Beginning this semester, Tech Housing will conduct monthly cleanings of bathrooms and kitchens in suite and apartment style student residences on campus. Originally, these living spaces were only cleaned during the summer, but due to financial reasons and tough working demands, cleanings will be held every month for every suite and apartment on campus.

"The key thing that we are doing is providing them with a healthy living and learning environment," said Assistant Director of Custodial Maintenance, Wanda Williams. "We’re going in on a regular basis, sanitizing, disinfecting and cleaning the bathrooms for them. That’s one last thing most have to think about other than getting their education, and in turn, germs start to build up and spread. I think that we’re helping to minimize that by providing them with a routine service."

Housing typically incurs high maintenance costs and experiences more issues when areas are checked only during the summer. Ernie Olivares, Senior Director of Facilities Management, believes that monthly checks and cleanups will help to eliminate these problems, providing a better working experience for the custodial employees and cutting the roughly $400,000 spent on cleaning by about half.

"We don’t want to have the craziness of summer. If we stretch the work load more often, the employee can recover and do similar things the next day," said Ernie Olivares, Senior Director of Facilities Management. "We want to have health and safety for the students, but there should be health and safety for my employees first so that we can accomplish the task. In addition, we are cutting

The New American Shakespeare Tavern has been performing Shakespeare’s plays for more than twenty years. The simple fact that they have kept their doors open for so long while showing Shakespeare, a classic art form that some might call obsolete in this age of movie special effects and explosions, is a testament to their grand performance ability.

Their success, in part, can be attributed to their dedication to original practice. In Shakespeare’s time, the actors could not ignore the audience like modern movies that play regardless of the viewer’s reactions.

If a play was bad, the audience had no qualms about letting the actors know. The actors, in turn, would react to the audience, making the play more entertaining or simply by incorporating something a viewer did into the play. With original practice, the fourth wall is ignored, and there are no real distractions from the play being performed, for anything that might interrupt the play will be incorporated into it.

This January, Shakespeare’s Tavern is performing The Taming of the Shrew, one of Shakespeare’s comedies. It is set in Padua, Italy some time during the Italian Renaissance, though the timeframe does not have much bearing on the play so long as the audience realizes that it is slightly before Shakespeare’s time.

The actors show the audience that the setting is trivial because the actual

Students living on campus noticed signs like this posted in recent weeks. Facilities started cleaning residencies this week. See CLEANING, page 8
Construction is one thing that Tech cannot avoid on campus with areas constantly being singled out for improvements and renovations. Frank Lumia, the Associate Director of Construction Services, talked to the Technique about what the community can expect to see in terms of construction on campus this semester.

The Engineered Biosystems Building (EBB), located at 950 Atlantic Drive, has been under construction since September 2012 and is on schedule to be completed by March or April of 2015. This new research building is planned to be a biologi-cal research building which will continually support studies primarily in the fields of bio-science and biotechnology. On Atlantic Drive and Promenade, the grade is being raised as part of the EBB project.

The Glenn and Towers Freshman Residence Halls project began last May. Towers renovations are on schedule to be completed on June 30, 2014 and students will occupy this space again in the fall semester. Glenn will be cleared out for renovation after that and scheduled to be completed on June 30, 2015. The new connector building that is being erected between the two, which will have extra program space, such as an exercise facility, meeting rooms, study lounges and a lobby, is scheduled to be finished Jan. 30, 2015.

Improvements are being made to the Cherry Street Streetscape as part of the steam line replacement similar to what took place on Bobby Dodd Way last year. From North Avenue to Ferst Drive, as well as in front of the J.S. Coon Building, there may be closures starting next month and scheduled to be completed at some point in August.

Farther down, the Chapin Building is currently closed as the building is currently undergoing asbestos abatement. Following this, the entire interior of the building will be remodeled but the outside will not be touched in order to preserve the historical significance of the building.

On a related note, steam line replacements are being done behind the Love building and the Manufacturing and Research Disciplines Complex (MRDC) starting within the next month that will affect sidewalks but should not cut off through-traffic.

The Library Grove stretch-ing from the back of the Library to the Architecture building will be relandscaped starting next month but all areas should still be accessible to both pedestrian and vehicular traffic in that area.

Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. was shut down for about two hours on Tuesday after a shooting that claimed the life of one student, according to the Los Angeles Times.

At a press conference shortly after the event, Police Chief John Cox and Purdue Provost Timothy Sands confirmed that one student was fatally shot and another was in police custody. The victim was later confirmed to be 21-year-old student Andrew Bolds and the suspect in custody was confirmed to be 23-year-old student Cody Cousins. Both were Teaching Assistants at the university.

According to Cox, the suspect entered the room where the victim was shot “with the intention of harming someone,” walked out of the building and surrendered to a West Lafayette police officer. Cox told reporters that the victim was specifically targeted by the suspect.

After shots were heard at about noon, the university alerted students, faculty and staff through text messages and the campus web page, and advised them to take shelter. The alert was canceled and the campus reopened by 1:15 p.m., but the engineering building remained on lockdown.

“Today’s shooting at Purdue University is a tragedy, and our heartfelt condolences go out to the family of the victim and to every-one in the Purdue community,” said Governor Mike Pence in a statement. “I commend the professionalism of the West Lafayette Police Department in apprehending the suspect and bringing the situation to a swift conclusion.”

