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From the archives...

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10 years ago: Jan. 17, 1992—Tech hired Bill Lewis as the head football coach of the Jackets. Lewis replaced Bobby Ross, who left to take a position with the San Diego Chargers. Lewis came from East Carolina where he had an 11-1 season.

15 years ago: Jan. 16, 1987—After Bill Curry left to take the head coaching job at Alabama, Bobby Ross was hired as Tech’s eighth head football coach. Ross compiled a 39-19-1 record while serving as head coach at Maryland. The Tech Credit Union, which was supposed to open on Jan. 1, was denied a charter by the National Credit Union Association.

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**Quiz Around Campus!**

**Yay! That’s where I’m a viking!**

1) The North Campus parking deck will feature state-of-the-art:
   a) Buzz Card readers—you only have to swipe your card 4 times before the gate opens.
   b) parking control—each car will be spaced evenly from one another.
   c) lighting technology—it'll be one well-lit deck.
   d) cracks in the infrastructure.

2) 187 Georgia Tech students are believed to:
   a) have cheated in a CS course this past semester.
   b) find Paula Zahn NOT sexy.
   c) enjoy Diet Coke with lemon.
   d) have a life outside of school.

3) A horn blast at SAC field signals:
   a) a class change when the whistle isn’t working.
   b) the chance of lightning within a one-mile radius.
   c) adult swim.
   d) someone is actually using the North Campus parking deck.

4) Here we see:
   a) people enjoying the snow two weeks ago.
   b) a desperate attempt to find where the parking spaces on campus went.
   c) a tragic accident with the new sno-cone machine.
   d) a girl with a wicked curve-ball.

5) Scotty Crowe’s Master Plan:
   a) works better than Metabolife.
   b) will guarantee you $25,000 in three weeks.
   c) beats out the Institute Master Plan.
   d) has you study two hours every night before class.

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**Answers:**
1) c; 2) a; 3) b; 4) a; 5) d
Senators concerned over fee increases

The Graduate Student Senate returned to business on Tuesday January 8 and held its second meeting of the new semester on January 15. With no new business to consider at its first meeting, the senators considered proposed fee increases for the next fiscal year.

In a lengthy open forum led by Graduate Student Body President Trey Childress, the senators discussed for proposed fee increases: a one dollar increase for Transportation, a one dollar increase for Health, a one dollar increase for Athletics, and a ten dollar increase for Technology. Childress wanted the senators’ opinions so that he could better represent their wishes before the Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee.

Graduates expressed concern over most of the increases, though in a straw poll, they were virtually split on the issue of whether or not to raise the transportation fee. Childress told the senators the increase would pay for capital projects and improvements such as way-finding signage, new bus shelters, and directional signage for visitors.

The proposed ten-dollar increase to the technology fee was more controversial, and only nine senators of 39 supported the idea. Childress informed the group that the Institute requested the increase because they were considering funding to purchase the cameras and computing for way-finding sources—both on- and off-campus—to enhance their fundraising efforts. The group tapped its fundraising efforts to purchase the cameras and computing for way-finding sources—both on- and off-campus—to enhance their fundraising efforts.

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The 2002 Winter Olympic Torch, which was designed by Tech Professor Sam Shelton, kicked off its tour of the U.S. in Atlanta on December 4. The torch’s visit to the city took it through Tech campus, which served as the 1996 Olympic Village, on the way to Utah.

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The Olympic Flame at Tech

The Road to Salt Lake

Olympic Flame at Tech

The movie-making itself.

Senior Representative Craig Tommasello suggested that the group perhaps use the Student Center ballroom, which seats 900, since it is cheaper to rent, and the STAC society only anticipates that 1,000 students will attend. Junior Representative Tiffany Massey suggested that the group move the event outside on a big-screen monitor.

Both suggestions had disadvantages; the Student Center ballroom is not as acoustically sound, and the outdoor setting could limit the attendance and cost more than the Ferst Center rental. The STAC Society members insisted the Ferst Center was their preferred location.

AE Representative Brian George encouraged the passage of the bill, but noted a larger problem highlighted by the specific bill.

"Every time a Robert Ferst Center bill comes up for discussion, we have this problem [of excessive costs]. We need to have a negotiated contract for reduced rates for student organizations," said George. He implied that SGA should seek such a contract with the Ferst Center for next year.

Management Representative Andrew Keen asked the group to look into renting the Student Center ballroom space, since the IMovie Fest is a first-year event with no attendance history. The STAC Society agreed.

Though the Representatives failed the bill, Freshman Representative Caroline Phuelger suggested she may revive the bill after the STAC Society looks into renting the less-expensive Student Center ballroom.

In addition to the STAC bill, the representatives also considered a bill for the Ramblin’ Reck Club (RRC). With the construction on Bobby Dodd Stadium, the Ramblin’ Wreck, Tech’s unofficial athletic mascot, lost its home garage near the North Avenue end of the facility.

