



## Board of Regents raises tuition

By Matt Hoffman  
News Editor

On Tuesday, May 11, the Georgia Board of Regents approved a \$500 tuition increase for all students, in-state and out-of-state, who attend a research university. The tuition increase will go into effect this coming fall semester. The HOPE Scholarship will cover the increase for students who are recipients of the scholarship, and it will not affect students on the fixed-for-four tuition schedule.

"Our current plans are to use the new tuition dollars to preserve and enhance our instructional and student-related activities, address critical academic issues such as the faculty-student ratio and the availability of course sections for our undergraduates, and continue to support the core mission of research," said Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson in an email sent out to campus on the day following the vote by the Board.

"We [in SGA] are certainly not thrilled that students have to pay more money in tuition. We do understand that the state of Georgia is experiencing historic [tax revenue declines], so we just want to ensure that the quality of the education here at Georgia Tech is not affected as a result of that," said Undergraduate Student Body President Corey T. Boone.

The tuition hike is in response to cuts in funding from the state to universities. As stated in Peterson's letter, Tech has seen a \$67.2 million decrease from the state over the past three fiscal years, which equals 23.8 percent. But Peterson also pointed out that tuition at Tech was below that of similar universities.

"This tuition increase will move us closer to the market value as determined by comparison with our peer institutions and will provide some limited flexibility in budgeting for Institute programs," Peterson said.

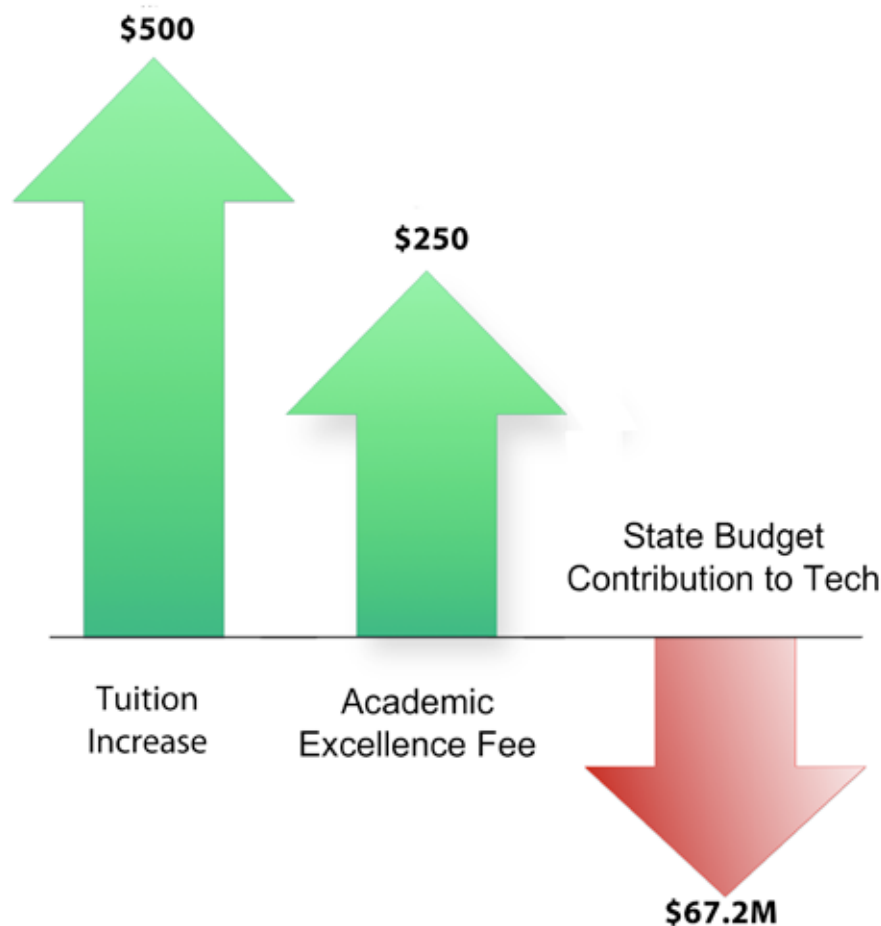


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Of the top 10 public schools as ranked by *U.S. News and World Report*, Tech has the third-lowest tuition and mandatory fee rates for the most recent estimates. Currently, a student entering Tech will pay \$8,716 per year (two semesters) as a resident of Georgia and \$26,926 as a non-resident. The average cost of tuition and mandatory fees for schools ranked in the top 10 is \$9,260 for residents and \$30,344 for non-residents.

