Students begin innovative 3D printing start-up

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TEXPERT

Tech’s Startup Exchange gives students the opportunity to take their dreams and put it in their hands. A rising from a soft startup in 2012, the program helps aspiring entrepreneurs grab their highest aspirations and make them a reality. Jackson Wood is a recent trailblazer who has stoked his creativity and built a new company from humble beginnings.

Wood, who prefers to go by Jack, is an undergraduate Junior majoring in Industrial Design. Wood was happy to come for an interview and discuss his long, arduous story with the Technique.

“Like the best ideas, it started by accident,” Wood said. “Inspiration struck me in class when we had a project utilizing the 3D printer. Some of my friends were joking about what they’d design with it, but the seed of the idea landed in my brain. Soon, I was overwhelmed with inspiration. It was building up inside me.”

Haunted by the thought that refused to stay down, Wood decided to take matters into his own hands. When he sat down to create a business proposal, Wood said he felt, “This huge surge gushed out of me. I couldn’t hold it back anymore. It was such a relief.”

Bursting with enthusiasm, Wood crafted his first product. “It wasn’t the best,” he admits. “Too rough around the edges, and I doubt anyone would want that.” Wood brought in a friend to help him, Richard Smalls. A beautiful partnership had been born.

“Rich was able to help me smooth things out,” Wood said. “Showed me how to streamline the process. The products were getting better with each generation. Soon, the ridges were just where we wanted them.”

Above is a 3D printer that can be found in the Invention Studio in Manufacturing Related Disciplines Complex (MRDC) building.
Peterson behind GT Secrets

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"#344 Bud Peterson runs GT Secrets."

Early Tuesday morning, Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson was purportedly revealed as the mastermind behind GT Secrets by an anonymous Facebook user. Secret #344, which was posted shortly after midnight, gained 345 likes and 66 comments within five minutes before the secret was removed from the website.

However, the damage had already been done. Freshman Jack Gelbe tipped off the Techlique, claiming Peterson violated student privacy rules and took advantage of Internet anonymity, resulting in trespass of the mind. As evidence, he provided a screenshot of the secret.

"I feel like I have been lied to," Gelbe said. "I really can't believe he would do something like this." Gelbe was not the only one who felt angry—a group of angry students rallied for hours outside Peterson’s office, throwing various vegetables at windows and demanding an explanation, only stopping after Peterson’s assistant stepped outside and announced that a formal press conference would be held the next morning.

"When I saw how much student involvement other universities' secrets pages had," Peterson said in the press conference last second Tuesday morning, "I saw a wonderful opportunity in creating a GT Secrets page; not just to allow students a forum where they could get their thoughts off their chest, but also a way for me to better understand and empathize with Tech students. I thought this would be a great way for me to hear about the activities students are participating in and some of the problems they are having."

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In an ongoing effort to increase the job placement rates of humanities majors at Tech, the School of Literature, Media and Communication will rebrand itself as the School of Literature, Society and Digital Communication (LSD).

The curriculum is being revamped to include greater interdisciplinary offerings. The first of these will be the incorporation of more science classes, such as Organic Chemistry and Synthesis Lab. LSD is also offering a new joint program with the Scheller College of Business called Applied Collaboration with Industrial Developers (ACID), which will feature courses such as International Business, Organizational Behavior and Entrepreneurship.

Kary Muggil, a former Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry and 1966 CHEM alum from Tech, is a big supporter of LSD and was instrumental in making this change at the institute level. In fact, he believes he could not have discovered the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, had it not been for the LSD he himself was engaged in at the time.

Within a few days after this announcement, many students are already receiving job offers.

"I’ve always wanted to go abroad, and now I’ve got multiple opportunities to do so," said fourth-year LSD major Olive Bigs. "Currently, I’m deciding between working in very large and diverse facilities in Mexico and Colombia."

The change has also resulted in a 69 percent increase in job offers for a variety of CHEM, ChBE and BChM majors.

"Last year, I interned at Shell to work primarily on their steam cracking process," said third-year ChBE major Pat Head. "Now, I’ve got a job offer lined up in Mexico to work on a cracking facility. I’ve never heard of it before, but it pays extremely well."

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But there was trouble in paradise. Smalls fought back against Wood, lowering his esteem. "It happens to all guys, you know?" Wood commented. "Rich wasn’t having it. His vision was too short. He couldn’t see past his own head. He kept me down, at times. He had a horrible temper, would get all red in the face and start spraying obscenities at me."

Eyes set on the future, though, Wood hopes to thrust himself into big business. "I’m hopeful that my company will make many people’s lives more bearable. That I can give back to my community." Soon, Wood believes his toy company will reach around America.
GT 1000 sections begin to incorporate hygiene

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Beginning Fall 2014, GT 1000 classes will incorporate lessons on personal care and hygiene for students. Topics will include proper bathing routines, hair care, basic culinary methods and laundry.

These changes come as a response to a Student Living survey conducted early this semester by the Center for Academic Enrichment.

Of the students surveyed, 70 percent wished that they knew how to cook something other than bacon and Ramen, and only 13 percent said they had never done laundry since they have been at Tech.

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Additional text about the changes to GT Housing and the impact on laundry habits is included.

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In a ketchup-stained letter addressed to the Center for Academic Enrichment, Dining Services stated, “Teaching students how to cook healthy meals for themselves will greatly reduce our revenues,” and that, “these changes may force us to serve food that actually tastes somewhat decent in order to convince students to pay for a meal plan.”

In early planning phases, some professors worried that these new lessons would take too much time away from the more important major-focused lessons. However, after they examined the appalling state of their student’s living conditions and realized that GT 1000 is somewhat pointless anyway, they decided to implement the changes as soon as possible.

“We expect that these changes will increase the health and quality of living for our students,” said GT 1000 instructor Pepe Roni. “These changes might even fix the awful stench of freshmen housing, particularly in the all-male dorms.”

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Slow GT wifi speeds lead adoption of dialup

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Tech announced this past week that, due to student complaints, GT WiFi will be replaced with a new, improved and amazingly fast GT Dial Up.

“We are hopeful switching to Dial Up will increase internet speed, though at this point, we could probably reach this goal by using twine and rocks,” said Billy Goosby, Director of Department of Problematic Wifi.

The campaign for better WiFi began soon after GT WiFi was created. Although the students who know ran the campaign organization were shocked their sarcastic request for Dial Up went through, are overjoyed at the idea of being able to have connect internet throughout campus.

“Sure, we’ll have to carry cords around with us but it’s better than the burden of slow internet that we all carry around with us now,” said Ross Crusoe, a third-year ME Major.

“My parents bought me one of those ethernet cords when I first got to Tech but I’ve never used it. At least that $5.49 will be put to good use,” said, albeit less impressed fifth-year ME Major, Jonathan Swift.

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Tech decides to lower tuition

At a rally in 2004, protestors voice their opinions against tuition hikes made by the Board of Regents. In response to complaints about the plummeting average Tech GPA, administrators at Tech have decided to lower tuition rates for next year.

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GAME MAKER

Moments ago, a meeting of faculty and advisors concluded, reaching a unanimous decision to lower tuition rates here at Tech.

The unprecedented move was started last fall when a group of administrators were in a meeting and a student made an off-handed comment, ultimately sparking the campaign.

"I didn't do it," said Helen Back. "No, really like I made a sarcastic comment to one of the advisors when they thought I was being serious."

Back's comment was that since the average GPA on campus had significantly plummeted, on account of the recent Snow Days and overbearing professors unwilling to compromise their schedules, Tech should lower tuition rates.

