Bill needs approval

The Student Bill of Academic Rights, which was drafted by members of SGA’s Academic Affairs Committee last year, is currently awaiting approval by the Faculty Senate. The Bill of Academic Rights includes many sensible guidelines as to what should go on in Tech classrooms and the type of conduct that should be displayed, but it is lacking some important information. For example, if a professor violates any of these rules, it is unclear as to what steps students can take to bring instances to light. There should be simple instructions included for students to follow if their professors disregard any of the Bill’s statements.

While it is unrealistic to think that it will be easy to enforce this Bill in each classroom, it is a positive and necessary addition to the curriculum and should be approved by the Faculty Senate.

Tabling a smart move

After a long and arduous evening, the Undergraduate House of Representatives tabled a bill proposed by Member-at-Large Michael Handelman that suggested changing the anti-discrimination policy with regards to chartering new organizations.

The move to table the bill was cautious. It deals with very serious and controversial issues and does deserve research and detailed discussion before any final decision is reached. However, because of its importance, it should not be tabled any longer than necessary. The longer this bill is tabled, the more opportunities there are for discriminatory actions to take place.

Above all else, when dealing with this bill reps should stand up for what they and their constituents believe is right and fair and not be swayed by any threats of legal action or any differing opinions.

Dead Week still not dead

Efforts have been made by the Provost’s office to actually make Dead Week dead. Many professors have followed the Provost’s advice. Unfortunately, just as many have ignored it and are still planning on giving tests and other work next week.

Since this is a new initiative, students should not look to be completely free of work during Dead Week this semester. The best we can hope for is that by Spring semester more, if not all, professors will work to rid Dead Week of all stressful work.

If you feel that you have an unfair amount of work assigned to you for the upcoming Dead Week, you should notify your professor, SGA’s Academic Affairs Committee, or the Office of the Provost, Dr. Jean-Lou Chameau.

Prompt notice needed

Apparently, the Housing Department knew about the loss of power in many East Campus dorms some hours before it happened. However, it failed to notify many of the affected residents until moments before the power outage occurred. Students should have been notified of this immediately after Housing found out that this might occur so residents could have had time to prepare for several hours without electricity.

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Airtran lawsuit ridiculous, passenger paid his dues

Have you ever been stranded at an airport for long periods of time because your airplane flight was late or canceled? Or perhaps you’ve sat on the runway for nearly an hour, causing you to arrive at your destination later than expected. Does this give you the right to sue that airline for robbing you of your valuables?

A recent entry in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s The View, entitles thinking about the incident and sue Mr. Lasser for costimating business, well, I guess that means the majority of the public has no idea that AirTran was not righting a wrong, but only an attempt to punsh Lasser. AirTran has made their point and they should drop the lawsuit.

Lasser’s actions lacked thought, and the aggressive tone that he took with the security guard who tried to stop him was not respectful, but he did not have any malign intent. His actions were obvious by his thoughts were the same as his son was left at the airport, it is no wonder that he didn’t realize that he was the reason for the evacuation.

There were plenty of other Harris- security officials and police officers who were also unaware of the origins of the security breach. They didn’t face the same challenge, as they estimated at a least $6 million dollar loss on November 16, but they decided that Delta’s goal ‘is to move for- ward and learn from this experi- ence rather than losing their com- position.

With heightened security since November 9, security breaches of this magnitude should be something that airlines can’t afford to happen. Sometimes I just want some- thing to call my own. Sometimes I just want a leader.

The public humiliation and finger pointing that he has suffered up to this point outweighs any dollar amount.”

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**Question of the week**

“How did registration treat you?”

Feature and Photos by Alisa Hawkins

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Eric Upton
AE Grad
“It didn’t treat me at all.”

Yaa Walker
IE Senior
“It was actually pretty good this year.”

Darius Wilkins
MSE Senior
“Two words: Special circumstances.”

Vladi Vidakovic
ME Sophomore
“Everything was fine except for one class.”

Eun-Suk Yang
AE Grad
“I wish I could request an overload online.”

Sheila Mahadevan
IntA Sophomore
“I didn’t get all the classes I wanted.”

Ashley Skala
ME Sophomore
“My biggest problem was getting a schedule that didn’t conflict with practice.”

Erin McLean
Bio Freshman
“Pretty good.”
Techs and the City: Airport security a serious issue

By Jen Hinkel

I find a certain degree of hilarity that an airline is suing the Georgia fan who shut down Hartsfield for a day. After the public humiliation, the pending criminal charges and the hours he’s spent kicking himself for being an idiot, does Michael Lasserter really need to be sued by AirTran for $1,000,000? I’m starting to pity him. On the other hand, if he has to pay damages, he won’t ever be able to afford season tickets to Georgia games again.

