Sexual Violence Task Force gives recommendations

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NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the President’s Sexual Violence Task Force finalized their recommendations to prevent sexual assaults on campus and to support victims of assault.

The task force was formed late last spring after Tech students Emily Gooding, Maggie Burcham and Annie Hess, published a white paper on what they felt the Institute should do to address the problem of sexual assault.

The task force met during the summer and made many recommendations including funding a centrally funded office to handle cases of sexual assault and provide outreach and advocacy.

The report also recommended providing and mandating sexual assault training to all new and incoming Tech students, staff and faculty. They also hope for funding campaigns to raise awareness about sexual violence on campus and developing a system for anonymous reporting and crisis response.

According to Lynn Durham, Assistant Vice President and Chief of Staff to the President and Chair of the task force, the President has already set aside $150,000 for the Wellness Initiative.

The top priority for the funds is for sexual violence prevention including the hiring of a director for a sexual violence prevention center.

According to the Task Force, the centrally funded office, whose working title is the Sexual Violence Prevention (SVP) Center, would be responsible for serving as a response center for

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At 7:01 p.m., during a patrol around campus on August 22, a male student was noticed to be visibly upset on the sidewalk. As a GTPD officer approached him, the student acted very angrily and did not cooperate with the officer initially. The officer asked him if he wished to do harm to himself or others but he said that he did not. Later, the man explained that he had been in an altercation with his girlfriend who lived in Field Residence Hall.

Because the amount differed from the version GSS passed, the bill had to go to a conference committee.

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On August 28, a GTPD officer noticed a black male riding a bike on a sidewalk on Techwood Drive. After the officer spoke, the man proceeded to talk about himself and said that he planned to register for school on that day. He later explained how he had attempted to walk on the basketball team at McCamish Pavilion earlier, but he wasn’t sent to Tech Tower to apply for classes. The officer asked for his identification and received an Arkansas identification.

Later, the man explained that he took a Megabus to Tennessee, walked to Tech and borrowed a bicycle without permission from the Kappa Alpha fraternity. After unsuccessfully trying to find the owner of the bicycle from a discussion with a Kappa Alpha, the man was charged with larceny and given a criminal trespass warning. The officer informed the man that he would have to stop by GTPD if he intended to register for classes. The bicycle was later taken to a storage shed for safekeeping.

CAMPUS BATTERY

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The money was approved during the budget season, but due to a technical oversight, the funds were not rolled over. After brief discussion, the bill was passed by UJC.

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Each week, this section of News will include the coverage of news or 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.

Council Clippings

Holden Lee
Assistant News Editor

On the night of August 27, a Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) officer responded to a report of the odor of marijuana at the North Avenue Apartments East Building.

When she arrived at the scene, the RA informed the officer that the resident had been called about the odor multiple times but did not respond to any of the calls. The officer knocked on the door multiple times, but the residents did not respond. Eventually, the RA arrived with the key and announced that he was keying into the room but that moment, three residents exited their rooms. Immediately, the suspects admitted that they had been smoking marijuana and handled over a green substance to the officer. The students claimed to have purchased it from the Varisty parking lot from an unknown stranger.

The officer then asked if she could inspect the room. Through the search, the officer found a half empty bottle of Russian Vodka and multiple Bud Light bottles. The suspects were found to be under 21. They later stated that they asked a stranger to buy it for them at a local store. The students charged with Student Conduct Code Violation, possession of marijuana and under age possession of alcohol. The RA then received a case number for housing records.

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WHERE YOU'RE PART OF A TEAM EVERYTHING IS

Hey, can we get the crossword back into the Technique? Please, thank you. Sincerely, yours truly.

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Students focus on entrepreneurship

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Startup Summer, the counterpart program of Startup Semester, draws more students toward practical entrepreneurship.

“To me, the Startup Summer program focuses on the customer discovery process,” said John Gattuso, a mechanical engineering major and founder of FIXD. “The number one reason why startups fail is because they make something that people don’t want.”

This new program extended from Tech’s Living Learning Communities (LLC) this January and spanned 12 weeks of summer from May 12 to August 8.

“We invested most of our time into developing hypotheses about our customers’ needs and testing them,” said Manuel Perez, another participant. “This process forced us to come face-to-face with the reality of the value we were offering with our startups and to adapt our business models, technology.”

The program concentrates on team commitment, product and service ideas and marketing understanding. It intends to expose the students to hands-on knowledge about each team’s startup background.

“We chose to do the Startup Summer because it allowed us to do FIXD full-time. Also, the access to mentorship, workspace and capital was unbeatable,” Gattuso said.

A total of eight teams of around two to four members were accepted into the program. Currently, this affords teams student-centered resources such as coaching, mentorship and financial grants. Each team receives $15,000 in funding but may find opportunities to obtain more according to need. Mentors and the faculty are the large portion of support system.

“We are striving to increase the amount of allocated resources, and, hence, are hopeful of increasing the number of teams admitted,” said Sivakumar Raghupathy, a professor for the school of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Mentors are typically Tech alumni, all with various entrepreneurship backgrounds. These mentors share a similar experience of launching a company from the ground up and advancing in both successful and unsuccessful directions.

Faculty members, personnel from the Venture Lab and alumni help the participants map their own future for marketable products.

“Student teams typically came in with the goal of creating a startup based on an idea or prototype they had developed earlier in school,” Raghupathy said.

The primary goal for both students and faculty is to see substantial progress from the original idea that each team delineated in the application essay for the program. Students won’t be graded during this course.

Although no credit will count toward the student’s academic record, students in this program are required to work full-time on their startup ideas.

Peterson discusses past five years, future in Institute Address

KATHLEEN ZHANG
STAFF WRITER

On August 28, 2014, President G. P. “Bud” Peterson delivered his annual Institute Address. The president not only discussed his plans for the future but also reflected on the five years since he became President.

“Through a culture of collaboration, innovation, and leadership, we are expanding our influence—in our state, our region, our nation and our world,” Peterson said.

Peterson mentioned both increased international cooperation between higher education institutions and interdisciplinary research initiatives.

“We’re one of the world’s most globalized technological research universities,” Peterson said.

One of the newest international partnerships is with Tianjin University, where Tech is now part of Shenzhen Virtual University Campus. At the campus in China, students can complete a Master’s degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Tech.

Additionally, this past May, the Lafayette Institute was launched on the Georgia Tech Lorraine campus, where full time masters and graduate students can conduct research in nanotechnology.

“This new facility will provide the resources and the equipment that they need to make leading-edge breakthroughs,” Peterson said.

Peterson also said that

President Peterson speaks to campus issues at his annual Institute Address. This is the president’s 5th year at Tech.
Mental Health Portal opens

The home page for the Mental Health Portal, mentalhealth.gatech.edu. The website provides students with on-campus resources for dealing with stress, depression, anxiety and other problems.