"Does anyone at this place get a joke or is it in the bucket with things like deodorant and people skills?" Back said.

"We think that Ms. Back started a revolution," said Noah One, a faculty advisor at Tech. "Think about it: Why should kids pay higher rates to fail? If they're getting the worse grades, we should alleviate their failure by making them pay less. That will drive success. Once people start wanting to do well, they can pay more for their education. It's a very good learning process."

Some administrators have expressed the possibility of pushing Tech finances into debt, given the trending lower amount of funding from the Board of Regents. If Tech goes bankrupt, we'll just blame Obama," One said. "It's a surefire plan."

Back, on the other hand, had a different view.

"I don't get this state," Back said. "We ban tobacco and lower tuition because people are stupid, yet we can still bring a firearm on campus? I'm moving away from here."

The advisors, however, couldn't be more thrilled with the decision.

"In fifty years' time, Georgia will be the progressives in the war on our nation's higher education system," One said. Back overheard Mr. One and interrupted the interview.

"What war? That's what they said about segregation in our schools. Are you kidding me? I literally can't," Ms. Back said before walking off with her suitcase and Starbucks.

Study explains poor football performances

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BIG BOSS

In a shocking new study released this week from Tech's Industrial Engineering Sports Statistics lab, it was definitively shown that general lack of skill, not freshman physical contact with the Ramblin' Wreck, has led to Tech's football team's poor record.

"As one of [Tech's] foremost tradition-holders, I was completely shocked to learn that our football record was not influenced by the numerous times I've seen Freshmen touching the Wreck," senior research professor Chip N Dale said. "It's extremely hard to believe, but the numbers don't lie."

In the study, which has been ongoing for the last 4 seasons, Dale's team of undergraduate assistants covertly applied monitor ing devices to the Wreck to calculate the proximity of freshman Buzzards to the vehicle. When the card came within a predefined distance, a "touch" was logged.

In the data collected, it was shown that 1908, 1313, 413 and 567 freshman touches occurred in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 seasons, respectively. This corresponds with 6-7, 8-5, 7-7 and 7-6 records.

"There's simply no trend with touches," Dale said. "We did, however, see a near-perfect correlation with overall team skill."

The members of the football team did not take kindly to the results of the study, emphasizing how their performance was directly related to various superstitions they did on game day, not on ability. One kicker, who wished to remain anonymous, coats the inside of his helmet with honey to "absorb the strength of the yellow jacket," and maintained that his field goal percentage goes to zero when he doesn't perform this ritual.

It is unclear whether he is aware that yellow jackets do not produce honey.

Given the revelation, certain student organizations have begun campaigns to eliminate the stigma associated with touching the Wreck. Most notably, the ANAK society, who recently announced they would be making member rosters public, is launching a social media campaign, "Touch the Tradition," encouraging students, especially Freshmen, to touch the Wreck at any opportunity.

"We felt this was the perfect opportunity to raise awareness for the deceptive nature of one of Tech's traditions," ANAK President Garet Cathwing said. Despite these pushes, tradition-centric organizations vehemently opposed any revisions to Tech's traditions, citing tradition as their main argument.

"I know this will change the way students think about the reck [sic], but I hope we can see past this and move on," Dale said.
Starting on April 8th, Cherry St. through Ferst Dr. up to the Transit Hub will be closed down for steam line replacement and streetscaping projects. These construction projects will keep the streets closed through at least Oct. 1st with the possibility to go until the end of that month which will also cause vehicles including Stingers to reroute around Tech Parkway until the completion of this construction.

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On March 19, an officer was dispatched to the E46 parking lot near North Ave. for the missing car of a Tech faculty member. The vehicle was a Black Dodge Intrepid, and some doors on the vehicle were confirmed to be locked. Approximately three hours after the faculty member left the vehicle, two black men spirited toward the victim’s car, and shortly after, the vehicle was spotted traveling westbound on North Ave. Based on security camera footage, the suspects did not appear to break into the vehicle and no glass was visible at the scene. Further inspection of the footage showed that the suspects entered the vehicle on the passenger door after failing to open the side doors. Later, reports of the incident and vehicle information were submitted to GC/NCIC.

On March 13, the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center sent a complaint about the smell of marijuana emanating from a room on the eighth floor. After talking with the manager of the hotel, the officers asked for permission to enter the room, and upon entering, a glass bottle with green plant substance and brownies were found on the coffee table. After the officers waited to encounter the suspects, two men in the room claimed that many individuals had come over, and they did not know who the items belonged to. Because the hotel did not want to press major charges on the individuals, the men were issued with criminal trespass and escorted from the hotel. The items from the scene were later taken to an evidence locker in order to be destroyed.

BROKEN BUBBLE

The National Labor Relations Board on Wednesday determined that a group of football players from Northwestern University can be considered employees of the university and have the right to collective bargaining, according to The New York Times.

In sum, based on the entire record in this case, I find that the Employer’s football players who receive scholarships fall squarely within the Act’s broad definition of ‘employee’ when one considers the common law definition of employee as the ruling said.

According to the ruling, Northwestern is an employer and the scholarship football players therefore can form a union to negotiate things such as how much time players are devoted to football. Walk-on players, however, were not classified as employees.

The ruling focused especially on the number of hours devoted by the scholarship players. According to the ruling, football players spend “40 to 50 hours per week to football-related activities, including traveling to and from their scheduled games.”

Critics have argued that giving college athletes employees rights and allowing them to unionize could hurt college sports in numerous ways, including raising the prospect of strikes by disgruntled players.

The NCAA, which was not a party to the lawsuit, has maintained that scholarship football players are “student-athletes” and not employees. In a press release, NCAA said that they were “disappointed” in the ruling.

IPAD ROBBERY

On March 14 at about 2:06 a.m., a third party around Tech Square received Dispatch information that three men had broken into the southwest end of the Barites and Noble Store. Once on the scene, officers noticed that a large rock was found several feet from the building, and in the store, two iPads were found on the floor while several iPads were missing from their security cables.

Once the officers observed the security footage, they found three perpetrators throwing a large rock through the exterior and interior door of the building. The suspects were wearing dark hoodies and left the scene a few minutes after breaking in. The case was soon turned over to the investigator.

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vehicles, GT service vehicles and emergency vehicles.

Between April 28 and May 2 construction in this area will go “quiet” for exam week and will be limited to work that is considered reasonably non-disruptive to adjacent buildings with closed windows. The same will happen during exam periods during the summer semester as construction will continue until completion in October and November.

With all of the road closures in this area, Parking and Transportation will be rerouting buses that are regularly coming through the area as well.

“In essence, they’re being shifted out to Tech Parkway. That’s the easiest way to explain it,” said David Christ, Transportation Operations Manager.

With their normal routes closed down for five or six months the Red Route, Blue Route, Green Route and Midnight Rambler will all be rerouted out to Tech Parkway with their normal directional service but new temporary stops until construction has ended.

The Red Route will continue running clockwise with three new stops at a Marta bus stop in front of the President’s Lot on North Avenue, a stop on Tech Parkway adjacent to the Weber Building and a third stop on Tech Parkway adjacent to the walkway leading to the Student Center.

The Blue route will continue in the opposite direction with only two new stops, one across the street from the walkway to the student center on Tech Parkway at State St. and the other at the Marta Bus Shelter in front of the Parking Deck next to the Alumni House on North Avenue.

The Green route will not be affected on its return route but will have a stop with the blue route at the State St. intersection on Tech Parkway.

