficult to win the conference series of the season. Prior to this season, the ACC only had eight teams that participated in softball as Clemson, Miami, Duke and Wake Forest do not have teams. All three of the newcomers, Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Notre Dame, have teams which will push the conference up to 11 teams.

The Jackets will open up conference play with a three game series against Boston College on March 1, and will then get their first crack at one of the newcomers, Notre Dame, in their second conference series of the season on March 8.

Senior catcher Alysha Rudnik at the plate in a game against Indiana last season. Rudnik hit .399 and Junior Kylie Kleinschmidt.
Senior center Daniel Miller shoots a free throw in a game earlier this season. Miller scored 18 points in a loss against Clemson.

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couldn’t christen it with a win.”
Lovic highlighted the efforts of Cyron, Gantr and Sommersfeld in the loss. Sommersfeld in particular had a great night and helped keep the Jackets in the game, while the Eagles possessed the ball for extended periods of time. He made a couple of close saves that got big reactions from the crowd and seemed to spark some of the early offensive output from Tech. And while it was a tough way to start the season, coach Lovic was impressed with his team’s performance.

“We’re a young team. In general, I’m real happy with what the future holds for us,” Lovic said.

Another goal for the team is to get more fan support to cheer the team on.

“The best way to describe [lacrosse] is that it combines basketball, hockey and soccer all together,” Lovic said. “There’s motion, movement, hitting. Typically, it’s higher scoring than today, it was two good defensive efforts today. But in general, it’s a fast paced game which makes it exciting for the fans to get into it.”

The team’s next game is against the University of Alabama on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. It is a game that the players are looking forward to as well.

“Next weekend, we’ve got Alabama; it’s our first division game. Look out for that one, that’s going to be a good game,” Gantr said. “We want to keep getting fans out here and getting all the support we can get.”

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The Austin twins are slotted to play corner back. They are joined by wide receiver Qua Seacy, who is also from Lamar County.
Aüry and Clinton Lynch faced off against Leggett as Norcross played North Gwinnett for the Georgia High School 6A State Championship game. Norcross won 31-14 and Tech signees combined for three touchdowns in that game. Lynch and Aüry combined for 235 receiving yards and 2 TDs with Aüry also adding a 92 yard kickoff return TD. Leggett has the chance to play both A-back and B-back, while Aüry and Lynch will play A-back and slot receiver. Aüry is the younger brother of Tech sophomore wide receiver Anthony Aüry.

“I think CJ [Leggett] is a very talented guy,” Johnson said. “He led the Georgia 6A classification in rushing. He’s got a burning desire to excel. He could either be a b-back or an a-back. Once we get him and get him into the system we will see again where he has the best chance to see the field the fastest and where he fits—that’s where we’ll play him. We’re excited, and we think he can be a real good player.”

Overall, this was a great class for the Jackets as a lot of talented football players will be coming in next year. Many will get red-shirted, but some will see a lot of playing time. According to rivals.com, this was the No. 47 ranked class in the country and the highest rated recruiting class Tech has had since 2011.

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showing for sophomore forward Marcus Georges-Hunt, who had a season high 23 points against Wake Forest last week. Georges-Hunt went just 1-3 from the field, but added seven points from the free throw line to finish with nine points on the game.

The Jackets opened up the scoring at the 19:43 mark on a layup by Daniel Miller, but over the next five minutes would only add five points, taking a 7-6 lead on sophomore guard Chris Bolden’s first three pointer of the half. The Jackets would take a 22-18 lead on two free throws by Georges-Hunt before allowing the Tigers to take a 7-0 run to go into halftime with a 25-22 lead.

Tech would finally regain the lead with 7:28 left in the second half on a Miller ump shot that put the Jackets up 33-32. The Jackets would extend the lead to 37-32 with 6:40 remaining, but just like at the end of the first half, the Tigers once again went on a long run. Over the next 5:22, Clemson went on an 8-0 run to take a 40-37 lead with 3:18 to go. Tech cut the lead to 41-39 on a Miller jumper, and after a stop had a chance to tie it up with 16 seconds remaining.