The new computing cluster is called the TARJIS. It better be able to transport me through time and space then! I have an agreement with the Highland Bakery people. It’s a se cret, but it’s awesome. BE JEALOUS! I haven’t diveded in so long you guys!!! #allyHERE Got played by a Panamanian. But now we franzz. To the girl who skips around campus: you are awesome! Chill feminism, it’s a fight song. And a damn good one if you count it’s like, I forget this box exists for months at a time. then the next week, like had the sliver entries are me why cant we talk about the sliver box Dear Sliver box, today I tripped my cafe 3 professor by accident. I’m screwed. Quiz? What quiz. We had a quiz? godda**it I’m the most responsible one in the room #seniorProblems I’ve listened to the same song 88 times while doing this stupid homework. Realizing I was in an emotionally abusive relationship with my old roommates. These randoms are such a relief. imma let your misogynistic comments slide right now cause you just got dumped raasaaxxally hard. Quit complaining. It’s zero degrees here. Thanks DJ! Ms. Jackson, greatest song of the millennium, better than “Hey Ya!”. Professor Choi, a sweet Korean rarrably it’s the end of the third week of classes and I still don’t own any of my books. what could go wrong? The amount of people getting engaged/married this year is out of control.
Each week, this section of News will include the coverage of different aspects of bills that passed through Student Government. This will include the Undergraduate House of Representatives, Graduate Student Senate and the Executive Branch of both government bodies.

**BILL SUMMARY**

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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

SGA passed two separate bills for support. In bill 14J02, SGA unanimously approved $1,580 in additional funding for JacketPages Development. The rationale for this came from three different sources. First, the online budget system represents the addition of an entirely new piece of software which has put strain on available IT support. Second, there are hundreds of potential enhancements and bugs that could be addressed but simply cannot due to budget issues. Third, the need for a complete version of JacketPages and transitioning from the current management system to a new Joint IT Chair in SGA.

**AIAA**

In bill 14J103, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics came to SGA requesting $5,570.00 to help fund an event that would bring speaker and storyteller Jay O’Callahan to tell the story of building the American Space program and Tech’s role in this, as well as money for building up to the centennial celebration of the AE program at Tech.

**ResNet to change hours and locations**

**Holden Lee**

Assistant News Editor

At the end of March, the ResNet offices will be moved out of the Freeman building, and two new ResNet Service Hubs will likely be established on East and West campus. Campus Services and Housing plan to use the second floor of Brittain Dining Hall, while the Curran Street Parking Deck will hold the other service hub near the Westside Market.

Currently, ResNet has office hours Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. With this change in location, there will also be a change in hours and that transition will have a member of the ResNet team available from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every weekday.

Once the offices move out, ResNet Services will remain in Freeman until the end of the Spring Semester, and the East campus service hub should be available. By fall, the West campus service hub near Curran Parking Deck will also be available.

Campus Services and Housing made the relocation decision for student convenience and James Pete, the Senior Director of Campus Services-Information Technology Group, believes these changes will be more beneficial to the student body who need assistance with technological issues.

“It’s a change in our service delivery model, so we will now have a presence on East along with still a presence on West. We will be closer to our customers to assist you with whatever technical needs there are, and we are going to re-orient our hours to times where students will need us as well as add more educational components concerning devices and programs,” Pete said.

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be similar to Genius Bar service at most Apple stores, but services will remain similar to the current ResNet under the Freeman building. Along with educational services regarding programs and devices, additional services are planned for the new hubs, such as a loaning process during laptop remediation.

“Along with cable and electronics, we will do some remediation work around laptop support, particularly with viruses, and we’re making a change with that as well,” Pete said. “Originally, people who required that service had to stay with their machine in the office until the work was done, but soon, we are going to set up phone employees by moving unneeded items. The department of housing leaves notifications like these on the doors of students residencies which they already cleaned.

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Williams believes that students will appreciate the maintenance that will be done in their living spaces. She wants students to expect the cleanings so that they can benefit from the service.

“I want them to know and feel confident that we are coming,” Williams said. “Our goal is that we provide them with that added service which will hopefully be an added value to them as well.”
The new cleaning policy
How monthly visits can benefit students and Housing

This past week, students found notes in their apartments and emails informing them that Custodial and Maintenance Services would be entering apartments to clean stoves and bathrooms. While this previously happened only once a year, over the summer, Housing and Facilities intend to make this a monthly occurrence. These inspections will prove effective in reducing the number of serious maintenance issues, and may also prove effective in cutting costs for Housing.

Apart from the great convenience that this move offers students, routine cleanings add to students’ experiences with Tech Housing. In effect, students are getting a bigger bang for their buck with the new policy, and they will also hopefully experience more prompt maintenance in bathrooms and kitchens.

The monthly cleanings are primarily motivated by a desire to make the summer less chaotic. During the summer, Housing and Facilities intend to clean stoves and bathrooms once a month to prevent severe problems from arising as opposed to incurring massive expenses once a year.

The new policy to clean apartments’ stoves and bathrooms once a month promises a lower rate of problematic maintenance issues, will lessen the load on Facilities during the summer, and has the potential to decrease costs.

The Consensus Opinion reflects the majority opinion of the Editorial Board of the Technique, but not necessarily the opinions of individual editors.
Good evening, America.

We are living in grim times, ladies and gentlemen, grim times indeed. Our freedom as Americans is being threatened, and as usual, it is up to me, Jack Gelbe, to mobilize a force to fix this. I’m really excited to be presenting my legal defense for marijuana is an insult to this great country, and the thought that this drug may spread to our beautiful campus appalls me.