The Midnight Rambler will route on to Tech Parkway as well with no stops on its route there.

While the Tech Trolleys will remain unaffected during this time period, the rest of the Transit Hub will not be operational.

PTS will be putting out signs in the near future notifying the campus community of these route changes as well as pointing out exactly where these temporary stops will be.

“We’re also working with GTPD to regulate the speed limit on Tech Parkway, because there will be more students out there so drivers need to be given a constant heads up that there will be more people using those crosswalks,” said Torise Young, Communications Officer in PTS.

The map above shows where the Stingers will be rerouted during construction on Cherry St. and Ferst Dr. The Tech Trolley will run its normal route but the remaining transit hub will be closed.

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Police report explains capture of “T”-Thief

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On March 18, the “T” off of the north side of Tech Tower fac- ing the A. French Building was stolen for the first time in more than a decade. According to GTPD police report number 14030625, it was noticed by a facilities employee who reported it at 12:20 p.m. who stated that his boss had contact- ed him at about 11:45 a.m. and wanted to confirm whether or not the “T” was missing after seeing a picture posted on Reddit. The fa- cilities employee had checked af- ter this and confirmed that there was no one in facilities conducting maintenance on the “T” and that it was in fact missing.

GTPD officers reconvened on the fourth floor of the building at that time to look at the remaining letters more closely, finding mis- celaneous debris on the stairs at the scene. The officers secured the scene at that time and waited for the Criminal Investigations Divi- sion (CID) to arrive as well.

All teams made contact on the fourth floor mechanical room where facilities employees ob- served the alarm system for the letters. At that time, the alarm system was deactivated, and the employee said that the last time he knew of anyone disabling the alarm and continuing up to the tower was weeks prior for mainte- nance purposes. However, the hatch that leads to the tower itself was locked and secured.

GTPD officers checked the in- terior of the actual tower as well with CID, where they did not ob- serve any evidence indicating re- cent disturbance. The report states that cobwebs and dust were still present, the window where the “T” was missing from did not ap- pear to be disturbed with any type of forced entry and the padlock to the window was not damaged and was properly secured.

CID continued to process the area around Tech Tower until they observed an area in the bushes on the north side of the building by the exit door to Highland Bakery which looked freshly disturbed. CID processed this scene as well, collecting multiple pieces of evi- dence which were not indicated more specifically in the report.

After climbing the roof of the building, officers observed two muddy foot prints on the initial landing as well as several pieces of broken yellow glass. The broken glass trail began at the landing and continued all the way up the fire escape ladder onto the other roof. Once at the top of the fire escape, officers could see clearly the area where the “T” was miss- ing. On the roof leading towards the remaining letters were pieces of white rope which appeared to match a white rope that was still hanging from the area where the “T” had previously been. The facilities employee stated that with installation, the ap- proximate cost of the “T” would be $10,000. GTPD Officers and CID continued to canvas the area before reconvening at 4:00 p.m. Officers viewed surveillance footage from the area in order to locate an individual and vehicle of interest in reference to the theft of the “T.” The police met with the identified student, whom he gave consent to search his vehicle.

The student stated that he un- derstood how serious this mat- ter was and wanted to hand over the “T” and loaded it into the Offi- cers’ truck to be transported back.

The student was subsequently placed under investigative deten- tion and brought in for question- ing by the CID, after which he was cited for “Theft by Taking” and “Criminal Damage to Prop- erty” and was released on a copy of the charges.

The next day, Officers met with Dean Stein and decided to delay charging the student pending an investigation by the Office of Student Integrity.

HISTORY OF THE “T”

The first “T” was stolen from Tech Tower by a group of stu- dents who wanted to present it to retiring President Dr. Edwin Harrison for guiding Tech peace- fully through the turbulence of the 1960s and the desegregation of campus.

Since then, the tradition has, to the administration’s dismay, expanded and grown to taking the “T” from all over campus as well as the 5 ft. “T” off of Tech Tower. The feat had not been accomplished in recent years as it had been of- ficially prohibited by Institute President G. Wayne Clough in 1999 when a Tech visitor was acci- dently killed while climbing the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

TOWER FROM PAGE 3

gress over the summer this has been one of the most competitive issues for the Tower, as well. This is reflected in the acceptance rate for article submissions of 38 per- cent, the lowest in years because the number of submissions had gone up from previous years.

Tech had two authors featured in MURI in this inaugural article exchange. Helen Li, a third-year ECE major, is the first author on the publication “Groslinking of a positive-tone, poly(norbornene dielectric.”

Zach Pritchard, a fifth-year double major in ChBE and BMED, is a co-author on the Li paper while his current research is focused on improving microelec- tronics packaging and fabrication.

The authors were chosen this year based on manuscripts that shared research and collabora- tion between the two schools. The MIT article featured in The Tower was part of emerging behaviors in Biomedical Engineering, titled “Synthesis of Polypeptides for Hy- drogel Scaffolds,” and authored by Kiana Cui, Macknii Martin and Paula T. Hammond, PhD.

According to Ali Naija, this may change moving forward to simply be what articles are the best representation of each school rather than those already involved with partnerships between the two schools.

Moving forward, The Tower hopes the entire staff will be able to build on their recent success and continue to grow as a whole.

“I definitely attribute a lot of the success to the students because they’ve done a great job in get- ting the content, reviewing the content and implementing a lot of ideas. We’ve highlighted a few authors from last semester but typically the students that publish in the journal perform astonishingly either downstream academic ca- reers, graduate schools, postdoc, industry or government jobs,” Ali Naija said.
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.

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**2014 SGA Presidential and Executive VP Candidates**

- Conrad Rynka / Donovan Shuman
  - Platform Highlights
    - Extend academic affairs by cutting semesters by a week, annually recognizing institute-wide faculty and requiring CIOS.
    - Improve student wellness by trying to expand counseling and student center.
    - Redesign outdated student programs, such as Zimbra Mail, T-Square and OSCAR.

- Alex Bandes / Monique Leder
  - Platform Highlights
    - Increase student interaction and opportunities with faculty, academic policies and GT100.
    - Restructure major institute dates and deadlines.
    - Emphasize community among major campus organizations, like Greeks, Athletes, international, etc.
    - Boost school spirit through Tech traditions and redirect THwG energy into collaboration with UGA.

**ELECTIONS**

**NEWS**

The American Institute of Architecture Students came to SGA requesting a total of $4,920 to help fund their South Quad Conference which represents over 27,000 architecture and design related disciplines coming together from around the country to convene on Atlanta to meet and network with other students and professionals in their area of study.

This bill was discussed heavily because of how much they were asking for in each line item, especially how much they wanted to fund for bus transportation instead of a cheaper alternative to navigate through the city. Ultimately, the bill failed and was sent to the conference committee when no consensus could be reached on the issue.

The Student Center Programs Council came to SGA seeking $12,000 for the speaker fees for Dr. Neil DeGrasse Tyson. SCPC brings a speaker to campus that has not previously been here. The event will be held on April 1 and was supported by SGA because the intimate talk with Dr. Tyson was already sold out within five hours after their release for purchase.

SCPC has been working with other organizations to make this happen and have raised funds from other sources as well.
Neil deGrasse Tyson’s talk at Tech

How speaker events can be improved

The Student Center Programs Council (SCPC) and Talks at Tech recently announced that astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson would be visiting Tech to give a talk on April 1. Ticket sales began on the morning of March 12, and tickets were sold out within five hours. However, while several students complained about the limited seating and quick sellout, neither of these issues was the fault of SCPC or Talks at Tech. While the organizations could make improvements to make future talks more accessible, they should be commended for bringing Dr. Tyson to Tech.