"From a student's perspective, I can say that I'm not necessarily clicking my heels that I'm paying tuition that is

comparable to peer institutions. I think that Georgia Tech has always been a very unique institution, but I do recognize the fact that we are taking a global position ...I do understand what [President Peterson] means when he says we are coming in line with our peer institutions, which is true," Boone said.

The tuition hike comes after the implementation of furlough days for staff and faculty, the addition of an Academic Excellence Fee and staff and budget re-

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## Provost search yields two names so far

By Hanhming Lee  
Editor-in-Chief

After a search that started at the beginning of the year, the search committee for the new provost at Tech has announced two candidates. While the committee has come up with two names thus far, they have left open the possibility of more nominees being announced in the coming weeks.

The provost has several primary tasks. The position is considered the chief academic officer at the institute. Several vice provosts and all the deans of the colleges report to the provost directly. The provost also deals with the hiring and retention of faculty as well as the budgeting process.

The committee was formed in early January according to the current timeline released by the Office of the Provost. In the listing for the job, they stated that they were accepting applications for the position up to March 31. The search committee hopes to announce at least one more name in the coming weeks with the candidate coming on to campus to make a public presentation. A final decision about the position should be decided by late June.

The current provost, Dr. Gary Schuster, announced that he was stepping down in Oct. 2009. He had been at the position since Aug. 2006. He is also currently a professor in the College of Science and will return to the faculty after his replacement is found and put in place.

The search committee is made up of various members of the Tech community. While it is primarily faculty and administrators who make up the group, it does include one student: Alina Staskevicius, B.S. ISyE '10. The committee chair is Steve Salbu, the current dean of the College of Management. There are 15 other members of

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Tech releases first public draft of Strategic Plan

On May 3, Tech released the first public draft of the new Strategic Plan that is designed to help guide the Institute toward its sesquicentennial in 2035. The administration is looking for feedback from students, faculty, staff and people outside of campus about the draft through June 15. The strategic planning process has been going on for nearly a year, and the administration is hoping to release the finalized plan early in the fall.

"This draft represents the hard work and insight of thousands of individuals from the Georgia Tech community—students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, advisory groups, and friends—collected over the past nine months," said Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson.

### Tech employees suspended for suspected malfeasance

On Wednesday, May 26 Tech announced the suspension of Joy Laskar and Stephane Pintel, both employees at the Georgia Electronic Design Center. After an internal audit, the two were suspected of diverting Institute resources to the Sayana Wireless, LLC, a company which is co-owned by the two employees under investigation. Staff members Chris Evans and Amanda Scacchitti were also suspended.

## New mod. lang. degree approved



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The Swann Building is home to the School of Modern Languages, which the Board of Regents recently approved for its first independent degree program.

By Matt Hoffman  
News Editor

After over 100 years of foreign languages at Tech, the Board of Regents approved the first foreign language degree for the Institute. The new degree will be a Bachelor of Science in Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies. The degree will differ from traditional foreign language degrees and will be offered in the coming fall semester.

"Our idea, and the need, was to design a new model for how foreign languages are delivered in the U.S.," said Chair of the School of Modern Languages Phil McKnight.

The degree will be a combination of foreign language studies, cultural studies and a cluster in an interdisciplinary field. The cluster requires 15 hours of study in a concentrated field, allowing students to complete a minor within the major or a combination of courses within another major discipline. Students will also have to complete at least 12 hours abroad.