It’s incredibly simple: SAY NO TO DRUGS. Then again, if you’re talking to drugs, you’re probably already thinking about them.

Marijuana is literally the worst thing to happen to America, as well as to the entire planet. The legal defense for marijuana is an insult to this great country, and the thought that this drug may spread to our beautiful campus appalls me.

One in 10 Gucci Mane's regulars, including cocaine, heroin, just as harmful as any drug out there, is being threatened, and many activists claimed to be “tripping balls” (sic).

Some students, however, do deserve to be commended for their virtue and sense of honor. Earlier today, in response to one of my particularly rousing anti-pot speeches, an interested student gave me the most heavily homemade brownies that I have ever tasted. What a classy move by the Joplin family.

Nevertheless, America faces its greatest challenge since the repeal of Prohibition. In this time, we cannot falter. It is up to us, as students, to prevent Turnt Up Tuesdays from becoming Blazed Up Always.

Mary Jane steals hearts, but not this one

Imagine it’s been a stressful week or month, or let’s face it, semester. Nothing is helping; not that milkshake from Chick-fil-a or that completely necessary Netflix binge. As you wallow in the library for another exhausting night of unsolvable problems, you see it. There, in the corner of you, conveniently locat-

ed right in the library, a room full of bubbling, bouncing puppies.

Therapy dogs are a new trend in higher education level situations, and its concept has already spread to some of the world’s most prestigious universities. Tech should be on that list.

I am not talking about having therapy dogs at Tech for a few hours during Finals Week. I am talking about a room in the library that is purely devoted to housing adorable, lovable and stress-relieving dogs.

Big universities, such as Yale, Harvard, University of Pittsburgh and the Loyolas, already have therapy rooms to help their students. Harvard especially has become famous for its resident puppy, Captain, who can be “Chica Akhukwu’s ninja turtle. On

the off chance a student is even remotely interested in science, she’ll often answer doctor, vet, or maybe zoo keeper. Absent from the class is the idea that being a research scientist, astronomer or pharmaceutical designer is also a viable profession. While schoolchil-
dren have the excuse of not knowing what any of these professions or fields even are, I can’t say the same for my university.

Yet, as I sit in my classes my pro-
fessors seem to think that a de-
gree in ‘pre-health’, not biology, is what I’m actually after.

For example, sitting in Bio-
cchemistry last semester, my pro-
fessor pulled up a slide with an odd combination of lines. It was something I’d never seen before, and apparently something I’ll never see again: an MCAT- specific depiction of DNA that wasn’t going to be on the test. We spent 15 minutes going over a slide which had no relevance to our class, and offered no use-
ful knowledge to students who weren’t pre-health.

Do those 15 minutes really matter? For me, maybe not, but what about the Biomedical En-
gineering? Many students come to nanotechnology BME, not knowing what the program entails. While the major already lacks the necessary biology courses for a pre-health program, and other lab science depth, students are often determined to make it work. This isn’t inherently a bad decision. If the BME depart-
ment stuck to its biomedical engineering roots, it wouldn’t matter. Unfortu-
nately, however, critical engi-
neering classes such as Circuits and Signal Pro-
cessing (classes required in vir-
tually all single-thread BME programs) have been dropped from the major presumably to help those who are BME and pre-health. Openly, the path to med-
ical school is not easy, but it is well known. Being pre-health is following a cookie-cutter path through undergrad, shadowing, the MCAT, med school and residency that ultimately leads to the medical field. Pre-health students are given two advisors, a multitude of speakers and a va-
riety of student organizations to help them with this process. Do they really need so much added help that I have to sacrifice my classes and time for their benefit?

As I struggle to find my way to a graduate program, I am in-
tensively looking at the facets of biology not included in pre-
health. Unfortunately for me, it seems like less and less of my course load actually fits into that category. I’m already in the major with no career fair and little graduate school guidance; I guess it shouldn’t be a surprise that professors are favoring the known rather than the creative. I don’t want to be a doctor, or a vet, or a zoo keeper, but just because it’s more defined doesn’t mean my future profes-
sion doesn’t exist.
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Highland Online

That’s it. Stop keeping track. The greatest event in Tech history has just occurred, and nothing is ever going to even come close. Highland Bakery has started offering online ordering at Tech. All the deliciousness imaginable is now compounded with a delightfully convenient ordering system. Those delicious Corn Cilantro Pancakes are finally even closer to a student’s reach.

Eighty-sixed 8th

Anybody living on West Campus has noticed that the buses are mysteriously avoiding moving down 8th Street. Construction along the road, lasting until the 24th, has caused a whole host of first-world problems, including making people walk to class, making people walk to a marginally further bus stop and making people travel an entire 600 feet further while riding the Stinger.

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SGA Survey

Following the Board of Regents proposal to establish a Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus Policy, SGA sent out a survey in order to determine students’ opinions on the ban. The House of Representatives plans to write up a summary of Tech students’ opinions on the issue to the board. SGA’s effort to reach out is a great initiative since it shows a desire to listen to and represent the student body.

Javarris Crittenton

Javarris Crittenton, a former Tech basketball player and NBA first-round draft pick, was arrested in a drug sting. Linked to a drug operation that allegedly sold several hundred pounds of marijuana and cocaine, Crittenton was arrested while awaiting a murder trial. Crittenton is currently awaiting trial, charged with two counts of conspiracy to violate the Georgia Controlled Substance Act.