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This year, the Mental Health Portal was opened for the student body to provide students with continued access to Tech’s mental health resources and information. Mental health is a consistent concern among the student body, and Stamps Health along with SGA have attempted to make Tech’s resources more accessible and easier for students in need.

The mental health portal is one of the student resources recommended by Tech’s Mental Health Task Force, which was formed last year in response to a white paper by student leaders on campus.

“*The white paper came out last year, and it talked about the environment at Tech and the stresses on students and offered recommendations,*” said Dr. Shannon Croft, the Lead Psychiatrist at Stamps Health Center. “Some of the recommendations included offering availability for counseling services, alleviating pressures put on students and giving more resources for student success.”

Once Lynn Durham, Assistant Vice President and Chief of Staff to the President, organized the task force, 11 general recommendations were made to aid mental health concerns, including surveying types of students on campus, making a student wellness center, centralizing information on services for students and more.

The Mental Health Portal is one initiative by the task force, and the intention was to assist students who are hesitant about reaching out. In addition, student organizations, such as SGA, have offered input to this resource.

“The portal is designed to be an anonymous way students can see what resources are available to them,” said Brandie Banner, SGA Executive Vice-President. “Tech has many resources for students who are struggling, but in the past those students have been difficult to identify. I am confident the mental health portal will help students find the resources that best cater to their needs.”

Mental health concerns are very consistent at Tech and according to Croft, students experience a variety of serious personal dilemmas.

“At Tech, we see a number of serious situations that include crippling depression, anxiety that stops people from leaving their room, failing all classes or with drawing from friends,” Croft said. “We have also observed destructive actions like smoking five times in a day, binge drinking, which has sadly become very common on campus, and, unfortunately, even suicide.”

Croft stated that Tech has at least one student who commits suicide each year and while the reasons are not always clear, he emphasized that balance is important for students and healthy living.

“The purpose of the mental health portal and what we really want are for Tech students to avail themselves to all of the resources available to them and get them to realize there is a lot of support at Tech,” Croft said. “The faster that we can intervene, the quicker we can act to avert any trouble.”

As a Tech student, Banner believes that the campus should strive to eliminate the common hesitation in reaching out for help. If students can overcome those obstacles, she states that they can only improve.

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search is being done beyond campus grounds, like a $20 million collaboration with Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta to create medicine specifically for children’s immune system.

“The research strategy is really focused on collaboration,” said Peterson. “We’re trying to develop these solutions to multifaceted challenges that impact the citizens of the State of Georgia and around the world.”

The newest expansion of Tech’s interdisciplinary research is the construction of the Engineered Biosystems Building. Research will be done in human health, and commercial initiatives in this area, scheduled to open in June 2015.

“[Tech Square] is a vibrant, exciting place today with new companies moving in every day,” said Peterson. A business outreach institution, Tech Square, has created more than 313 jobs and made $100 million investments and businesses within its start-up incubator. Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) has created 5500 jobs and reported revenues of at least $1.3 billion.

According to Peterson, Tech is about to undergo the process of SACS accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSOC), which decides whether institutions of higher learning in the South are still eligible to grant academic credit. As a part of the process, Tech will have to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) which is a funded mandate that will be implemented within 5 and 10 years. The QEP of the last decade focused on increasing undergraduate research and study abroad opportunities.

“Our QEP will focus on the combination of sustainability, experiential learning [expansion of MOOC courses and online learning] and community engagement,” Peterson said.

He noted that since the study abroad and undergraduate research programs have become more popular, these new initiatives could have a similar impact.
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Another recommendation is to require training on sexual violence prevention. New students are introduced to some points of sexual violence prevention at Familiarization and Adaptation to the Surroundings and Environments of Tech (FASET), and the WRC presents information on sexual violence to health classes, but there is not required, in-depth training. "The task force feels it's really important that all students and all faculty and staff have some sort of training," Durham said. Another major focus of the recommendation is organizing media campaigns to raise awareness about the issue and especially to engage men on the problem. "Engaging men is a really critical part of what we're going to be doing because [at] Georgia Tech, the reality of our male to female student ratio [means that] we have a really unique opportunity to be leaders in engaging men to end sexual violence," said Dillon Roseen, Undergraduate Student President and task force member. Roseen is also leading an initiative to produce a video series in which prominent men on campus talk about the issue of sexual assault and encourage their peers to get involved. SGA is also forming an SGA-led student subcommittee dedicated to sexual violence prevention. According to DeMaeyer, there is currently no system in place for entirely anonymous reporting for sexual assault. Victims of sexual violence can file confidential reports at the WRC and receive guidance about their rights, the Institute’s responsibilities and support. The consultation is confidential, but their name is written in a file. The goal, according to DeMaeyer, is that students can report completely confidentially. "One of the big things is we really don't know the full scope of the problem here at Georgia Tech because we don't have the data because most women, or most victims, don't come forward and don't give that, so we don't know the scope, and that is one of our biggest issues right now," Durham said. After the report was finalized, members of the task force and others on campus began implementing parts of the recommendation. The communication strategy for raising awareness of sexual violence on campus, for example, is already being planned. After the possible structure and details of the Wellness Initiative are determined by Strategic Consulting, a search can begin for a director of the SVP Center. Last year, sexual violence came to the forefront after a fraternity on campus, Phi Kappa Tau, was disbanded for allowing a "pattern of sexual violence...suggests a deep-rooted culture within the fraternity that is obscene, indecent and endangers women," among other violations. One particular event was a so-called "rape-hunt" e-mail which suggested that fraternity members provide alcohol to women in order to have sex with them. A fraternity member was also arrested for sexual assault in February. "I think it’s very easy for people to come into college not being sure of who they are as a person and joining a group, a club, an organization and then finding their identity through that and [Phi Kappa Tau] could be an example of that. I don’t think everyone in that group was or is a type of person who is going to commit an act of sexual assault, but I think that when you are a part of that group and you’re not willing to [speak out], I think you can be just as much at fault...", Roseen said.
GTPD hosts Campus Safety Day

KATHLEEN ZHANG
STAFF WRITER

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) hosted the annual Campus Safety Day on Wednesday on Skiles Walkway. In attendance were the Women’s Resource Center, the Office of Information Technology (OIT), Health Promotion, and the Counseling Center. Several off-campus institutions, including the Georgia State Patrol and the Humane Society also attended.

“We have a lot of tables and booths to help students educate themselves on how to keep themselves on how to keep safe, physically [and] mentally,” said Officer Bradley Latham.

Some events included the horse-mounted patrol of the Atlanta Police Department.