"The program is designed so that the job opportunities are much broader

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## From the files of the GTPD... Campus Crime

By Matt Hoffman  
News Editor

### Signs of theft

On May 15, an officer on patrol noticed two males walking north on Fowler Street toward Ferst Drive. The officer noticed that the two male subjects were carrying something in their arms. The officer believed the object to be a sign from an unknown place. Upon noticing the officer, the two male subjects began to run. One of the two ran toward Fourth Street, while the other made his way west on Ferst Drive toward Techwood Drive. The latter individual threw the sign to the side of the Delta Chi Fraternity house while trying to run away from the

officers.

The officer then saw a third individual approaching him. He questioned the individual, who stated that he knew the two previous subjects, and that they had informed him that they had climbed over Gate 2 at Bobby Dodd Stadium and stolen the "T" off the signage in the south end-zone that read "Georgia Tech." The two individuals were identified as students and were issued Student Code of Conduct Violations.

### Can't find the exit

On May 19, an officer was

called to Maulding residence hall on a report of damaged property. A Tech employee reported that three exit signs had been damaged on the third floor following the departure of the football team for the summer. The Tech employee stated that each exit sign cost approximately \$100 and that the estimated total cost of the damaged property would be approximately \$300.

### Hatchy break-in

On May 22, an officer responded to a call about break-in of a car at Peters Parking Deck. When the officer arrived, the victim showed him the car which had the window on the hatch broken. There was also an arm of a parking gate lying near the scene. There were no signs of forced entry into the vehicle, and the victim reported neither stolen items nor signs of intrusion.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

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13.6%

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than they would have been if it was your standard, traditional literature program.... We wanted something that really enhances a student's job profile," McKnight said.

The study abroad requirement can be met with current study abroad programs. McKnight said the program will encourage students to study abroad for an entire year, especially for students studying Japanese and Chinese.

The program will launch offering Spanish and Japanese this fall, adding other languages in the coming years.

"We chose Spanish and Japanese [to start the program]. I think Spanish will fill up fast, and I wanted an Asian language to let everybody know this not a European program; this is a broad program," McKnight said.

German, French and Chinese are the next languages to be added to the program, and the groundwork is already in place for those

languages to be folded into the major.

"We are ready to go with all five languages. All we need is for the Provost's Office to sign off [on the other three languages].... that's where some caution was exercised about the worries of having enough resources in place," McKnight said.

The department hopes that the financial climate will improve in such a way that will allow the other three languages to be added a year from now. The program has been in the works for almost four years and ready to be initiated for a year and a half, but the budget crisis postponed the launch.

Russian, Korean and Arabic are also planned to be offered through the program, but those languages need more resources to become a part of the major. McKnight said that each language needs at least three tenure-track faculty to be included in the program which none of the three languages currently have.

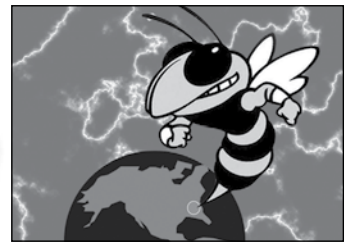
With over 5,000 students tak-

ing a modern language at Tech, according to McKnight the next logical step to enhancing the department was to add a modern language centered major.

"The message and the initiative [to create this degree] comes from the students, because students in all disciplines, whether it be engineering or internal affairs or management, have realized that they are probably going to be working in another country some point during their career, and they realize the impact if globalization," McKnight said.

McKnight hopes that the unique characteristics of this foreign language program will attract students from within the Institute and will bring students to Tech. He also believes that the program is a much needed progression for Tech.

"This degree program will help Georgia Tech significantly in its profile as an university. If you look at all the peer institutes of Georgia Tech they all have foreign language degrees," McKnight said.