The club moved the 1932 Model A Ford to another on-campus garage. According to the club, however, the door of the garage is almost thirty years old, and there is little security to speak of. The RRC asked SGA for funds to replaced the garage door and revamp the security.

"Our major concern is the safety of the ramblin’ wreck. We have some technology fee increase, though only after lowering the amount to five dollars. The board decided not to recommend the athletic fee increase, though Clough can still institute it or any of the other fee decisions at his whim. Childress also announced that Provost Jean Lou Chameau will assemble a committee to review the academic misconduct review and appeals process in the near future.

Just prior to the close of business, Tommasello motioned to postpone the one remaining bill in new business one week. With no other bills remaining in new business, the House will not meet next Tuesday evening.

The following week Tech Athletic Director Dave Braine will be the guest speaker at the meeting. Last week’s speaker, Jo McIver, answered questions about graduation and midterm grades.

The 2002 Olympic Village, on the way to Utah.
Because Koon did not exhaust all channels within the Georgia Tech system by appealing to the Board of Regents before filing an October complaint in civil court, the Board of Regents is now reviewing Tech's disciplinary procedure. With the civil court petition, Koon solicits a judgment that would declare Tech's disciplinary system lacking with regard to the due process rights afforded to students.

As the case is currently in litigation, Tech administrative and legal officials could not comment directly as to the details of the case. However, Dean of Students Karen Boyd and Chief Legal Advisor Randy Nordin explained the current procedures for the student disciplinary system.

"Basically, what the law requires is for [universities] to have a procedure and follow it," said Nordin.

In forming the procedures for student discipline, "there are some certain things that are required by the law, and we’ve been very cautious to respond properly to those," said Boyd.

"There are some things that are not required by the law but are still granted in our written process. I think that we’ve bent over [backward] to provide things that aren’t required... I think there are perceptions of what the law would require that aren’t true," Dean Boyd upholds the fairness of the process.

University student disciplinary boards in Georgia follow different due process procedures than civil or criminal courts. Because hearings result in recommendations for disciplinary action within a university, rather than a criminal sentence or civil injunction, student disciplinary hearings do not follow the same procedures as courts.

"There’s a different standard of evidence," said Dean Boyd, contrasting the UJC system with civil court. "There are different due process responsibilities... We’re not a court.

According to Boyd, complaints about due process often stem from misunderstandings about the system. To alleviate the possibility of misunderstanding, the Dean of Students office and the Chief Justice of the UJC make themselves available to discuss procedures with students and attorneys well before a hearing takes place. Before a hearing, students receive a charge letter, an investigation report on witnesses and evidence and a guide to the process.

"[UJC] is an investigative hearing panel. Their job is to figure out what they think really happened," said Boyd.

As far as college disciplinary processes holding up in court, few precedents exist. The Law of Higher Education, a volume compiled by William A. Kaplin and Barbara A. Lee, addresses the legal implications of administrative decisions. Invasions of the Due Process Clause of the Constitution, which prohibits the government from depriving an individual of life, liberty or property without certain procedural protections, form the crux of due process arguments. In such an analysis, courts usually assume that "a student has a property interest in continued enrollment at a public institution."

The most detailed precedent, a 1967 case against Central Missouri State College, calls for protections including the right to bring counsel to the hearing for advisement, but not for the questioning of witnesses. However, such cases are uncommon and do not always yield similar results.

A decision from the Board of Regents in this case is expected early next month.

In addition to her sorority and service, Melissa enjoyed athletic endeavors. She was a member of the Tech Gymnastics Club. Melissa was also very spiritually active. She attended the North Avenue Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and the United Methodist Church in her hometown, Spanish Fort.

Melissa suffered fatal injuries in a skiing accident on December 26 in New Mexico. She was on vacation with her family at the time.

Melissa is survived by her mother and father as well as a younger sister and brother. Her sister, Melanie Murray, is a freshman Industrial Design major at Tech.

The family celebrated Melissa’s life at a remembrance service on January 7. She will also be remembered at Tech’s When the Whistle Blows ceremony.

**Cheating**

Staff will then make the decision as to whether each individual student should be charged. If students are formally charged, they will present their cases to a review panel made up of both faculty members and students who will make a decision as to the students’ guilt.

If the students are found guilty they could receive a failing grade in the class and be placed on disciplinary probation. Although suspension has not been ruled out as a possible punishment, Boyd said that Tech does not usually suspend students for first offenses.

For more information be sure to read next week’s paper. The Technique will feature an in-depth article behind the CoC cheating scandal.

**Snow**

Thursday, however, while offices and buildings remained closed January 3, both Brittania and Woodruff Dining Halls opened as scheduled.

"Other than some students not coming in on-time, everything remained the same," said Grace Knight, Unit Manager of Brittania.

The total effects of the storm on attendance are difficult to quantify. No professors called administrators to report that they would be unable to reach the campus by Friday, according to the Office of the Provost. Neither the Registrar nor the Office of the Dean of Students compiles statistical data on daily class attendance at the Institute-wide level, so there is no way to know exactly how many students failed to return on time because of the weather.