Dr. Tyson is a well-known astrophysicist who actively promotes an awareness and appreciation of modern science. Therefore, inviting him to speak at Tech was a great move considering the STEM-focused culture and the knowledge-hungry student body. Moreover, considering Dr. Tyson’s popularity as a speaker, it is impressive that SCPC and Talks at Tech were able to book him as a speaker in the first place.

With all this in mind, it was not surprising that tickets sold out so quickly. Though some students have criticized SCPC and Talks at Tech for the quick sellout, these organizations cannot be blamed because Dr. Tyson himself wished to limit the audience size to stimulate a more intimate discussion. To remedy the situation, SCPC set up a live stream that 235 students could buy tickets for.

In order to improve the execution of similar speaker events and make them available to a wider range of students, SCPC should provide a free live stream to all Tech students, either by making a link viewable online only by Tech students or by preparing a live event on the Tech green similar to their movie events. By widening the potential audience for speaker events like this, SCPC can further promote an academic culture at Tech while involving more students.

The Consensus Opinion reflects the majority opinion of the Editorial Board of the Technique, but not necessarily the opinions of individual editors.
If you had to ride into battle on any animal, what would it be?

KEVIN COX
THIRD-YEAR IE

“A charging badger.”

TRACY DINH
SECOND-YEAR IE

“Zebras because they are awesome.”

UMANG ASHAR
FOURTH-YEAR IE

“A giant snake.”

NINA NOHEBI
SECOND-YEAR BME

“An elephant because they actually were used in battle.”

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### OPINIONS

#### Gelbe, the clear choice for SGA President

Good evening, America, and hello, my fellow Jackets.

It is my absolute delight to introduce the Gelbe-Stolen T ticket in this year’s SGA Presidential Elections.

Following my meteoric rise to Freshman Class President, I believe that the next logical step is to lead the entire student body. I am confident that my leadership this year has inspired several students to become leaders in their own right—and I am encouraged by my example, Tech students will go on to make the world a better place.

I am also confident in my abilities of running mate, the Stolen T from Tech Tower. Though it is not currently at Tech, I can assure you that its service record with Student Government is impeccable, and it will be fully aware of campus issues when it returns.

Both of us firmly stand behind our platform, which encourages the liberal use of beer, including “soda facilitation” and “Buzz.”

Like my fellow candidates, the Stolen T and I have decided to propose several different ideas of varying levels of feasibility and effectiveness, and then just stick with what feels right when I’m in office next year.

First of all, I’m a patriot, and I believe that the best part of America is Old Glory. The most important part of the America brand is the Stars and Stripes. Similarly, the most important part of the SGA brand is our signature polo without a conscience. “facilitation” and “Buzz.”

Following my meteoric rise starting in 2011. For comparison, FIFA has done absolutely nothing to stop Qatar...the FIFA officials have already received their bribes.”

#### 2022 Qatar World Cup is rooted in corruption

The 2022 World Cup is eight years away and Qatar officials have already begun to start preparing for the games. When the bid was announced for the 2022 World Cup, the favorite to receive the world’s most popular sporting event was the U.S., but Qatar won the bid.

As host, Qatar will receive a bid to play in the upcoming games. They would be the lowest-ranked team to host the World Cup. I was so confused after hearing the results, but re-remembered that FIFA is one of the most corrupt sporting organizations in the world. It’s almost 100 percent certain that members bribed sports officials to provide million-dollar bribes to pick them, but as always, these bribes are always “disputed” by FIFA. It’s extremely hot in Qatar during June and July, and Qatar has no suitable stadium, so it was very surprising that Qatar was given the World Cup bid.

FIFA and Qatar are under a lot of scrutiny due to thou-sands of migrant workers that have died due to the working and living conditions in Qatar. A recent report released by the International Trade Union Confederation stated that 717 Indian migrant workers have died. In particular, Qatar was awarded the World Cup. 400 Nepalese workers have also died.

Nepalese and Indian workers make up 38% of the 1.4 million migrant workers who are liv-ing in Qatar to build infrastructure and other infrastructure for the World Cup. It can be estimated that there have been thousands of more deaths on top of the ones the Nepalese and Indian offi-cials have confirmed since work started in 2011. For comparison, seven workers died in Brazil in prepa-ration for the 2014 World Cup.

“FIFA has done absolutely nothing to stop Qatar...the FIFA officials have already received their bribes.”

#### Credit card ticketing fixes resale issues

On April 29, English band Bastille will play in Atlanta as a part of their first ever American tour. With their sudden popu-larity, the band has sold out tickets and fans are expect-ing to see them. In order to sell out a concert in a matter of hours. This would be fine if the tickets had not gone to fans, but fans were not the cause for the quick sellout.

Instead, scalpers had bought up the tickets, selling them online like stubhub.com for over twice the price. This is not a problem because fans did not get tickets—that happens for almost any show—but rather it is a problem because Bastille may be playing a sold-out concert to a not-so-sold-out venue.

“I promise to extend the length of the school schedule next year to make Tech a better space for the Tech community.”

#### Credit card ticketing fixes resale issues

While the system sounds restrictive, it ultimately prevents the mass buying and reselling of tickets. The ability to resell and transfer tickets is directly related to the popular-ity of tickets, the choice of venue and the time of sale. For more popular shows, earlier on in the selling period, the tickets are bound to the card. This ensures that people who are actually going to show up at the concert are the ones buying the tickets. For the most part, the Tick-etmaster system is one that I think should be replaced for the industry, but ultimately, the system fails in the event of a personal emergency. With other tickets, if you find out you cannot attend the show, you can easily return them to Ticketmaster, however, some shows will never allow ticket resale or transfer. While you can insure your tickets for a fee (it tends to be around $700), the lack of transferability re-sults in the same problem that the Bastille show may have—a sold-out show with empty seats. By implementing a system that ties the ticket more directly to its owner, companies can continue to see that they are getting the bulk of the ticket profits. Perhaps by allowing late stage resale for all shows, they could almost completely resolve these issues.

All I know is that I would much rather have a few empty seats from the people who couldn’t make it to the show than a mostly-empty the-ater because of high ticket resale prices, leading to a disappointed band and a lack lustre concert.
T Theft

Our Views
Hot or Not

HOT

'Suits' Success
Tech suited up for the occasion when the opportunity arose to bring one of USA network's most popular shows to campus. Tech was the runaway winner of the SUIT5 College Tour's social media-based competition for the final spot, with 250 percent more participation than the runner-up school. The campus will host a private screening of the final two episodes with two cast members in attendance.

Cherry St. Closed
Because of landscaping, construction and maintenance projects along the Hill District, the area near the intersection of Cherry Street and Forse Drive will be filled with construction projects for the next few weeks. Access to several buildings, including Swann, Savant and Guggenheim, will be affected, forcing those poor Aerospace Engineers to find new ways to get to their classes.

So Long Spring Break
With the end of spring break, students are now forced to face the grim threat of final exams. With just four weeks left in the semester, students are scrambling to finally get to class, get study groups to stop watching Netflix, swim the pool and finish homework that was due weeks ago. With that blissful week past Tech, campus is now tense, a bit darker and prepared for those pesky final exams.