“It’s really a conversation starter,” Latham said. “As they are riding around… people come up and ask questions, [so it’s] an opportunity for officers to stop and talk.” This APD mounted patrol is often used at large events in Atlanta for crowd control.

Health Services also invited students to try drunk goggles, which show how excess alcohol consumption affects perception. Students were also asked to sign a pledge to never drive drunk.

“It was really great to see how they can play a greater role in preventing theft by being more aware of their surroundings. A lot of times, students fail to realize that [theft is] our number one crime on campus,” Latham said. “What we typically do is try to educate them on how easy it is to protect themselves by trying to reduce the opportunity by leaving belongings unattended or unsecured.”

In addition, the Atlanta Fire Department provided information on checking fire alarms. According to the fire department, people often take smoke detectors for granted and fail to maintain them properly.

“It’s a very simple process, very simple tool, but you do have to take care of it and check it yourself,” said Lieutenant Jared Purnell of the Atlanta Fire and Rescue Department.

At this event, VOICE, Tech’s initiative for sexual assault prevention and victim advocacy also had a booth that provided education on how students not directly affected by these crimes could still prevent them by being an active bystander.

The LEED seal on the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons. The building meets LEED standards for sustainability, also feature native plants, which were chosen because they require less water.

Finally, Tech has roughly 350 sustainability-focused courses according to the Princeton Review, up from more than 260 in 2009, such as “EAS 1600 - Intro to Environmental Science,” “ARCH - 236 Green Construction,” “ECE 4320 - Power Systems Analysis & Control” and “ECON 3360 - International Energy Markets.”

To be placed on the Green Honor Roll, schools must receive the maximum score of 99 by Princeton’s criteria. The methodology for scoring colleges rests mainly on responses survey questions, including self-reported statistics. One question was “How much of the school’s energy comes from renewable sources?”

The Princeton Review has awarded Tech the Green Honor Roll for seven consecutive years, ever since it was introduced. Tech’s commitment to the environment has won other numerous accolades as well.

The Sierra Club placed Tech on its list of Top 10 Cool Schools this year. Tech has also been designated a Tree Campus by the Arbor Day Foundation for six consecutive years.
Responding to Sexual Violence

Mandating training and increasing student awareness

An Institute-sponsored task force recently submitted its recommendations to the President’s office on how best to combat the issue of sexual violence on campus.

We believe the recommendations set forth look to better Tech’s awareness and understanding of sexual violence. We only hope the points set forward will be pushed through as quickly as possible.

A key point the task force makes is the development of mandatory training for all new Tech students and staff members. We encourage the Institute to start this training, and we hope the training begins as early as possible, preferably by next FASET. This would mean that in as little as four or five years, everyone on campus would have a much better understanding of Tech’s policies and what constitutes sexual violence.

The task force’s main recommendation is the creation of a centrally funded office to provide the necessary resources and support to all victims of sexual violence.

The current system of handling sexual violence cases has failed students in several ways, which the task force highlighted in their report. For instance, the current system is comprised of services with many being branded and labeled as ‘Women’s.’ Though men make up a smaller portion of sexual violence victims than women, they are nonetheless victims and supporters of victims, and the consequence of a gendered label is alienating those victims when the opposite should be happening.

Just from last year alone, there has been a significant jump in the number of reported sexual misconduct cases. The jump does not signify an increase in incidence, but rather an increase on reporting and thus, awareness.

After all that happened last year, it is clear these resources are needed. Rather than seeing this as just another long-term goal, we hope this goes ‘pedal to the metal.’

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**Assassin's Creed: Rogue is definitely sub-par**

I am the least skilled person to have ever come into contact with a video game controller. It took me three tries to get past the opening mission of Grand Theft Auto IV.

The hardest part of playing Super Mario 64 was finding my way into the giant castle placed right in front of the platforming.

I still do not even know how to drive, and you need further proof of my lacking controller skills.

However, one game series has actually captured my interest time and time again: Assassin's Creed. I was massively entertained by the first Assassin's Creed, having recently come off a Prince of Persia binge. Running freely around Middle Age cities, indiscriminately slaughtering innocent guards and punctuating all of these with few repercussions is all I ever wanted to do.

Assassin's Creed II, as many gamers say, is one of the best video games ever created. The striking contrast between the Middle Ages of Italy, along with double hidden blades and the ability to touch water without dying, were absolutely groundbreaking.

Despite several fans’ criticisms, I really enjoyed Assassin’s Creed: Brotherhood and Assassin’s Creed: Revelations. The new gameplay additions, while sometimes contrived, were still fun to experience.

Assassin’s Creed III and Assassin’s Creed IV: Black Flag both sold me entirely. I have never hunted in real life, but I’m pretty sure I pursued the deer population of North America towards extinction after my playthroughs.

Recently, Ubisoft announced that they will be releasing two games at the same time in 2014: Assassin’s Creed: Unity, to be played on next-gen consoles, and Assassin’s Creed: Rogue, a game to be played on current-gen consoles.

While Unity promises exciting new gameplay, amazing crowd interaction dynamics and a breathtaking setting, Rogue just looks like a cheap copy of Black Flag.

The fifteen minutes I spent watching the Rogue gameplay video was the most disappointing waste of time since The Last Airbender.

A strangely-accented man in a cheap copy of Black Flag just like in Black Flag and sounded incredibly bored, paralinguistic implications of the day.

The visuals of the game look completely identical to Black Flag, albiet with several setbacks. When the main character tries to hang his rifle on his back, he instead holds it up, after which it teleports onto his other arm.

There are awkward glitches in the parkour animations, which have long been the hallmark of the series. Finally, the ship anims look like recycled, downgraded versions of the fresh Black Flag visuals.

As a long-time Ubisoft fanboy, I am unbelievably disappointed by this blatant, lazy cash-grab. Assassin’s Creed: Rogue promises almost nothing in new content, and its clear flaws will ultimately condemn it to obscurity.

**Smartphones: an essential tool for daily life**

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AVRIND MARINO

LIFE EDITOR

Earlier this week, I was sitting in class when I noticed that one of my classmates was using a classic flip-phone, rather than a smartphone. That sight made me think—how in the world would I survive if I had to give up my smartphone?

My smartphone is my real-time connection to the world. At the touch of a button, I can communicate instantly with my friends, see what crazy weather is coming, view a list of everything I’m doing for the rest of the day, and share my lunch choice with my Facebook friends.

Without my smartphone, I wouldn’t be able to do so many things critical to my day-to-day life. Is that really a bad thing, though?

I remember the days before June 29, 2007 when I totaled a personal calendar and actually called people on the phone to schedule meetings. I remember the days of using pre-printed Google Maps to navigate to unfamiliar places, hoping that the limited directions would get me to my destination and back. Those days of clutter, disorganization, and disconnection are no more, thanks to a pile of circuit boards, plastic, and software that come together to form smartphones.