Tech provides assistance for disadvantaged students

“Over the last decade, we have put considerable resources into programs and services that enhance student success, and we are yielding results.”

G.P. “BUD” PETERSON
INSTITUTE PRESIDENT

Earlier this month, I was among more than 60 college presidents and other leaders in higher education who convened at the White House for a day-long summit on college access and success for low-income and disadvantaged students. It was jointly coordinated by the National Economic Council, the Domestic Policy Council and the Department of Education, with leadership and engagement from President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

The White House press release included commitments for new or enhanced programs from many of the colleges and universities represented.

Tech committed to delivering technology-assisted, college-level calculus courses to low-income high school students; providing additional opportunities for first-generation students at all levels to participate in off-campus programs of travel, education and research; by awarding supplemental scholarships and expanding participation in our G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise program by 10 percent. This is all part of our continuing commitment to ensuring that a Tech education is within reach of every qualified student, regardless of family income.

By expanding the Tech Promise program through philanthropic partnerships, not only will the lives of these students be changed, but also those of generations to come.

Part of the conversation was about reaching young people earlier so that they can catch the vision for a college degree and begin to prepare accordingly.

Tech has numerous ongoing efforts to reach young people. Through Tech’s Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing, or CEISMC, the Institute is a leader in expanding K-12 STEM education, offering almost 30 different programs for thousands of students and teachers. CEISMC summer camp scholarships are offered to high-risk, high-need students.

Tech also works to impact the Hispanic STEM educational pipeline in metro-Atlanta through a philanthropic partnership and outreach to local schools, provides high school students throughout the state (including inner-city youth) with the opportunity to participate in experiments remotely using its high tech video-conferencing system, and provides mentorships.

Tech offers a number of programs to enrich the educational experience of students who are among the first in their family to attend college.

For example, Coca-Cola/Sam Nunn School of International Affairs First Generation Scholarshipships have enabled these students to participate in international and off-campus experiences that they otherwise would not be able to afford.

To help meet the national priorities for more STEM degrees and to ensure that every student who matriculates at Tech (and wants to succeed) earns a degree, Tech has made undergraduate student success an Institute priority.

Over the last decade, we have put considerable resources into programs and services that enhance student success, and we are yielding results. For example, our freshman retention rate recently reached a record high of 96 percent, and our six-year graduation rate is at 82 percent.

We will build on that, working to sustain it, as well as improving access and completion for certain populations of students.

One of my takeaways from the White House summit was the power of partnerships—our colleges and universities, coupled with foundations and individuals who support programs like Tech Promise, are continuing to invest in your future and that of our state and nation.
LINDSAY PURCELL  
LIFE EDITOR

A permanent human settlement on Mars sounds like the start to a new science fiction movie, but one Tech alum, Dan Carey, is on the way to making it a reality.

Dan Carey, ’85 Applied Physics, was recently chosen out of a pool of more than 200,000 to take part in round two of Mars One’s competition to find a team to live permanently on Mars. In 2012, Mars One, a non-profit organization led by Dutch entrepreneur Bas Lansdorp, announced its plan to establish a permanent “Mars Colony.” In 2025, Mars One hopes to send six teams of four astronauts to live on Mars.

“Mars One is looking for people to settle permanently on Mars, not just to stay briefly and then return to a normal life on Earth. And they are planning on a 10-year window before launch,” Carey said.

According to Carey, he was inspired by the idea that he could better his community—not just his local one, but also his international and universal community.

“The work we will do on Mars will be for the benefit of the whole of humanity. We will be creating a new society from scratch, determining our norms and traditions in a manner that has not been possible in terrestrial settings for hundreds of years. The engineers we will test and the processes we will develop will lay the foundations from which humankind will seed the solar system in the decades and centuries to come. I can think of no greater calling than to be one of humanity’s planetary pioneers,” Carey said.

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The idea that humans could permanently live on Mars within the next decade is shocking to some people, but according to Carey, while their goal is a long shot, even if Mars One fails to put a colony on Mars in the next decade, other programs and institutions will surely take up the Mars colony cause.

“I hope that, should Mars One not get off the ground (see what I did there?), it doesn’t cause everyone else to sit back and decide going to Mars should be put off for another decade or two. Or three,” said Carey.

While Mars One is not quite on par with Kennedy’s famous goal to put a man on the moon, Carey still believes the commitment of the Mars One mission.

“Mars One’s roadmap is built on the premise that we already have most of the technology we need to put people on Mars and sustain them [unlike in the 1960s]. We are supplying...the will to do it, and the courage to do it permanently,” Carey added. According to Carey, he was interested in Mars One before they even officially announced their programs. He was happy to learn they were not searching for ‘typical astronaut types, typical astronaut types: test pilots and scientists with PhD’s, and such,' Carey said. Carey currently works as an ontologist, someone who studies the nature of being and existence, and as a data architecture consultant.

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The goal of fully endowing athletic scholarships is a top priority for Campaign Georgia Tech, the $1.5 billion effort to enable Georgia Tech to define the technological research university of the 21st century.

Trae Golden is a leader on and off the court. He enjoys speaking to kids about life and basketball, and sees himself one day coaching and mentoring high school players. He’s also a big fan of movies. Among his current favorites are Lone Survivor and The Wolf of Wall Street.

Hometown: Powder Springs, Georgia
“Girl Code:” a take by Tech women

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“Girl Code” refers to the list of guidelines surrounding platonic female relationships in an everyday environment. This unspoken set of mores enables women to interact with each other and work through discrepancies.