Peterson responds to T theft

Last week, the Technique ran an online opinion piece entitled "Why the T thief shouldn't be suspended." After reading it, I felt it was important that I give you some insights into my thoughts. As someone who has spent a career in higher education, I have a deep respect and near reverence for the many wonderful college traditions that exist today. Some of the Georgia Tech traditions are among the best in the nation, ranging from the Million Dollar Band and Knowles Heisman to my personal favorite, George P. Burdell. These traditions greatly enrich the campus experience and help create bonds and memories that, for many, last a lifetime.

However, times change and traditions that compromise the safety of our community must be carefully examined and evaluated. For example, imagine what would happen today if we required that all students have their hands and feet tied, then required that all students have their hands and feet tied, then threw them into the deep end of the swimming pool and stayed there for 45 minutes, all to support a tradition that was maintained for years.

As such, I was the associate vice chancellor for Engineering at Texas A&M University. That year, the "Buckeyes"—a greatly revered tradition at A&M—collapsed, killing 12 incredibly bright young students and injuring 27 more. What had been a joyous 90-year-old tradition turned into a devastating tragedy. In five days, I attended the funerals of the six engineering students who perished—something that I will never forget.

That same year, a Georgia Tech student died when she tried to climb onto one of the campus buildings as part of what was then a Georgia Tech "tradition." Following that tragedy, President Wayne Clough wrote a letter to the students, plainly stating that anyone involved in attempting to steal the "T" will be subject to Institutional penalties up to and including expulsion.

Like the presidents who have preceded me, I feel a personal responsibility for the safety and security of the Georgia Tech community, and in particular, for our students.

Simply put, I could not live with myself if a student fell and were injured or killed because of a desire to support what some thought to be a 'tradition' here at Georgia Tech.

G. P. "Bud" Peterson
Institute President

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Student-made app on the rise

LINDSAY PURCELL
LIFE EDITOR

Those at the New York Times and Louis Vuitton have touted it. Even more, it has been heralded as a competitor to Google. Talk Lingo is a new translating app developed by Tech Alum Sid Lunawat. A bulk of the work, though, has been completed by current Tech students, including first-year BA major Bianca Walsh. Walsh works around three hours each day perfecting and marketing Talk Lingo, in hopes that the app will revolutionize the way people translate modern languages. Unlike Google Translate, which Walsh labels "really bad" compared to the app she works on, Talk Lingo uses live interpreters who call the user when a translation is needed.

Basically, Talk Lingo hires multiple live interpreters, who currently together know more than 15 languages and who can work for the app from anywhere, even at home in their pajamas.

When a user needs something translated, he or she alerts Talk Lingo by using the app. A translator then calls the user within one minute. Calls can take place over speaker phone or conference call for the user’s convenience. However, even though the app itself is free, using the service costs $1.50 per minute.

“Talk Lingo hopes to eliminate errors. There is no perfect translation currently through technology,” Walsh said.

While the app is still in its prototype stage, Walsh and other interns have gotten good responses from people including employers, travelers and students.

“Imagine you’re going somewhere and needed a taxi cab, but you didn’t know the language. That’s when Talk Lingo could be your situation,” Walsh said.

Walsh is certain that next year’s tournament will be even better.

FENCING HOSTS SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT

LINDSAY PURCELL
LIFE EDITOR

Stabbing is not usually condoned on Tech’s campus, but there is one exception: the Fencing Club.

Tech’s Fencing Club was founded in 2009 and now has over 80 members.

“My favorite part about the Fencing Club is all the people... We all have that common factor where we love fencing,” said Susanna Dong, second-year CS Major and secretary of the Fencing Club.

Members of the Fencing Club range from amateurs to experts, although according to Dong, they are all more than welcome.

Dong, herself, got involved with fencing in high school but the Tech club has allowed her to expand her knowledge of the sport.

A surprising amount of knowledge is necessary to succeed in fencing. Or as Dong puts it, “The hardest aspect is the mental component.”

“Sure you have to have sudden bursts of energy and things like that, but you also have to always be thinking. What is the other person going to do?”

Fencing is split up into three different weapons: foil, épée and saber. While the basics of using each weapon may be similar, there are special footwork and techniques associated with each weapon.

Members are not left alone to tune their techniques, though. There are several practices a week that begin with a run, footwork and then individualized practice. There are also multiple tournaments throughout the semester.

The Tech Fencing Club hosts its own tournament at the beginning of March each year. Schools from around the south usually participate, such as UGA, UP and Clemson, along with individual teams and clubs.

This year’s tournament was especially a success, with multiple Tech students and alumni earning high rankings. Cory Walker, a fourth-year CS Major, earned fifth place in an épée event and Christopher Denecke, a third-year BA Major, earned fifth place in Open Saber.

Alumni also ranked highly.

It is not all about the competition, though, according to Dong. Her favorite memory of the Fencing Club stems from a tournament at Virginia Tech where we love fencing,” said Dong.

“We all have that common factor,” Dong said.

Scheduling next semester’s tournaments is a trial for nearly all Tech students. The class you need to graduate fills up while that other professor’s class, which you swore you’d never take, is the only class open. Luckily, with these few tips any Tech student can register as easily as a 10th-year student.

START EARLY

You know that old saying, “All is fair in love and war?” It’s true for registration, too. Make your battle plan early. There’s nothing worse than sitting next to a kid in class who memorized his CRNs or worse, one who bribed older friends to save classes for him or her. Though I can always be bought for Starbucks, some people are a little more pricey.

REALIZE YOUR PRIORITIES

Your best friend says they loved Professor A but they got a B. You know that must be because they got an A in Professor B’s class but you have time for a nap if you take Professor C’s class. How do you choose?

With all the parameters to remember, finding the perfect class can be difficult. Realize your priorities. Do you hate your self-worth off of your GPA or do you really just need to understand Thermodynamics? But most importantly, remember that no one wants to be the kid “Tech Shuffling” from the Business school to the IC.

PREPARE TO CRY

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but most likely you won’t get all the classes you want at the times you want. Much like after a dreaded Calc 2 exam, the only way to cope with this fact is to lay on your ill-shaped dorm room mattress and cry. Unless you’re a senior, in which case why are you reading this column?

BEGGARS CAN BE CHOOSERS

So you didn’t manage to get the class you desperately need. Now it’s time to suck up. Email the professor, show up in their office, make your voice crack and ask for a spot in the class. Hopefully the professor will be flattered and not think you’re weak.

Hopefully, with these few tips and tricks, you’ll be able to register for the classes you need and not just free electives.
“The Teixeira Scholarship is a tremendous honor — I am so thankful to attend Tech and play the sport I love.”

A.J. Murray, BUS 2015

Holds the Mark C. Teixeira Scholarship in baseball, which was established in 2009 by Teixeira, Class of 2002, one of the most heralded players in Yellow Jackets history.

Drafted by the Houston Astros in 2012, A.J. elected to enroll at Georgia Tech instead. Last season he was one of four Jackets to start all 64 games.

A powerful hitter and a consistent offensive threat, A.J. Murray plans to pursue a career in baseball after he graduates. He also wants to play a role in expanding youth baseball programs in his hometown of Westfield, New Jersey.

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.
Tech professor offers the gift of drumming

AISWARIA NAIR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For many amputees, the change in lifestyle can be drastic and severely limit a person's ability to continue the same activities they once performed. For percussionists, though, one Tech professor is working to create a device that allows them to continue drumming.

Tech professor and founding director of the Tech Center for Music Technology, Gil Weinberg, has created a special prosthetic arm which can be used to help certain amputees continue to drum.