Georges-Hunt took the ball from the top of the key, but was unable to convert on the layup. Senior forward Kammron Holsery got the offensive rebound, but he too was unable to convert. Bolden would foul Jaron Blossomgame of Clemson with two seconds remaining and he made both shots to put the game at 45-41.

“Well, I don’t think they did anything different defensively. I think it was three straight or two out of three possessions where we had turnovers,” Gregory said. “Obviously, their defense had a lot to do with it. We didn’t set up some screens, and if you do not set up screens against them, then you may not even be able to throw the ball in. They did a good job. That was a critical time in the game and they banked on their defense, which probably got four or five stops in a row, including a layup on the other end.”

Golden, a backup with sophomore forward Robert Carter Jr. could return Saturday when Tech hosts Virginia.

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**Jackets sign 21 player class on NSD**

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A total of 21 student athletes committed to this year’s football class, leading to the largest number of signees by the end of National Signing Day for Tech since 2011.

“We’re extremely excited about the group of young men we signed this year,” said head football coach Paul Johnson. “Almost every year at this time, that’s what everybody comes out and says, but I think we really fulfilled some needs. We took six offensive linemen, which was a priority for this year’s class, and we got some defensive backs we think can come in and com-

**Lacrosse falls to Boston College in opener**

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The Tech men’s lacrosse team started their season in exciting fashion on the new Roe Stamps Turf Field with a close 8-9 loss to the Boston College Eagles. The No. 10 Eagles and the No. 20 Jackets both played strong defensive games before the scoring opened up a bit in the second half.

Tech sophomore goalie Matthew Sommerfeldt put on a fantastic display of skill throughout the game, making 16 overall saves on the night. “That’s a top 10 team, and I’m very happy with what we did,” said head coach Ken Lovic.

The Jackets started off the game with some high quality scoring opportunities, however, the Eagles quickly took the game over from there and dominated possessions for a good portion of the first quarter. They would strike twice with less than three minutes left to take a 6-2 lead going into the second quarter.

Tech would get one of those goals back early in the second quarter. Junior midfielder Troy Gantt began his offensive night with a goal at 11:01 left to cut Boston College’s lead to one. A quick Eagles goal put the Jackets down again. Gantt missed a shot from in close with 5:30 left, but put one home with under three minutes left to take the Jackets into halftime down 2-3.

The start of the second half also brought out some of the better lacrosse both teams would play that night. Gantt completed a natural hat trick to get the Jackets to a 3-4 deficit before another Tech goal tied the game with 5:17 left in the third quarter, much to the joy of the large crowd that had gathered to cheer on the Jackets. Their elation was short lived, however, as Boston College would again score twice in the last two minutes to take a 4-6 lead going into the final frame.

Fittingly, the final quarter of the game provided the most entertainment for the fans. Sophomore defenseman David Cyron turned a beautiful individual effort with a spin move to move in one-on-one against the goalie and score to make it a 5-6 game. Two Eagles goals, including an impressive one scored as an Eagles player was falling down, would extend the lead to 5-8 and put the Jackets down three goals with under 10 minutes left. However, Tech would not go quietly into the night. Gantt scored his fourth goal of the game with 7:15 left. Senior midfielder Colin Granger followed with an amazing goal that saw him carry the ball from end-to-end to whittle down the lead to 7-8 with 4:43 left. The Jackets finally tied the game when Gantt scored on a spin move with 3:26 left for his fifth goal of the game.

The final three minutes of the game were highlighted by a flurry of quality chances. A ‘Yellow Jackets’ chant was started by fans during a timeout to help inspire the team. Alas, the Eagles would sneak a shot past Sommerfeldt to put the Eagles up for good. Fans started another chant during the next Tech timeout and a flag was raised as Tech signed three debs, having lost three defensive linemen to graduation.

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