There’s no doubt that smartphones have revolutionized how the average person lives his day-to-day life. The one device that has everything and the kitchen sink will go down in history as one of the most life-changing inventions along with sliced bread, cars, and the internet.

Some, though, disagree and claim that the smartphone is ruining the world as we know it. I could not disagree more. The smartphone has completely changed how I live my life.

My smartphone keeps me organized. Back in the days of polyphonic ringtones, we didn’t have a more efficient option for rapid communication than a phone book or a quick text message and a simple e-mail.

“Without my smartphone, I would be hopelessly unorganized, lost, and clueless.”

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SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

“Teleportation.”

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FIRST-YEAR PHD. ME

“Medical Technologies.”

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JI EUN LIM

FIRST-YEAR CHBE

“Marijuana taxation and how it affects local economies.”

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FOURTH-YEAR BA

“Marriage and why it should be a legal institution.”

EMILY FARMER

FIRST-YEAR LMC

“Teleportation.”

**GRE scores not meaningful results**

Like many students applying to graduate schools this fall, I took the Graduate Records Examination (GRE). The most common thought I had, besides “What on Earth does this mean?,” was “Why am I doing this?”

The question is because it is required for basically all graduate applications. Leaving aside the fact that schools require the results, is there much value in the scores as indicators of success in graduate school? I don’t think so.

Whether or not admission committees take GRE scores into mind depends greatly on your field, the level of study, the schools you apply to and whether or not the programs are government funded or not. I have had a good breakfast that morning.

Generally though, most programs do at least consider the scores, if only to weed out candidates who do badly.

The problem with the GRE is that it gives a poor job of measuring what schools usually care about. For PhD candidates, it is whether or not you are able to do research and be an asset to your lab. This is why schools give relatively short recommendations from professors.

Graduate schools do care at least somewhat on your skills in math and English, but even as a coarse measure of these, the GRE is not terribly effective. The quantitative section of the GRE still asks questions on math material most people learned in sophomore year of high school.

If the GRE was geared for testing the kind of analytical thinking a 6-year-old would do, it would be perfect, but it seems a little bit silly that a test for gradua ate school students doesn’t care about anything you have learned in the past four to six years.

For measuring academic performance, undergraduate GPA and coursework is a far superior metric. It is not perfect by any means, but it gives graduate schools a much better picture of what you know and of how prepared you are for graduate coursework.

This not only gives a full picture of your potential academic achievement, it tells them what areas of math, engineering, sciences, language, etc. you excelled at or struggled in.

Unlike in undergraduate admissions, where admissions is unlikely to be familiar with the academic rigor of your school, graduate admissions committees usually have heard of your school and have a notion of what a 3.5 means at your institution.

The biggest problem for students, besides the hours spent studying high school math and esoteric vocabulary, is the cost. Currently, it costs a $160 fee and, after the four free scores you are permitted to send scores to, you must pay $27 to send scores to additional schools.

Colleges care about GRE, so it must be valuable for measuring students—so the circular argument goes. Just because schools ask for it doesn’t mean they should, however.

Because schools have many applicants to choose from, they ask for it and students will take it. They say jump, and we ask how high.

While it might be convenient for admissions committees to ask GRE scores to help cull the hundreds of thousands of applications they receive, they should consider whether that outweighs the tremendous cost and time students spend on the exam.

Please, let us put at least one of those alphabet soup standardized tests in the ground.

**OPINIONS**

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Atlanta needs to invest in its infrastructure

It is just another typical day at Tech. I make my morning cup of coffee, check social media from last night’s happenings, get dressed and mosey on over to the Instructional Center for class. The buses are working rather efficiently this morning and I get there with plenty of time.

Later, I will take the Tech Trolley over to the Mac’s in Tech Square to grab lunch with some friends. While we are eating, one of my friends points out that she needs to go to the mall for an upcoming event. We are both finished with classes for the day, so we hop on the trolley over to MARTA before traveling up to Lenox. When we get back, another friend asks if we want to hitch a ride with her out to get some dinner in Buckhead. Living in this Tech Bubble, one can easily fall prey to the false sense of convenience of public transportation.

I mean, do not get me wrong, the location of Tech and the services provided are wonderful and very convenient for us students. The highways and interstates around metro Atlanta may have been decent during the time when the city hosted the Olympics but since then, the city has experienced an influx of people setting around the metro area. This has caused more people to be on the roads, and with only such limited room, there is bound to be congestion.

As a study from Business Insider reports, the state of Georgia itself has the ninth largest ranked interstate system, thus we should be doing fairly good in comparison to other states, right? Wrong. Largest does not imply most efficient. Of the 1,300 plus traffic signals in the region, Business Insider reports only a “small percentage” as being actually synchronized to keep the flow of traffic moving which is a simple test of driving through from one point of downtown to the other will clarify why this is the case.

Even better, Business Insider reports, on average, drivers will spend 51 hours sitting in traffic, which equates to 23 gallons of gas wasted per year, which amounts to over $1,000, thanks to congestion.

Yet even through all of this trauma, pain, and agony of dealing with Atlanta traffic, something seems to continue: people, myself included, continue to put up with the congestion because it is the best (and really only) option. Why is it the only option? What could Atlanta be doing to solve this problem?

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WYATT BAZROD
OPINIONS EDITOR

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In the last issue, there was coverage on the Mike Brown tribute held at the Campanile. Although I appreciate your acknowledgement, it appears as though the point of the demonstration was missed.

It was not about students highlighting campus racial issues; it was about the incident in Ferguson, Missouri involving the extrajudicial killing of an unarmed Black teenager.

Students disseminated information regarding the details of the shooting and expressed a growing concern for prevention against police brutality.

It is important to note the blatant and inherent racial discrimination that students of African descent face on campus, however, our efforts were to show our concern about the case and what it means to us. Fortunately, we have the distinct pleasure of being able to call ourselves Yellow Jackets, but more importantly, college students.

Mike Brown had that opportunity taken away from him without warning one week prior to starting his classes. From my perspective, though I cannot speak for everyone, our gathering was a response to the outrage we felt about the manner in which the case was being handled. The police refused to release the name of the officer and by doing so, chose to protect their own instead of the citizens.

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Aside from tainting his chance for justice, the police department also attempted to criminalise Mike Brown. It is astonishingly clear that they are willing to go to great lengths to justify the execution-style murder of this young man because of his race.

The question has become, “Who polices the police?” Research shows that in our country, over 300 Black people a year unjustly lose their lives at the hands of police officers and vigilantes. These are racially motivated crimes, not to be compared to the crimes within low-income communities which stem from socioeconomic disparities, commonly referred to as “Black-on-Black” crime.