The creation of Weinberg's prosthetic arm began two years ago when Jason Barnes, an Atlanta Institute of Music and Media student, was electrocuted and lost his right arm below the elbow. A drummer by profession, he decided not to give up and started working on designing a custom prosthetic device shortly after the incident.

What came to life was a rudimentary device, absolutely inflexible and without speed or motion control. At this stage, Weinberg decided to take the matter into his own hands and devised a single-drumstick device equipped with sensors, which pick up the minutest of muscular responses to create music.

As a result, Barnes has now regained his ability to drum with multiple sticks. His new robotic arm primarily features two motors that control two different drum sticks.

The first stick is controlled physically by his arms and it electronically senses signals from his muscles using electromyography (EMG) muscle sensors. Then, an embedded chip decides the speed of the drumsticks and it can move those sticks at a seemingly superhuman pace. The arm listens to the music beats performed by the first stick and then follows, improvising and playing within the beats of the first stick.

The prosthetic arm has also provided Barnes with a few drum tricks that he could not have performed prior to using the device. "Jason can pull the robotic stick away from the drum when he wants to be fully in control," Weinberg said, to editor.com. "Or he can allow it to play on its own and be surprised and inspired by his own arm responding to his drumming."

"Now I can flex and send signals to a computer that tightens or loosens the stick and controls the rebound. I'll bet a lot of metal drummers might be jealous of what I can do now," Barnes told Mashable. "Speed is good. Faster is always better."

Weinberg is sure the world can look forward to a whole range of cybernetics that will redesign, art, fashion and the lives of many.

Tech professor Gil Weinberg has created a new and improved prosthetic arm, used specifically in drumming, which uses electromyography to have one drum stick follow the other. Weinberg created the device for local drummer and amputee Jason Barnes.
Women’s Awareness kicked off with service

Wyatt Bazrod
Assistant Life Editor

The month of March is coming to a close, but featured numerous activities hosted by the Women's Resource Center in celebration of Women's Awareness Month (WAM). Events were kicked off with Women's Day of Service (WDS), when roughly 80 of Tech students went throughout metro Atlanta and volunteered with charities that focus on helping women and children.

This year's event featured keynote speaker Amy Phuong, Chief Service Officer for Atlanta, Tech alumna and former SGA vice president, and a catered breakfast by the Flying Biscuit for participants.

The event went smoothly, but a lot happens in preparation for the day of service.

“We start in the fall, working with the general WAM committee to come up with a theme and goals for WAM in general and getting a speaker for WDS,” said Gwen Hughes, chair of WDS.

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Women's Awareness kicked off with service

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The month of March is coming to a close, but featured numerous activities hosted by the Women's Resource Center in celebration of Women's Awareness Month (WAM). Events were kicked off with Women's Day of Service (WDS), when roughly 80 of Tech students went throughout metro Atlanta and volunteered with charities that focus on helping women and children.

This year's event featured keynote speaker Amy Phuong, Chief Service Officer for Atlanta, Tech alumna and former SGA vice president, and a catered breakfast by the Flying Biscuit for participants.

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Much to the average student’s chagrin, the continuity of Atlanta’s weather is worse than an episode of *Glee*, which makes planning for the weather more cumbersome; however, whether hot or cold, foggy or torrential downpour, one thing about your fashion should be consistent: footwear.

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Go for comfort over everything, unless the shoes look like clogs. People won’t even have search to find and judge what you are wearing because they will hurt you when you’re within a radius of ten steps.

Don’t be fooled by the cheap prices. The reason those shoes you are looking at are so inexpensive is either they’re a irrelevant brand, like Skechers, or they will come apart after three days. Want something sporty? Nike. Period. Just do it.

Want something more formal? Oxfords. Want something pricey? Don’t. No one cares. And you’ll be disappointed when someone spills a drink on them. Wait until you graduate to get really fancy.

Want to not buy any shoes until your old ones have been ground to dust? You’re impressing no one.

Want your mom to buy your shoes for you? Don’t. It’s obvious. Stand up to your mother.

And finally, this probably should go without saying, but be smart about what shoes you wear. In other words, if you’re going on a walking tour of the cobblestone streets of Savannah, four-inch heels should be your last idea. Atlanta’s weather may still be oscillating from Valhalla to Valdosta, but try putting spring to your own step with new shoes.
Popular science series returns with new host

Neil deGrasse Tyson, famous astrophysicist and director of the Hayden Planetarium, hosts a new iteration of the Cosmos television series, whose goal is to educate people on scientific concepts. "Cosmos" has an amazing team behind the scenes; it was created by Ann Druyan and Steve Soter who both helped Sagan write the original "Cosmos." Seth MacFarlane is the executive producer, and "Cosmos" even has Alan Silvestri (The Avengers and Back to the Future) as its Musical Composers. The pilot also included an introduction by President Obama.

Neil deGrasse Tyson will be speaking at Georgia Tech on Tuesday, April 1st at the Ferst Center for the Arts. Do not worry that it is not an April Fools joke.

Band members discuss their creative process and future

Shawn Milke and Dennis Lee talk with the Techno about country side projects, guilty music pleasures and World of Warcraft addiction.


Lee: Yeah. Can I continue? Shawn: Miller. PBR.

Lee: Definitely. We are the bromawns. So it’s fairly literary-driven. Musically, it’s just everything. We just have really wide influences. Personally, every guy in the band. The whole idea of literature is what drives a lot of the stuff. Absolutely. I think our diversity and our personal tastes have always driven what we do collectively. Because it’s just...I don’t think any one of us would individually listen to a band like us. Like, if we weren’t together, our tastes wouldn’t. It’s the first thing we’d put on. But I love making what we do. And I think that holds true for almost every guy in the band.

If you could play any other genre, what would it be? Shawn: Why? Why? Shawn: I would do back-porch country. Without a doubt. It’s a style of music I know I could never play, but man, I wish I could. That stuff comes on, you just sit in the rocking chair and just love it down drink a beer...

Lee: I was going to say Hanky Tink, Outlaw Country. Hank III, David Allan Coe, Willie and Waylon... I listened to a ton of them. That would be so much fun.

Shawn: I envy it. When I see performers like that I’m like, “It just looks fun.” And it always looks fun, people who listen to it look fun...

Lee: I think we just started a country side project.

Shawn: I think we did.

Lee: That just happened.

Shawn: We’ll call it Alabama.

Lee: Alesana and Alabama.

Be honest, where does Atlanta rank as far as tour location? Shawn: I think because of the Masquerade, it’s right up there for me. Our front of the house engineer tonight turned twenty-five, and I said, “You could not be having a birthday at a better venue in America than the Masquerade.” Honestly. Especially on a Satur-

day night.

Lee: I went to my first silent disco here, which was awesome. Atlanta’s awesome. My wife’s from Atlanta too, so I’ve got a lot of heartstrings tied here. But a lot of good friends have been coming here for years. This was one of our first out-of-state shows.

Shawn: Our first out-of-state show and our first big stage was where we’re playing tonight, for Modern Mash. First time we walked in, we were like, “Oh my god.” That’s what Pat and I were talking about tonight. This room’s not as big as it is in my mind. Because the first time we played it, it was the first time we weren’t playing in a closet for ten people.

Lee: Remember the loading dock that dropped down from heaven and pulled your gear up instead of lugging it up the stairs?

Shawn: Yeah, it’s definitely way up there man.

Lee: You recently released the song “Nevermore” from the Decad EP. What can we expect from Alesana in the future?

Shawn: We are going to complete our trilogy, the Empires and A Place Where the Sun is Silent trilogy. Which we are sort of calling “The Annabelle Trilogy.” We haven’t really locked down a title but it seems like what it will probably be.