“Bro Code,” though similarly intended, is a very different set of rules. In Tech’s testosterone-filled environment, many men have trouble understanding why women choose to behave the way that they do.

“I think men just have trouble understanding women in general,” said second-year BA major Meredith Christianson. “When you tell them to understand [girls] interacting with each other, they just can’t grasp the concept.”

“I don’t think that boys fully understand that women’s emotions are different than theirs,” remarked fourth-year BA major Maggie Ginn. “[Men expect women] to react or think of something the way that [men] do, whereas women have a completely different way of thinking and understanding and reacting.”

Exes: Ex-boyfriend protocol is one of the more confusing subjects of Girl Code. Is dating your friend’s ‘leftovers’ such a bad thing? At which point is it acceptable to turn your friend’s past fling into a new boo?

“It depends on the person—you have to be emotionally ready for someone else to be dating,” Christianson said. “If it’s your best friend’s ex, it’s kind of a bad move to date them because you never really get over that situation. Guys will come and go, but you will never regain that friendship.”

Ginn believes that the situation is very delicate, and that many external factors are involved.

Leaving to use the restroom in groups is not typically a premeditated event.

“It’s just how it’s always been done,” Ginn explained. “It’s a fun time to talk. If you’re on a double date, you can fill each other in on how it’s going so the other girl isn’t left stranded with the boys.”

Partying: Partying is typical of a college environment, and “Girl Code” defines the way girls are expected to conduct themselves. When friends get sloppy, it is important to know how to handle the situation.

Christianson explains that it is important not to act like their mother, but “if they’re making fools of themselves, you’re supposed to step in politely.”

“Get [to the party] in time to meet everyone, and always arrive with at least a couple of friends,” Christianson said.

Money: Traditional gender roles have been known to dictate who pays for events and outings, but is there a point at which allowing a boy to pay for everything is passe?

“When he’s actually taking me out on a date, he’ll pay for it,” Christianson states, but “if it’s just going to grab dinner on a Wednesday…”

Girls across campus are fluent in “Girl Code.” When broken down into categories, such as Party-ing, Frenemies and Fighting, even the most thick-headed Tech boys can understand “Girl Code.”
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day night, we’ll pay separately.”

Ginn disagrees and believes that boys should always pay.

“I may be old-fashioned, but if it’s a dating relationship, the boy should always pay unless it’s predetermined that the girl is taking the boy out for something. If you’re just friends it’s different,” she said.

Clothes: Women tend to hold personal taste and fashion sense in high esteem, and it’s important to establish their own style. Sometimes at parties, others will have similar clothing, and it’s funny to remark “oh, look we’re wearing the same outfit,” Christianson said. She believes that there is only a problem if someone purposefully copies an outfit.

Often, girls share closets. Mer-edith and her friends have a strict rule, “you can borrow [clothes] if you don’t mess them up, but if you mess up [clothes] you replace them.”

Fighting: Females handle con- flict differently than males do because biologically women and men are different.

Women release higher levels of oxytocin when the female stress response and makes them more likely to confront their problems head-on instead of letting them fester and taking them out through outbreaks of excessive an ger or physical violence—actions sometimes brought on in men by different hormones, namely tes-tosterone.

The way that women deal with conflict between close friends is typically straightforward, and is addressed quickly following the altercation.

“I don’t like to yell about things,” Christianson said. “I prefer to confront the situation instead of yelling and being passive aggressive. I like to go one-on-one instead of behind people’s backs.”

When Ginn needs time to cool off, she says it is typical to discuss the situation with other friends.

“Girls really like to talk things out with everyone, and they re-lease a lot of emotion by talking through situations with other people,” Ginn said.

Compliments: Many men have come to believe about women’s incapability of graciously accept- ing a compliment. Only four per cent of women in the world today see themselves as truly beautiful, so it makes since that 96 percent of women can sometimes behave like their own worst critic.

“It’s a psychological thing,” Christianson said. “It’s an inner feeling you have, instead of want- ing validation from others.”

Women are also very quick to complement other women. As a part of “Girl Code,” the exchange of compliments usually yields a conversation. This usually occurs because it gives women something to talk about.

“It depends on the situation and whom you’re complimenting. It’s usually because they’re cool people,” Christianson said.

Frenemies: “Frenemies” is someone who a girl would like to befriend, but is impossible to communicate with sans conflict. “Girl Code” dictates proper eti-quette towards frenemies, includ- ing treating them with general respect and politeness.

Ginn admits that it’s best to avoid the drama.

“I’d rather get away from it,” she said.

Pictures: Women have been known to either love or hate hav- ing their picture taken—rarely are girls impartial to photo sessions.

“If [there are] no pictures, it didn’t happen,” Christianson said. But she admits that “there are times when you don’t need to be documenting stuff.”

[Editor’s Note: This article represents the perspective of two female Tech students. Want to contribute your own views on the concept of the “Girl Code”? Submit a letter to the editor.]
Indie band’s E.P. heralds promising future for album

BY DANIEL VIZOSO
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Business Casual is We Are Scientists’ first studio release since the 2010 release of Baraka, and it is a welcome return for the New York-based indie rock band. Formed in Berkeley, Calif. in 2000, We Are Scientists consists of Keith Murray on guitar and vocals, Chris Cain on bass guitar and Michael Tapper on drums. In their previous works, We Are Scientists provided a relatively light rock sound with bright tones and quality instrumentation that plants their sound firmly in the realm of indie rock.