Life must be bad when AirTran, one of the most despised airlines in existence, wants to sue you. The other airlines have cut their fares to compete with AirTran, although it’s a relatively small carrier.

Every time I’ve flown AirTran, I’ve been delayed at least thirty minutes, and the quality of AirTran snacks compared to Delta is definitely lacking. By suing Lasserter, AirTran is proving to the world that it is to other airlines what people who go on Jerry Springer are to the rest of civilization.

But I have no better answer to airport security issues, and, as many of us will be flying home in about two weeks, I’m really hoping that nothing similar crops up. All it takes is one guy going the wrong way on an escalator, and I won’t get home until long after Christmas.

I really need to be sued by AirTran.

A win against Tech lasts for a year, but seeing a U[sic]GA fan embarrass itself is always entertaining. Perhaps being forced to cut class.

American hate to sacrifice convenience for anything, even our personal safety. We’ve devised ways to avoid lines and the plague. We register for classes on-line with virtual time tickets and take numbers at the deli so that we can roam the aisles until the light behind the counter says ‘Now Serving Number 47.’

When airline representatives looked through my bag a few weeks ago in Atlanta and Philadelphia, I grimaced thinking of their rubber gloved hands rummaging through my belongings and the possibility that one of Victoria’s secrets would fall out onto the floor, but the inconvenience should have made me glad for tight security.

I can honestly feel for the airline that lost upwards of $1 million from a Georgia fan’s stupidity. As someone well accustomed to thinking about the stupidity surrounding everything U[sic]GA, the event did not come as much of a surprise. Remember last year when they tore up their own hedges?

Regardless of what happened at Hartsfield, we need a slight attitude adjustment regarding the convenience issue. People tend to forget that getting to your destination on time should come second to getting there safely. Hartsfield officials and airline representatives have a right to be angry, but they should also be thankful for effective emergency security measures. During our holiday travels, we need to have patience with the airlines, because although delays and precautions may appear at every turn, the airports and airlines want to ensure that we get to our destinations as safely as possible.

We hate to slow down, to be inconvenienced, and to have our privacy invaded, but we might need to put our aversion to hassle on a back burner in favor of personal and national security.

I feel safer when everyone’s bag searched, but I still feel annoyed. The challenge will be to get annoyed instead when things are rushed, security is not tight, and there is room for mistakes.

Although airport security is now under federal regulation, we have to be our own watchdogs. The inconvenience is not yours alone; each airline and airport has lost revenue for increased numbers of security personnel, decreased numbers of flights, and unexpected closings and changes.

This holiday season, consider trading your annoyance for a feeling of safety. Put the American desire for things to be quicker and easier aside and be grateful that the government and the airline corporations are looking out for your well-being.

As a last resort, if you feel a sense of annoyance take hold, just remember that at least you’re not a Georgia fan.

A win against Tech lasts for a year, but seeing a U[sic]GA fan embarrassed on national television lasts forever.

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Tickets

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trying to do block seating instead of just saying that there would be no block seating this year.

Fifth paragraph: I think that, considering the circumstances, the GTAA did a good job of running ticket distribution. Especially considering that a) they had never done block seating before and b) they only had two weeks to throw everything together.

Sixth paragraph: Again, procedures are simplified because there were only two weeks to do every- thing ready from scratch. Also, I would be very interested in what you consider ‘GTAA’s own selfish goals’ to be. I don’t understand how they could possibly have selfish goals about anything related to the stu- dents.

For this year’s football season, the only thing that made the students suffer was the lack of tickets. The writer then mentions the attitude adjustment regarding the student sections ONE time.

Last paragraph: The GTAA wants to encourage the real fans to be able to make it to the games and get in to them as easily as possible. They are not trying to put up barriers to en- try.

I really don’t understand how the GTAA can be making it ‘hard to get tickets’ if they are saying that all you have to do is show your buzz card and get into the games. I believe that Mr. Bailey’s ‘fan loyalty’ (or lack thereof) has been clearly shown through his completely inaccurate article.

My advice to Mr. Bailey or any- one else who is going to attempt to publish an article that attacks or slanders someone is to get your facts straight before you publish flat out lies. The only thing that is blatantly obvious from the letter in question is that Mr. Bailey has clearly never been to the basketball games he is so worried about getting into. Other- wise he would have had some idea of how grossly inaccurate his letter really is.

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