Lee: You know, the Decade EP hasn’t been released and it’s really good. Shawn: “Nevermore” got released because that is the song that is directly at our fans about the state of music, and it’s really at a crossroads about whether or not we’re going to keep letting garbage that people keep trying to convince themselves they like happen or start supporting real art. And it’s a good story and it sets up the last part of our trilogy... we’re just going to keep writing crazy music. This kid [Shawn] started a record label so we get to do it at home now.

Shawn: We have a studio and a label so whatever we want to do we can do it. There’s no way to tell us no.

Lee: “No one can stop us” Shawn: To get back to the music scene thing, it’s in a very dangerous place right now.
Superpowered television show fails to be anything spectacular

JAMIE RULE
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Next Monday, Mar. 31 is the day The Tomorrow People will air its last episode of season one and quite possibly its last episode of the series. Judging by the dropping number of viewers, and the general quality of the show, The Tomorrow People might not be renewed for season two, though its network The CW has not confirmed or denied cancelation.

The Tomorrow People is based on the concept of the next stage in human evolution: Homo superior. The main characters are mostly human but have superpowers that have been creatively named “the Three T’s: telepathy, teleportation, and telekinesis.” When first introduced, this seems as if it is simply a way of stating their powers concisely. The viewer soon finds out that this is not the case.

Throughout the show, different characters say “the Three T’s: telepathy, teleportation, and telekinesis,” rarely if ever and just end their statement with simply “the Three T’s.” To make matters worse, there are two people in the show who have shown the ability to stop time, so the Three T’s do not apply to everyone anyway.

 Vernacular aside, the actual plot of The Tomorrow People revolves around Stephen Jameson (Robbie Amell, Left for Dead), a recent “break-out” or someone who has just discovered that he or she is a Homo superior. Through an overly convoluted series of events that leaves the audience questioning the intelligence of the main antagonists, Stephen finds himself pretending to work for Ultra while actually helping the Tomorrow People, an underground (literally, they live in an inexplicably abandoned subway depot) group of people with superpowers.

Ultra is a ludicrously evil organization that operates on the assumption that no one will ever ask why they have a well-equipped army in New York City as well as a high security prison that holds people who have superpowers for no other reason than they are not technically human. It has been mentioned in several episodes that Ultra has killed many Homo superiors, though the organization tends to capture them and strip them of their powers. There has been no clarification as to how Ultra explains the disappearances for some, but this show raises too many questions for the educated audience members might enjoy the plot holes. The fact that main characters can be so oblivious can be amusing or very frustrating.

Apart from these unaddressed plot holes, the show is borderline decent. The over-arching plot is shown in tandem with subplots with less significant breakouts, relationship issues and leadership quarrels. In general, this shows that the Tomorrow People are not just trying to escape Ultra (otherwise, they could simply teleport to another city), but that they are attempting to live a normal life, albeit an underground one where college or a job are impossibilities.

This interestingly plot-hole-riddled story is not the first attempt at creating The Tomorrow People. From 1973 to 1979, Thames Television in the U.K. aired the original Tomorrow People. This show was aimed at a younger audience and is quite humorous in a round-about way.

In the 1990s, The Tomorrow People was rebooted and lasted for 25 episodes. The most recent reboot has the best special effects yet for teleportation and telekinesis. Sadly, special effects do not, on their own, make something worthwhile.

Perhaps seeing Stephen, a high school student training for combat, going to bars and never doing school work is entertaining for some, but this show raises too many questions for the educated, quick-thinking students found at schools like Tech.

This reboot has yet to introduce aliens, a staple in both the previous iterations. This gives the series some hope for a renewal and deepened interest from viewers.
are all fun to play and explore as Delsin runs wild through Seattle, the game’s location. As with the first two games, Second Son is an action sandbox title.

Fights take place in a third person shooter style, with the camera hovering over Delsin’s shoulder as he fires blasts, bombs and rockets at his opponents.

Seattle is painstakingly rendered with all the detail fans expect from the series. While unable to arrest for virtual Seattle’s likeness to the real thing, I can assure that the former feels like a breathing, living city. Citizens lean against buildings on a smoke break or whip out their phones to take pictures of Delsin’s heroics.

Delsin replaces Cole McGrath as Infamous’ protagonist, and one of the most significant changes to the gameplay is that Delsin does not just have control over one element like Cole did.

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a good sac bunt down for us to be two guys in scoring position, we just couldn't get more than one of them in." Mercer second baseman Michael Massi finished 2-5 with an RBI and first baseman Austin Barrett went 2-3.

Mercer threatened in the top of the second with runners on first and second after back to back one out walks by Parr, but Parr was able to escape the inning after striking out first baseman Austin Barrett and getting left fielder Nate Morehouse to fly out to center.

Mercer struck for one run in the top of the third to take a 1-0 lead. Shortstop Matt Meeder led the inning off with a double and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt. Meeder scored on an RBI single to right field by second baseman Michael Massi. Parr got out of the inning after retiring the next two batters.

Tech responded in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game 1-1. Thomas Smith led the inning off with a single followed by another single by junior designated hitter A.J. Murray. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Connor Justus. Freshman right fielder Keenan Innis grounded out to second, but was able to drive in Thomas for Tech’s first run of the night. Freshman third baseman Brandon Gold struck out for the third out of the inning.

Mercer regained the lead in the top of the fifth. Massi doubled with two outs, and then scored when Mercer third baseman Chesney Young grounded out to second and Hyde commited an error allowing Young to reach first and Massi to score.

Mercer extended their lead in the top of the seventh. Sophomore relief pitcher Sam Clay walked Young, who then scored on a single to right field by right fielder Derrick Workman to put the Bears up 3-1 heading to the bottom of the seventh. The Bears added another run in the eighth to increase their lead to 4-1.

Tech heads to Pittsburgh for a three games series beginning tonight. "Tech is looking to pick up their third straight series win after defeating North Carolina and Miami the past two weekends."

THOMAS FROM PAGE 24

since 2011 where Tech will only play with one quarterback. The past two seasons Coach Johnson has given meaningful playing time to the top two on the quarterback depth chart. Thomas does not believe there was ever pressure the past season when he and Lee were competing for the starting QB spot.

“I wouldn’t ever say there was a pressure. I just go out there and do what I’m supposed to do and try to do it to the best of my abilities no matter if I’m a starter, backup or third string. Every time I touch the field I try to give 100 percent,” Thomas said.

The past few weeks Thomas and the other receivers have been participating in drills to gain some chemistry and practice passing routes. Thomas feels confident in his passing abilities and wants people to know that just because he is fast doesn’t mean he won’t throw.

Thomas looks to be only the second quarterback in the Johnson era to finish the season with higher than a 50 percent completion percentage. The wide receiver core will be the deepest it’s ever been in the Johnson era. The Jackers return their top three receivers from last season.

“Right now we’re trying to keep people as healthy as possible. We’ve been throwing every Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 before workouts. We have a good group of guys that come out, and we just go through all the routes,” Thomas said. “I feel real confident. Where I come from, that’s who we are. We like to run and gun. It’s not like I can’t throw the ball. If I had the option I would really like to throw it anyway. The speed part just comes along with my arm.”

During spring practice the team looks to show improvement from last year. Nobody was happy with a 7-6 record, as Paul Johnson said in an interview with the AJC, and success for this season will start with the offense playing better as a unit.