Their current repertoire contains their first album Safety, Fun, and Learning (In That Order), and subsequent albums With Love and Squalor, Brain Thurst Mastery and Baraka. Business Casual, the recently released E.P., represents their past sound while also displaying a desire to try out other styles of music-making that were not present in their first three albums.

The five song E.P. opens up with the song “Dumb Luck,” which is an unexpected twist, though it is by no means an unwelcome one. The opening of the song is dominated by a distorted guitar riff that sets the tone for the rest of the track, while keeping the tempo quick and the feel aggressive. The vocals are similar to what We Are Scientists has done in the past, and the way the vocals meld with the instrumentation is all quality work, as we’d expect from We Are Scientists. The third song on Business Casual is “Good Answer,” and it is the song that feels most like the natural progression of the band’s sound. The song opens up with guitar, bass and drums playing in unison at a slower tempo with the featured instrument being simple and clean guitar, playing a riff that plays throughout the entire song. The tone of “Good Answer” is almost sad, with thoughtful rather than bright lyrics, and the tempo is significantly slower than “Dumb Luck.” “Good Answer” is a fine example of how We Are Scientists has excellent potential to create some quality sounds.

The final song on the album is “Gone My Breath Away,” and as the title indicates, it is a cover of the song “Take My Breath Away” by the band Berlin, which was written in the mid 1980s. The cover is not fantastic, but it is good, and it was an interesting way to wrap up an indie rock E.P. The song is performed in the style of music that We Are Scientists is known for, yet by the songs very nature of being a cover, it stands out and feels slightly out of place when compared to the previous songs.

This fact brings up the greatest problem, if it can be considered a problem, that the E.P. has. The music is good, and each song is capable of being a single; however, there is very little that holds the E.P. together.

There are five unique songs on Business Casual that do not necessarily interact with each other, and for some people, that might be enough of a reason to ignore the entire release. Business Casual, while not We Are Scientists’ best work, is a welcome addition to their other albums, and it shows that there are more good things to come from the band in the future.

Speaking to that specifically, We Are Scientists has a full album set to come out Mar. 3, and Business Casual is a good introduction to a band that has plenty of potential.
Strong action, acting overcomes film’s slow start

**FILM**

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit

**GENRE:** Action

**STARRING:** Chris Pine, Kenneth Branagh

**DIRECTOR:** Kenneth Branagh

**RATING:** PG-13

**RELEASE DATE:** Jan. 17

**OUR TAKE:** ★★★★☆

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit opened this past weekend on Jan. 17 after being delayed from its initial release date on Christmas.

The Jack Ryan movies are based on the best-selling military novels by the late Tom Clancy. His Jack Ryan series boasts nine books, so there remains a wealth of material for sequels, pending box office sales.

Now 12 years after the last Jack Ryan film, The Sum of All Fears, which was not exactly critically acclaimed, the question remains the same. Does Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit deliver?

The film starts off with a young Jack Ryan (Chris Pine, Star Trek) who, after being injured while doing a tour in Afghanistan, is recruited into the CIA by Second Lieutenant Thomas Harper (Kevin Costner, Man of Steel) for his skills as an analyst. While injured and in rehabilitation, he also meets Cathy Muller (Kiera Knightley, Pirates of the Caribbean), with whom he sparks a romance.

Then enters Viktor Cherevin (Kenneth Branagh, My Week with Marilyn), a Russian with an extreme sense of patriotism who harbors a grudge against the U.S. Cherevin plans to ruin the U.S. economically by destroying the value of the dollar, thus initiating the Second Great Depression.

Initially, the release date gave reason for worry, since most movies that are pushed into the upcoming year are not usually good, especially if the prior release was set for Christmas.

But Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit was surprisingly entertaining. It covers all the bases for an action film and delivers solid performances from each member of the cast. Chris Pine does an excellent job filling in the shoes left by the previous Jack Ryans played by Harrison Ford and Alec Baldwin. Pine captures the character’s naiveté as an inexperienced field operator with realistic accuracy and portrays a likeable protagonist.

Kenneth Branagh also gave a stellar performance as the villain, although his accent in the film is somewhat questionable. Branagh was able to present a menacing and dangerous adversary to Jack Ryan.

For the first 25-30 minutes, Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit is the new Jack Ryan movie, played in this latest iteration by Chris Pine and co-starring director Kenneth Branagh. It is a prequel to the 2002 thriller The Sum of All Fears, detailing where it goes into the origins of Jack’s character, the film seemed to lack a sense of direction, but during the second act, after the plot kicks in, the movie finds its pace and finishes strongly.

Some parts of the movie seem a little cheesy or hokey, but for the most part, Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit was an enjoyable and entertaining film to watch and is a welcome addition to the Jack Ryan films. Hopefully for the sequel, the series can come into its own with all the exposition out of the way.
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plot points could be relevant to most societies that believed a wife should be subservient to her husband.

The Taming of the Shrew focuses on two sisters and how they come to be married. Kath erina and Bianca are polar opposites of each other. Bianca, the younger of the two, is said to be quiet, beautiful, obedient and teachable. Kath erina, on the other hand, has no need speaking her mind and is generally thought to be an ill- fashioned. This is then free to find Katherina a husband and how the two newlyweds come to terms. However, it is used to great effect, enhancing moments of tense suspense and making already witty scenes even funnier.