This awareness campaign is about bringing people out of their non-Black privilege and forcing them to come to terms with our reality. Incidents like the murders of Mike Brown, Jordan Davis, Renisha McBride, Trayvon Martin, and countless others really hit home because those individuals could have been any of our relatives, or worse, us.

This disheartening fact has brought many Black people together in pain and protest. Please note that the Black students who spoke about racial discrimination are not all African American.

I would be remiss to not recognize the foreign-born and first generation American Black students who attend our fine institutions.

Divinity and inclusion seem to be a major focus on campus but it is in vain if we do not put a concerted effort towards diversity and inclusion in terms of equality. To ignore the magnitude of major injustices in our society, is to hammer any chance of a solution.

If a European American youth goes on a shooting spree, they are viewed as mentally ill. If a Black youth is murdered by a European American, they are viewed as an undesirable who must have been guilty of something.

In 2014, we cannot stand idly by while this continues to exacerbate outdated racial tensions. We attend a top tier institution. Our motto is “Progress and Service” and we are obligated to extend that to issues of racial inequality.

—Erica Louise A. N. Richards 5th year HTS major

**OUR VIEWS | HOT or NOT**

**GTPD Presence**

After Campus Safety Day, the GTPD has made it very clear they are here for the safety of Tech students and faculty. With a greater presence around campus and more cameras being installed around Tech for greater off-hour surveillance, GTPD has shown and continues to show they are always trying to improve their watch and what they can do to make Tech the safest it can be.

**Custom Cokes**

Coke’s ‘Share a Coke’ campaign has highlighted the disadvantages of having a unique name. But this week, Coke came to the rescue when they brought to campus a special machine which makes customized Coke cans for any Tech student. Really, regardless of whether your name is common or unique, it is just plain cool you can get your own personalized beverage.

**Freshman Elections**

There is just something comical about watching the newbies at Tech campaigning a mere two weeks into college. It is not so much the running for office, but rather, it is in getting multiple invites on Facebook to vote for Tech’s newest class. We do at least admit to being impressed that there are freshmen cynical enough to campaign for change this early at Tech. Props, but stop.

—YOUR VIEWS | Letter to the Editor

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**FIRST-YEAR CS**

**“Time Travel.”**

**ALEXIS JACOB**

**FIRST-YEAR BME**

**“Depression rates among different majors.”**

**ANNA BERINHOUPT**

**THIRD-YEAR BA**

**“The effects of shrooms.”**

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Decatur Book Fest brings writers en masse

Bibliophiles of Atlanta got a special treat this past weekend with the arrival of the ninth annual AJC Decatur Book Festival, the largest independent book fest in the country. For two days literature-fueled madness, traffic around Decatur Square was redirected to make way for the flow of ideas on paper.

Booths lining the streets catered to a wide variety of audiences—browse around, one might find a book of poetry, a spiritual account of a holy woman's life, a local author supporting her most recent piece of fiction or the latest installment in a fantasy series.

An aspiring author might learn about the local Atlanta Writers Club or learn how to get her work published, while a dramaturgical enthusiast might visit the walkway devoted to the theater to see text not merely read, but acted out. Enthusiasts might visit the walkway devoted to the theater to see text not merely read, but acted out.

The whole square was filled to bursting with artists, authors and publishers united by a desire to feed the curiosities and imaginations of the crowd.

This grand Atlanta tradition began as an idea in 2005, when Daren Wang, while returning from a book festival in Columbia, South Carolina, asked why no such festival existed in Atlanta.

Since then, the festival has offered a venue for readers to enjoy art performances, listen to music, meet authors and, of course, buy books.

Among the many organizations attracted by the event was Poetry at Tech, who continued their tradition of reaching out to the broader Atlanta community in addition to members of the university's student body.

Though Tech might be known primarily as a technical school, "Poetry at Tech" stands as a strong and vibrant part of Tech culture.

The 2014 AJC Decatur Book Festival is the largest independent book fest in the United States, and has brought together more than 1,000 authors of all kinds, to provide book signings, live readings, panel talks, music, poetry and much more.

The west side has been home to a variety of respectable locations, from gourmet organic burgers at Yeah Burger!, and exquisite modern food from JTC Kitchen, to five-star excellence from Bacchanaalia, this side of town has it all.

This concentration of quality dining can be viewed as both a haven for food lovers (A.K.A. paying customers) or a pressure cooker that some may not be able to handle. There is a new kid on the block now, and it is here to stay.

Bellwoods Social House is the latest addition to Westside's list of dining locales. It was listed in Atlanta Eater's and Zagat's list of Atlanta's most anticipated restaurants.

The team behind Bellwoods is the same team behind Bite, which has taken on the identity of "New American" styled food. The owner, Leif Johnson, has taken the success of this Alpharetta location and brought it into the thick of the city.

Open for merely a week (as of this article's original writing) Johnson, chef Jason Morgan and bar manager Arianne Fielder are set to run what could be one of Atlanta's new social hotspots for drinking and dining.

As it is a bar, the focus is going to be more focused on the 21 and up crowd, and more specifically those with good tastes in designer cocktails and high-end bar food.

Yes, the typical connotation of bar food is not the most positive, but the food served here should quickly turn that around.

From this perspective, this new social house has great potential, with it's a cozy setup and warm decor, friendly and talkative staff and extensive drink menu. Those of age can come here and expand their drink pallet with ease and enjoyment.

What of the average college student's perspective, though? Underage potential patrons mustn't shy away from the opportunity to dine here, for a couple reasons. Most notably, Georgia Tech students get a ten percent discount at check out on their order, so for those who are money conscious, they will have a way to spend wisely. The menu is full of items college students crave, and at a respectable cost (since nothing on the menu is above fifteen dollars). "Gangsta Fries" made with Asher blue cheese, house bacon, red chili oil and chives are sinfully good. Fish, chicken, pork
Dragon Con parades through Atlanta

On Aug. 30, the streets of Atlanta became home to a parade of monsters, superheroes and other fictional characters for Dragon Con. The 1987-born convention had its first parade in 2002 and has expanded to tour Centennial Olympic Park, Woodruff Park, Peachtree Street and the Hyatt Regency. This year’s parade had massive participation and attendance.

and short rib gourmet tacos are available; hot dogs stuffed with pimento cheese and peppadew peppers will tempt meat-lovers across the city, and the “Grilled Chicken & Peach” salad made with local peaches, spiced pecans, blue cheese and honey dijon vinaigrette is a wonderful mash of flavors that should not leave any customer wanting more.

It is called a social house for a reason; Bellwoods is meant for any and all to come and enjoy with close friends and family. Even though I dined in on a calm night, the folks at the bar (including staff) were affable and welcomed conversation.