“This spring there’s a different group of guys out there playing together. We need to try to come together as one and correct all the mental mistakes we had last year and just get better,” Thomas said.

There have been many freshmen that have caught Thomas’ eye, and he is confident in the potential the team has. Three seniors graduated from the offensive line and he believes freshman Chris Griffin and Shamire Devine will turn heads this fall.

“Chris and Shamire can make a big impact. We have a few missing puzzles on the line because of the seniors that graduated last year. If they can step up and play well, that would be big,” Thomas said. “On the defensive side we have defensive backs, linebackers like PJ [Davis] who didn’t even have to redshirt. We have a good group of young athletes that will come in and contribute,” Thomas said.

Thomas and the team have lofty goals next year. They want to get the program back on track and he wants to be the one that breaks the losing streaks against Clemson, Virginia Tech and Georgia. Thomas has been watching film to give himself every edge to get better for next season.

“I want to win every game. Every game matters. Clemson, Georgia and Virginia Tech is the smallest quarterback Tech has had since Johnson arrived, but he is going to use his size and his elusiveness to his advantage. He has been working film to give himself every edge to get better for next season."

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If the NCAA will not pay the athletes their true values, why not pay them for their jersey sales? Well how much will that be? Let’s revisit A.J. Green’s situation. Paying the athletes means that names will have to go on the back of the jerseys. This would mean more money for Nike and all other uniform makers. This could possible increase the university income from 10 percent to 15 percent. If the athlete received half of the university’s profit they would make $2.25 per jersey. The best college athletes sale on average 1,500 jerseys (football) meaning they would make $3,375 per year.

I believe it is time for the NCAA to allow college athletes to get paid for jersey sales and other Team paraphernalia.
Hoops falls in first round of tournament

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The women’s basketball team competed in the NCAA tournament for the seventh time in the past eight seasons, but lost their first round matchup against the LSU Lady Tigers, 98-78.

The Jackets entered the game as the No. 10 seed and were underdogs to No. 7 LSU. It was the first ever game between the two schools in the sport. Unlike the men’s tournament, in which every game is played at a neutral site, the early round games on the women’s side take place on the campus of the higher-seeded team. The Jackets needed to travel to an SEC arena and beat a team that was ranked in the top 15 for most of the year on their home court.

LSU jumped out to an early 10-0 lead as Tech missed its first five shots of the game. A three-pointer by Sydney Wallace, which she immediately followed with a steal and quick layup, brought Tech to within four points in the first half, but LSU responded with eight straight points to go up 21-9.

The Jackets soon went on an eight-point run of their own, highlighted by two field goals by Nariah Taylor and three free throws from Kaela Davis, and they soon cut LSU’s lead to two. The first half continued to progress in this manner, with LSU going on scoring runs and Tech playing catch-up to cut the lead down to a single possession, but LSU took a 51-44 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Davis, Wallace and Tyaunna Marshall scored 13, 12 and 11 points in the first half respectively, and would finish the game with 16, 20 and 20 points.

The Lady Tigers began the second half in the same style as the first half, nearly doubling Tech’s offensive output in the opening minutes. They were enjoying an eight point lead when DaShawn Harden nailed a three pointer to spark a 17-5 run for LSU that gave them a commanding 83-63 advantage with under eight minutes left. At that point, the game was basically over. Tech could not get closer than 14 points to the Lady Tigers for the rest of the game.

LSU made exactly half their field goal attempts and went four-for-ten from beyond the arc. In contrast, the Jackets shot 39.5 percent from the field and made only four of 22 three-point attempts, though many of those shots were taken in desperation towards the end of the game. The Lady Tigers out-rebounded the Jackets on both offense and defense and as a consequence scored over twice as many second-chance points, 23 compared to Tech’s nine.

One positive note for the Jackets is that they forced more turnovers and capitalized on them, posting 25 points off of turnovers compared to LSU’s 11.

Tech head coach MaChelle Joseph praised LSU’s performance in the game, while also noting that the Jackets’ inexperience was a limiting factor.

“We only had four players who had played in an NCAA Tournament, and I think we figured out today what it takes, not only to play at this level, but compete at this level in the NCAA Tournament, especially on someone’s home floor,” Joseph said, courtesy of ramblinwreck.com. “I think that’s a really tall order and task, and I really feel like it will help our team and a program grow as the years go on.”

With the loss, the Jackets’ season is over, while LSU moved on to play West Virginia in the second round back on Tuesday night.

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Senior guard Ty Marshall handles the ball in a game earlier this season against Illinois. Marshall scored a team high 20 points in her final game as a Jacket against LSU in the NCAA Tournament.

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At what age did you start playing baseball?
Hyde: I was young, so around 4 or 5. I read that you were born in Saudi Arabia. When did you move to the US?
Hyde: When I was 2.
You were drafted in 2010 by the Blue Jays. What made you come to Georgia Tech instead of pursuing a professional career right away?
Hyde: The coaches, the education, and I was coming in with a lot of friends that I wanted to play with.
Do you have any hobbies?
Hyde: I like to fish and hunt. I like outdoors stuff.
Who was your baseball idol growing up?
Hyde: I would have to say Derek Jeter.
Any nicknames on the field?
Hyde: None really, everyone calls me Mott.
If you could play any other sport, what would it be?
Hyde: Basketball
Would you play for Tech?
Hyde: I’m pretty good, so I’ll probably make the team. Just kidding.

Senior shortstop Mott Hyde makes a throw in a game this season against VCU. Hyde is currently hitting .292 with 19 RBIs.

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Softball drops two of three to Cuse

The Jackets’ softball team finished a three-game series against the Syracuse Orange on a high note after dropping the first two in a conference matchup last weekend. Syracuse won the first game 1-0 on Friday before taking the first of Saturday’s two games by a score of 5-4. However, the Jackets exploded offensively in the third and final game of the series for a 15-3 five-inning, run-rule victory.

The Jackets are now 19-10 overall and 8-8 in conference play. Tech currently sits at sixth in the ACC standings, with Florida State in first. The series was originally planned to be played in Syracuse, but due to inclement weather the teams decided to move the series down to Atlanta.

Syracuse starting pitcher Sydney O’Hara was the story of the first game. O’Hara pitched the full seven innings and held the Jackets to just a single hit. She threw 125 pitches and struck out 12 while only walking three. Tech junior Kylie Kleinschmidt pitched a solid game over six innings, giving up six hits and striking out nine. However, the only run she gave up over 127 pitches would be all it would take for her record to drop to 11-5 on the season.

The Jackets would get on the scoreboard in the first of two games on Saturday, but the result was the same as Friday afternoon. O’Hara once again started the game for Syracuse, but was not as effective. She gave up 10 hits and four runs in yet another complete game, needing only 96 pitches and walking none but striking out just four Tech batters. Tech freshman starter Ka-nani Cabrales lasted 4.1 innings that ended in a lost decision. The Jackets would score nine runs in the second inning, with the first coming on a multi-base hit that scored the only run of the game. The rest of the innings saw the Jackets score seven runs, all coming on a single hit. O’Hara gave up 10 hits and four runs in yet another complete game, needing only 96 pitches and walking none but striking out just four Tech batters. Tech freshman starter Ka-nani Cabrales lasted 4.1 innings that ended in a lost decision. The Jackets would score nine runs in the second inning, with the first coming on a multi-base hit that scored the only run of the game. The rest of the innings saw the Jackets score seven runs, all coming on a single hit. O’Hara gave up 10 hits and four runs in yet another complete game, needing only 96 pitches and walking none but striking out just four Tech batters.