Content aside, the show truly shines through its actors. The lack of music and greater improvisation skills make comedic timing critical to nearly all of the punch lines, and the ensemble successfully delivers on every joke. Peter Capaldi is a particular standout, playing an unholy combination of a British Karl Rove, George Car lin and King Richard III. While facing a potentially steep learning curve due to its political references and large cast of characters, this is a hilarious show for anyone interested in both subtle and overtantastic comedy, especially the kind that builds on itself with each episode with inside jokes and characterizations.

Doctor Who fans will also enjoy getting a preview of the actor and some of the personality traits that may be present in the new Doctor coming this Fall.

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The Shakespeare Tavern, an Atlanta venue for more than twenty years, primarily plays Shake speare plays and is currently performing a production of comedy The Taming of the Shrew.

Our Take: ★★★★★

Peter Capaldi, the brand-new Doctor on the world-watched show Doctor Who, starred first in satirical The Thick of It.

SHOWS

The Taming of the Shrew

WRITER: William Shakespeare
DIRECTOR: Jeff Watkins
PERFORMER: Laura Cole, Maurice Ralston
LOCATION: Shakespeare Tavern
DATE: Jan. 2–26

Timon of Athens for the rest of the month, but if one is unable to see this masterful rendition of Shakespeare, February is dedicated to three of Shakespeare’s romances, including Romeo and Juliet (which will, of course, be played on Valentine’s Day). If past performances are anything to judge by, next month’s plays shall be worth watching.

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I hear once you've worked there for 256 days they teach you the secret of levitation.

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Jackets defeat B.C. 68-60

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Tech defeated Boston College 68-60 on Tuesday night to pick up their second conference win of the season. The Jackets led 42-27 at halftime, equaling the number of points they scored total in their previous outing against Miami last Saturday, but a slow start in the second half by the Jackets opened the door for the Eagles to make a comeback. Evenly shooting 32 percent in the second half, Tech was able to hold the lead for the entire game.

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Smelter makes transition to baseball

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DeAndre Smelter, who excels in two sports, is part of a rare breed in Division I athletics. Smelter was originally recruited by Tech to play baseball, but after several injuries to his throwing shoulder, he decided to give football a try. It was a very smart decision that benefited both him and the football team.

He led the team’s receivers in receptions and receiving touchdowns this past season and made some fantastic catches in clutch situations. Smelter plans on playing baseball this spring in his final year of eligibility for the sport, and will continue to play football this upcoming fall.

Smelter is a gifted athlete and played football throughout his childhood and high school, so it was relatively easy for him to adjust to the game at the collegiate level after only playing baseball.

“It wasn’t as tough of a transition because I played football since I was a little kid. I know a lot about it and have pretty decent instincts on what to do, so once I got out there, and I started training, it started coming back to me,” Smelter said.

“I was surprised by my performance, especially after being out of the game for so long. But after I got used to it, I knew I could contribute to the team. But I know there’s a lot of stuff that I can do to even get better for next year.” He also did not intend on playing both sports when he first arrived at Tech.

“When I first got here I just wanted to stick with baseball; that was my main focus coming out of high school,” Smelter said. “My first couple of years of baseball, I had a lot of injuries with my shoulder and wasn’t really able to perform the way that I wanted to. I know coming out of high school I was recruited by Tech to come [play football], so I asked coach [Paul] Johnson if I could get a shot at it.”

According to Smelter, the toughest aspect of being a two-sport athlete is the amount of time that must be committed to each.

“I’ve got to fit in time to get my football workout in, but also got to find time to get my baseball throwing in, combined with class and everything else we’ve got to do, like meetings and stuff,” Smelter said. “But once you manage it, it’s really not as bad as it sounds. After our bowl game, which I think was on the 30th [of December], I got a little bit of time until we started back at school, but right when we started back at school, that’s when I was back to doing stuff. So I got a couple of days off but not too many.”

The two sports’ schedules sometimes conflict, as baseball’s fall workouts occur during the football regular season, and likewise for football’s spring practice in the middle of baseball season.

As a consequence, Smelter does not have the time to fully participate, so he puts in extra work at times when both sports are out of season. Despite his loaded schedule, Smelter never considered dropping one sport to stick with the other.

Coming out of high school Smelter’s greatest potential was in baseball. He was good enough to be drafted by the Minnesota Twins in the 14th round in the 2010 MLB Draft. He is not sure if he will end up playing either sport professionally; he is mainly focused on making the most of his remaining time at Tech. He appreciates the amount of support that the fans have given him and his teams.

“The atmosphere at the UGA game was probably the best atmosphere I’ve ever been in as far as sports go,” Smelter said. “For baseball, I’d have to say my freshman year here when we had a regional against Mississippi State. That was probably my best baseball atmosphere...it was wild.”

Senior pitcher DeAndre Smelter delivers the pitch in a game against Kent State two years ago. Smelter, who has one more year of football eligibility, will be entering his final baseball season.

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Soaring to victory
The Jackets head north and pick up 68-60 conference win over the Boston College...

Men’s tennis hosts MLK Invitational Tournament

Tech hosted the MLK Invitational, a three day tournament that included Tech, The University of Georgia, Memphis and Ole Miss, at Ken Byers Tennis Center last weekend. The young Tech team went a combined 3-14 in singles for the three matches and 4-5 in doubles.