There is even a “dog bar” on the outside patio, fitted with water and a food bowl for canine companions to come and hang.

This is the sort of location people are likely to come and stay for a while, so on busy night I would not bank on quick turnover; expect patrons to come, sit, drink, eat, and talk til their hearts content. Staff will even bend the hour rules a bit given that the bar is full, and stay open past midnight on weekdays.

Overall, Bellwoods manages to provide an upscale dining and drinking experience with a low-key atmosphere welcoming social vibe. The restaurant is open now, but it’s grand opening will take place on Sept. 13.

The Westside is full of places to come and enjoy good food, but now it may have a new official neighborhood watering hole on its hands.

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Seether revives identity in new album

Seether, a multi-platinum alternative metal band from South Africa, is back with their first all-new album since 2011. Since its beginning in 2002, the band has had a hard time getting back in the studio because of their nearly constant touring.

Isolate and Medicate. Seether’s sixth studio album, was released on July 1 and delivers a lyrically strong and musically diverse set list. The group has grown up to, if not surpassed, their former chart toppers like “Fake It,” “Rise Above This” and “Broken.” Seether - including band members Shaun Morgan (lead vocals, guitar), Dale Stewart (bass, backing vocals) and John Humphrey (drums) - is now touring as part of the Rockstar Energy Drink UPROAR Festival until Dec. 17.

The band has been on fire in the tour arena. In May, they hosted the second annual Rise Above First Concert Tour alongside heavy metal staple, Avenged Sevenfold. They founded the tour to raise awareness for the world’s teen-suicide epidemic and to supply funding to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Front man Morgan was inspired to begin the tour after his brother took his own life in 2007. The tour is tried after their second consecutive #1 song on the U.S. Modern Rock chart, “Rise Above This.” The band confronts the issues head on through their lyrics and now bring attention to the cause on a larger scale.

Many of the lyrics featured in Isolate and Medicate were taken directly from Morgan’s personal journals. In a Loudwire interview, Morgan explained that “if it makes me angry enough or sad enough, I’ll write about it. It’s the happy stuff that I feel I don’t want to get rid of.” The album has a darker theme to the lyrics but is balanced with upbeat guitar riffs.

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“Same Damn Life” is another stand out hit that diverts, but does not detract, from Seether’s classic sound. The song is the most mainstream feel they have come out with yet. It includes three distinct parts that many bands would not think to blend, and yet Seether managed to merge them flawlessly.

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Throughout the album, Seether expresses a vamped up version of themselves. They manage to give the old Seether sound in a different way each time and with each song. Seether stands out among the many alternative bands, and when asked how by Reverb!.com, Morgan summed up the reason why Seether is here to stay:

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Spanish Film

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On March 14 of this year, the film *Ocho Apellidos Vascos (Spanish Affair)* hit theatres in Spain and quickly became the most viewed current Spanish film. Over the summer, it was given English subtitles, but it is unlikely that this movie will get the audio dubbing typical of American films to be shown in Spain.

It is not particularly a bad thing that the film remains subtitled, for it has a large amount of cultural references and stereotypes that are nigh incomprehensible to the average English speaker. Translation error and inexactness amplify this issue.

Take the title as an example. In Spanish, it is "ocho apellidos vascos," literally "eight Basque last names." The chosen English title, *Spanish Affair,* does not presume people will know that those in Basque Country show that they and their family are Basque by their last names.

Though a romantic comedy, this film does not shy away from political unrest nor ignore regional differences within Spain, electing instead to make a point about them. The lack of English audio will help deter those with merely a passing curiosity while allowing people knowledgeable about Spain to enjoy this movie’s witticisms.

*Ocho Apellidos Vascos* stars out in Seville, Spain where Rafa (Dani Rovira), a man who has lived in Spain’s southernmost autonomous community (home to Spain’s largest political division), Andalusia, for his entire life, works as a bartender and waiter. Rafa soon encounters, argues with and falls for Amaia (Clara Lago), a stubborn and outspoken woman from Basque Country in Spain’s north.

However, after knowing each other for less than a day, the couple is split when Amaia leaves Seville for her hometown.

When Rafa discovers that Amaia left her purse at his house, he decides to track down Amaia to return it, hopefully winning her heart in the process. Against the advice of his friends, Rafa takes a daylong bus ride and rather creepily appears on Amaia’s doorstep.

At first, Amaia wants nothing to do with a man so desperate as to track a woman across the entire country but changes her mind upon realizing that her father is in town.

Amaia does not wish to disappoint her father by not having a Basque husband (something her father has always wanted for her), so she has Rafa pretend to be her boyfriend and a native of Basque Country. Here begins the true comedy.

Up to this point, Rafa and Amaia have been portrayed as the stereotypical representatives of Andalusia and Basque Country, respectively, two images as diverse as those of a Texan cowboy and a Wall Street businessman.

The remainder of the movie follows the two through humorous encounters and cultural misunderstandings. Throughout the movie, Rafa manages to accidentally light a diaparper on fire, incite a riot, get thrown in jail, break into a house he claimed was his, pretend that the house’s unsuspecting owner was his mother and generally make a mess of things in a comedic fashion.

Amaia, having the advantage of understanding the expectations of her hometown and its nationalist tendencies, fares somewhat better, though she does make a habit of climbing out of windows. If one is in search of a light-hearted comedy requiring little knowledge of foreign affairs, *Ocho Apellidos Vascos* would be a poor choice.

Though it is a great movie given the viewer has some background information regarding Spain, if this is not the case, then most of the humor is lost and the movie is degraded suddenly to a mediocre romantic comedy at best, or perhaps even demoted to a simple love story with little comprehensible comedy to be found.

Strangely enough, *Spanish Affair* is not a particularly good film, but *Ocho Apellidos Vascos* is a stellar picture for its intended audience.
Volleyball opens up season on high note

The Jackets opened up their 2014 season 2-1 at the Gamecock Invitational after beating Gardner-Webb in its next match against Gardner-Webb. The Jackets looked to bounce back in the second set of the match. Tech found itself behind early in the set and was not able to make up the deficit, losing 13-25.

Down two games to none, the Jackets knew they had to pull out a win in the crucial third set. The match was close early on, but Tech was able to put together several key runs to win the set 25-18.

Tech found itself down 11-15 against the Gamecocks in the fourth set, but went on a 6-0 run to take a late lead 17-15. It was not enough though, and the ladies dropped the fourth set 22-25 and the match 3-1.

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Senior Ashaata Horton led the Jackets with 11 kills. Sophomore Teegan Van Gunst and senior Courtney Felinski both had nice games as well recording 10 kills each. Sophomores London Ackermann and Annika Van Gunst led the team in digs with 17 and 13, respectively.