The Jackets faced Ole Miss on the first day of the tournament, winning two of the six singles matches and two of the three doubles matches. Both of Tech’s singles wins of the day came from two freshmen, Cole Fiegel and Carlos Benito. Fiegel defeated Ole Miss’ Vinod Gowda 6-3, 6-2, and Benito defeated William Killenberg 6-2, 6-4. Tech junior Eduardo Segura and sophomores Nathan Rakitt, Casey Kay and Anish Sharma all lost in straight sets.

“We fought hard and we were close in all the matches. The score overall doesn’t look that good, but we’ve definitely improved in there. We have something we need to work on for everybody. It’s still early in the season.”

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Golf enters season with high expectations

The Tech golf team begins their spring season Feb. 5 in Koloa Coast, Hawaii where they will be playing in the Amer Ari Invitational.

Last year, the Jackets finished in fourth place. With a veteran team, the Jackets look to improve this year. Tech had a successful fall and come into the spring ranked as number two in the nation. In their four tournaments this fall, the team had two first-place and two-second place finishes. Junior Ollie Schniederjans led the Jackets with two first place finishes as well as a third and fourth place finish.

After the fall season, Schniederjans was named “Player of the Mid-Season” by Golf World Magazine. The Jackets practice in Atlanta where they have some time to rest up before their next tournament.

“Four days off are done early so we have the next day free to work on our game and take care of school,” Schniederjans said. “We always work out at 6 a.m. so work-outs are done early so we have the next day free to work on our game and take care of school.”

The Jackets made it to Final Four match play last year in the NCAA tournament and lost to Alabama, who wound up winning the national championship. However, Tech returns the core of last year’s team, including junior Anders Albersson, who won the individual ACC championship last season with a tournament record score of -15.

“We have a very experienced team now. Three seniors and two juniors make up the five players,” Schniederjans said. “We have no excuses and we’ve been through a lot as a team and made it far. We have had our struggles and success and we know what it takes and have a good chance to get it done this year.”

The team has set its goals high and when the season is over, they want to be able to look back on the year and know they gave it their all.

“The thing about having your goal to win the national championship is that it’s just one tournament and you have the other 14 events you play in the year,” Schniederjans said. “Obviously, our goal is to be the best team we can be, which would give us as good [of] a chance [as] any team in the nation to win the final tournament. But, you’re not defined by that one tournament. We just want to play at the level we can and work as hard as we can and be proud of our efforts at the end of the season.”

Schniederjans is excited about the team’s upcoming tournaments and is looking forward to getting out of the cold weather of Atlanta.

“This is my third year making the trip. It’s a complete blast going to Hawaii. We get to get out of the cold and go to 80 degree weather. We get to go to the beach every day after we play a round. That trip is probably my favorite because I love the beach and weather. It’s a great field, a lot of the best teams are there. Puerto Rico is another nice break. It’s another great tournament, and that’s where we’re finally going to see Alabama this year. Vegas is arguably the strongest tournament we’re going to see this year and maybe the hardest golf course we’ll play all year. I’m very excited to start the spring with three big tournaments,” Schniederjans said.

In the last two decades, Tech has been one of the best and most consistent golf programs in the country. During his tenure, Coach Bruce Heppler has led the Jackets to nine ACC championships and 10 top eight finishes in the NCAA championships. Tech has been national runner-up three times under Coach Heppler. Seven of his Tech players are now members of the PGA Tour, most notably Matt Kuchar, who is currently ranked as the No. 8 best golfer in the world. Heppler was recently inducted into the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame.

“Having a strong tradition here is definitely a positive. It’s just a testament to Coach Heppler and all he has accomplished here and great players he has coached. Having him as a mentor as someone you can go to and ask what was Kuchar like [is great]. [It’s] nice to be at a place you know is successful,” Schniederjans said.

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2014 football schedule released

On Wednesday, the Atlantic Coast Conference released Tech’s football schedule for the upcoming 2014 football season.

Most notably, Tech’s schedule features eight opponents who played in a bowl last season. The Jackets will open with three straight non-conference opponents: home against Wofford on Aug. 30, at Tulane and then back home against Georgia Southern, the first ever matchup between the two teams. While Paul Johnson was head coach there, GSU won two national championships.

“Even though you know what opponents you will play, it’s always an exciting time for the players, coaches and fans when the schedule is officially released,” said Head Coach Paul Johnson, courtesy of ramblinwreck.com.

For the second straight year, Tech will face at least four division opponents who played in a bowl last season and playing all eight conference opponents consecutively, this time matched against all six in a row and playing all eight conference opponents consecutively. Having three non-conference games before conference play will give the Jackets more time to iron things out before the conference games begin, unlike last season when Tech hosted Elon before head- ing to Duke two weeks later to begin the stretch of four straight divisional games. At the request of the Atlantic Association, Tech will not host any Thursday night games and will play all of the games, both home and away, on Saturday for the first time since 1992.

Duke is the only team that will have a bye week before facing the Jackets. North Carolina, who has had a bye prior to playing Tech four of the last six seasons, will play Notre Dame in South Bend the week prior to hosting the Jackets.

“It’s certainly a challenging schedule. Five of our six road games come against teams that played in bowl games last season and the home schedule is strong as well,” Johnson said.

The Jackets will open up their conference schedule in Blacksburg against Virginia Tech on Sept. 20. It will be the conference opener for both teams and both will be breaking in new starting quarterback after the transfer of Vad Lee and the expiration of Logan Thomas’ eligibility. It will be the second straight season that Vir-