The Dolphins came out ready to play, opening the first set with a 5-2 run. The set stayed close early on, but the Jackets were able to pull away and finish the first set with a 25-19 win.

Tech came out for the second set on fire. It started out the set on a 4-1 run. The Dolphins would close the gap and tie up the set at 4, but that is as close as the set would get. Tech went on to win it, 25-10.

The Jackets found their hands full early on in the third set. The scoring went back and forth for a while and the teams found themselves knotted up at nine.

Tech then went on a 7-1 run and found itself leading 16-10. The Dolphins cruised to a 25-17 victory in the final set.

First-year Head Coach Michelle Collier was very happy with the performance: "We were able to have a balanced offense and stay consistent with our serve and pass game. The team got better throughout the match and we finished performing at a very high level. I'm looking forward to our next matches tomorrow and our continuing progress,” said Head Coach Michelle Collier courtesy of ramblinwreck.com

Tech picked up right where it left off in its next match against Gardner-Webb. The Jackets’ T. Van Gunst looked impressive again, leading the team with 10 kills. Freshman Annika Olsen looked sharp, leading Tech with 16 digs.

It was a fast start for the Jackets in the first set, leading the Runnin’ Bulldogs early 5-2. Tech would hold on to that lead and finish the set with a 25-14 win.

Much like the first set, Tech came out firing on all cylinders in the second set, taking a commanding 8-1 lead early on.

Gardner-Webb made a run through, tying things up at 15 late in the set. However, Tech finished on a 10-6 run and won the second set 25-21.

The third set was all Tech’s once again. The set was back and forth early on, but the Jackets took care of business and won the set 25-20, therefore winning the match. Tech picked up right where it left off in its next match against Gardner-Webb.

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The Tulane Green Wave will be opening their brand new Yulman Stadium on Saturday after playing in the Superdome for the past 58 years. Last season, Tulane had a winning record for the first time since 2002, going 7-5 in the regular season, ahead of losing in the New Orleans Bowl in-state to Louisiana-Lafayette. Now, the team is in a new conference, moving from Conference USA to the American Athletic Conference. There will be a lot of new faces on both sides of the ball. They are coming off of a two-overtime in-conference loss to Tulsa, 31-38, in which the offense put up 262 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. The game is sold out and the on-campus stadium will be packed with optimistic Green Wave fans, which should give Tulane a stronger home-field advantage than it has had in years. The Green Wave run an offense that relies on a heavy running game to set up deep passing plays. Freshman quarterback Tanner Lee is the starter and completed exactly half of his 44 passing attempts last week against the Golden Hurricane, racking up 262 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. He will be throwing to two senior wide receivers, Justin Shackleford and Xavier Rush. Both of these receivers are effective on deep routes and will put points on the board and swing the momentum in its favor. The defense lost six starters from a year ago, which showed last week as the team gave up 438 yards and four touchdowns through the air. After the game, Head Coach Curtis Johnson felt that the defensive line did not put enough pressure in the interior, they could potentially leave several running lanes open. The offense will not be as much of a problem against the Jackets, who are a predominantly running team but should still be an area of concern for the Green Wave. If they can dominate running team but should still be an area of concern for the Green Wave. If they can

PREDICTION: Tech 41, Tulane 31

JACKETS

Starting off the season with a 48-39 win against Wofford, the Jackets look to maintain winning momentum against Tulane in their second game of the 2014 season. Although Tech experienced some rocky moments in their game against Wofford, they were able to come out on top, and are now ranked 24th in the latest AP Poll. They are coming off of a two-overtime in-conference loss to Georgia State, and have two touchdowns, but they are not generating more pressure in the interior, they could potentially leave several running lanes open. The offense will not be as much of a problem against the Jackets, who are a predominantly running team but should still be an area of concern for the Green Wave. If they can

running for 415 yards on 15 attempts last week, including a 90 yard touchdown run in the second quarter and a 73 yard scamper in the fourth. The offense will look to execute on a few big plays to put points on the board and swing the momentum in its favor. The defense lost six starters from a year ago, which showed last week as the team gave up 438 yards and four touchdowns through the air. After the game, Head Coach Curtis Johnson felt that the defensive line did not put enough pressure in the interior, they could potentially leave several running lanes open. The offense will not be as much of a problem against the Jackets, who are a predominantly running team but should still be an area of concern for the Green Wave. If they can

Tech’s offense should be well prepared to take on Tulane. Saturday’s game was rough for several Tech linebackers including senior Quayshawn Nealy. Nealy and the rest of the defense will be looking to bounce back in Saturday’s game. This is the first road test for several new key players on Tech’s defense: Freshmen Keshawn Freeman and Lance and Lawrence Austin will play big roles for the Jacket defense this Saturday. Tulane has a young talented quarterback and a freshman running back who showed promise against Tulsa. Tulane will be pumped up to open their home stadium up against an ACC opponent. Tech’s defense must shut down Tulane’s offense early in the game. If they give Tulane’s young players confidence, it might be a tougher challenge than expected for the Jackets. Offensively, Thomas will look to maintain his high level of play. He probably will not pass for over 282 yards. Tech will try to have a game where they control the clock and rush for over 300 yards. If Tech scores on their first possession, it should be a good day for the Jackets.

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fans wish the former baseball player chose to play football from the start. He finished the game with 5 receptions for 132 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Smelter had a 71 yard touchdown catch in third quarter to set the tone for the Jackets in the second half.

"It was pretty much just a streak route. I knew Justin would get me a good ball. After I caught it, I just wanted to make a play. I didn't want to go down," said senior wide receiver DeAndre Smelter. "I expected to come out and play hard. I know that if everyone does their job then we have a good chance to be productive."

Not only did Thomas set a Johnson-era record for passing, but the offense also passed for more yards than they rushed for. It was the fourth time in 7 years that has happened at Tech.

Thomas’ final stat line was 11-for-15, 282 passing yards and 2 TD. His quarterback rating was 275.3 which is currently the highest QB rating in the country. The new starter also completed 73.3 percent of his passes which is usually unheard of for a triple option quarterback.

On his 282 yard passing performance as a predominantly rushing team:

"I feel like if we can (pass like) that it opens up our running game even more. It just keeps the defense even more balanced. When we do get the opportunity to throw we take advantage of it," Thomas said.

One big issue the last couple of seasons is when Tech would pass, they wouldn't complete a very good percentage.

Last season, Vad Lee only completed 45.6 percent of his passes, and between him and Thomas, Vad was supposed to be the quarterback with the superior arm. Lee threw 11 touchdowns last year and had 10 interceptions in only 180 attempts.

An interception per 18 passing attempts is not a great stat to have. Too many times last year, Lee looked for the home run pass which led to a waste of a play and a very low completion percentage.

In the game against Wofford, Thomas showed poise and patience in the pocket which is a rare trait for a Tech quarterback to have. Thomas’ exceptional elusiveness allows him to stand in the pocket much longer than his predecessors. In the game against Wofford, the new quarterback didn't get sacked and was not tackled in the backfield either.

"I think the offensive line did very well. Especially in the passing game. I don't think I got touched at all. They came out there and did what they were supposed to do," Thomas said.

Not taking sacks or getting tackled in the backfield will be the biggest improvement in the running game by a quarterback in Coach Johnson’s offense. Thomas’ agility will allow him to escape much easier than previous quarterbacks at Tech.

Thomas only ran for 71 yards against Wofford, but he averaged nearly six yards per carry which is almost three yards more than Lee from last year. His long from the game was 16 yards, and even though he was the fastest player on the field when A-back

Although Broderick Snoddy was not on the field, credit needs to be given to Wofford for doing a terrific job containing him on the outside.

Thomas will look for similar success against Tulane, but don’t expect Tech to finish with so many passing yards in that game. Tulane will do a better job at trying to defend the Tech passing attack and will probably let Tech establish the dive play with Zack Laskey more easily than Wofford.

It won’t be surprising if Tech scores more points against Tulane than they did against Wofford.

The biggest key for Thomas this year is maintaining his current level of high play. If Thomas can go into Tulane with another outstanding passing game, it will do a lot of good for the young quarterback.
Technique: How have preseason practices been so far this year, and how different is volleyball here than back home in Brazil?

Stavnetchei: It’s been pretty good. We are doing a lot of drills. It’s very fast pace. We stay there for like 2 hours, but it seems so much longer because we do a lot of things in practice. It’s very productive, and we feel like we’re getting better every practice.

Techniques: Are you excited for the season to start this weekend?

Stavnetchei: Yes, I’m very excited. I’m kind of nervous because this is totally different than I’m used to because I’m in a new country with a new team. I’m very excited and I think the team is going to do a great job.

Techniques: How hard has the adjustment been coming from Brazil and now living in America full time?

Stavnetchei: The Americans, the people here are very receptive. I cannot complain about anything, they are so welcoming and I feel good here. Of course, the language, my culture and my family, I miss those things, but I think I’m doing great here.

Techniques: When did you commit to Tech, and who recruited you? Last year we had Coach Johnson, but this year Coach Collier is the coach who also has Brazilian roots.

Stavnetchei: No, it was Michelle, the new coach. I was going to Jacksonville with her, but when she knew she was coming here she invited me to come with her. Then I saw Georgia Tech and I loved it, and I thought it would be a great idea to come here with her.

Techniques: How much easier is the adjustment to America and volleyball here by having Coach Collier as your coach who is also from Brazil?

Stavnetchei: It’s much easier for me. Her, the assistant coach and another person who is involved is her husband are all Brazilian.

I feel great because I can talk in Portuguese with them and when I’m not understanding a drill or what I’m supposed to do, I just ask them in Portuguese and they explain to me what I’m supposed to do, so that helps a lot having them here with me.

Techniques: Who are the captains for this year’s team? Are there any specific juniors or seniors on the team who have helped you adjust to being here?

Stavnetchei: We don’t know the captains yet. The whole team has helped me with everything I need. If I’m having trouble with anything on or off the court they’re always there to help me.

Techniques: Why did you choose to major in industrial engineering and what else did you consider before deciding?

Stavnetchei: I picked it because I liked the math part, but I don’t like physics and chemistry as much and I like a little bit of the demonstration. I was thinking about majoring in business, but this is one of the best colleges of engineering so I figured it was a good idea.

Techniques: Who is your favorite soccer player and what club team to do you support?

Stavnetchei: I really like Neymar, but David Luiz is a very good player too. He has a good attitude off the field and I really like him. Coritiba is my favorite club team.

Techniques: If you could hang out with any celebrity in the world, any singer, athlete, anyone who you like. Who would it be?

Stavnetchei: I can’t think of just one. There are too many celebrities that I like to choose just one.

Techniques: Can you see yourself becoming a fan of American football?

Stavnetchei: Well, I like sports. I like to watch sports. I went to a baseball game, but I’m not a big fan of baseball.

But, they said football has a lot more movement and is much faster pace, so I don’t know, but probably. I think it has a chance.
Thomas has career day in first career start

Sophomore quarterback Justin Thomas drops back for a pass against Wofford. Thomas finished the second half a perfect 6-for-6 passing with 202 passing yards and posted a QB rating of 275.3.

It was a tale of two halves for Thomas. In the first half Thomas played like a player who was making his first career start as he over-threw several wide open receivers and didn’t look as sharp running the option offense. However, the second half was a completely different story; Thomas looked like a seasoned veteran as he marched the Jackets on four touchdown scoring drives and did not throw an incomplete pass the entire half.

The way Thomas was checking down on routes, hitting the open man in stride, he appeared to be the most talented passing quarterback Johnson has had at Tech. Thomas is the fastest quarterback to ever play for Paul Johnson and has the potential to finish the year as the best player for Johnson, but he and the offense have a lot of work left to do.

At halftime, the mood around the stadium was pretty gloomy. I would say the mood at halftime was kind of mellow. The defense played a great half beside that long run. We knew what we’re capable of doing. We just stayed together as a group and weren’t pointing fingers or yelling. We came together and did what we were supposed to do in the second half,” Thomas said.

After losing 7 starters on defense, fans expected the offense would have to carry the team to victories this season, yet only 10 points were put up on the board in the first half. Several potential touchdowns were missed.

Thomas overthrew wide receiver DeAndre Smelter near the end zone and missed a couple pitches that would have had the chance to go for touchdowns. Although

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It’s going up. During the track season, the mood around the stadium was pretty gloomy. "With excellent hands and a rare combination of size and speed, Smelter has appeared to have done this, Lasater has had to manage his senior year strong to his personal goals build on last year’s results too. Lasater finished 16th overall at last year’s NCAA South Region Championships and was one of two Tech runners to earn NCAA South All-Region Honors, which are given to the top 25 finishers. Senior Jeremy Greenwald finished 24th to earn the honors as well.

Lasater also finished first among Tech runners at the ACC Championships. Naturally, he hopes to improve upon that this year. "[I hope] to get All-ACC in cross country, which is top 21. Other than that I would like to perform well at regionals and maybe make it to nationals individually if the team doesn't make it," Lasater said.

On the subject of Tech’s 2014 team: "It’s really hard to tell until you get into a race and see how the other teams do," Lasater said.

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The Jackets cross country team competes in a cross country meet against several regional teams. Senior Brandon Lasater looks for success in both cross country and track this season.

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