**Breaking the Bubble**

**A** lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

**Space shuttle Atlantis lands for last time**

Space Shuttle *Atlantis* landed for at Kennedy Space Center for what is intended to be the last time on Wednesday, May 26. The shuttle saw nearly 25 years of service by NASA and made 32 during its time. There is still the possibility that NASA may need the shuttle to resupply the International Space Station and that the shuttle will fly again. Space Shuttles *Discovery* and *Endeavour* are still planned to each make one more flight before the entire Shuttle Program is completely retired.

**Oil still spewing into the Gulf of Mexico**

After over a month of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico, British Petroleum (BP) believes that their "Top Kill" method will stop the leak caused by an oil rig explosion on April 20 that left 11 rig workers dead. The leak is nearly a mile under the sea at the ocean floor. Millions of gallons of oil have spewed into the Gulf as a result of the leak, and many gulf coast states have faced steep decreases in tourist income from fears of the oil contaminating beaches along the coast.

The White House has been putting increased pressure on BP and has threatened government intervention if the oil company does not remedy the situation quickly. The president has also announced the formation of a bipartisan commission to study the causes of the incident and to suggest action to prevent such an action from occurring the future.

The President has received criticism from both sides of the aisle for his lack of response to the oil crisis. Democratic political strategist James Carville, a native of Louisiana, and his wife, Republican strategist Mary Matalin have both been critical of the President Obama for not being tougher, for not fixing the leak more quickly and has called for coming down on BP severely for the incident happening in the first place.

**Facebook remain under fire for privacy issues**

Facebook has announced a new privacy system that they believe will alleviate user privacy concerns that have risen from changes made to the social networking website. Many users have complained that some of the new setting have made it difficult for people to decide what personal information they want people to see. The new system breaks down options into three categories: friends, friends of friends and everybody.

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the committee.

Dr. Gary May, the current chair of the School of ECE at Tech, was the first candidate to be announced by the institute and the first to give a public presentation on campus.

May graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1985 from Tech. He then earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degree from U. of California Berkeley in computer science and electrical engineering in 1988 and 1991, respectively. His focus was in semiconductor devices and integrated circuits.

After completing his Ph.D., he returned to Tech where he has worked since, spending all his career in academia. He has held a position at this school for nearly 20 years. Before serving as ECE school chair, he acted as Execu-

tive Assistant to the President for almost three years.

Dr. Susan Hackwood was the second candidate announced and also the second to give a public presentation. She is currently the Executive Director of the California Council on Science and Technology and a professor of Electrical Engineering at the U. of California, Riverside.

She received her Ph.D. in Solid State Ionics in 1979 from DeMontfort University in the United Kingdom.

She has held various jobs in industry as well as academia. She took a job at Bell Labs right after receiving her Ph.D.

In 1984, she became a professor of ECE at U. of California, Santa Barbara. In 1990, she became the founding dean of the College of Engineering at Riverside. She began her current job in 1995.

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ductions across the Institute. The Board has not yet said if the number of furlough days will increase in the coming year.

During their May meeting, the Board also approved a \$5 increase to the Student Activity Fee that will also take effect this coming fall semester. The Mandatory Student Activity Fee Committee suggested the increase because of greater demand from student organizations for money.

"Hopefully with the five dollar increase, we can help organizations that need the money that will impact the student experience, but I hope that our representations [in SGA] have no intention of using that five dollar increase as a way to rubber stamp everything that comes before them," Boone said.

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## OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

# Intercultural genius

*New degree program complements global vision*

The new degree program in Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies is a great step forward for the Tech academic community. Tech has long held goals of becoming an international institute with a globally recognized brand, and this degree will be the ultimate recognition of that goal.

This major, which will be the first time the modern language program will stand on its own as a degree option, has managed to create a curriculum that blends the traditionally known language major with a technical focus. Students at Tech will appreciate the technology-focused language development classes as well as the cluster options for expanded course loads. This major is flexible, answering many students calls for more personal expression in their course load.

The mandatory term abroad is also a brilliant fusion of Tech's already strong work and study abroad programs with the fledgling major. The administrators of

the new degree, however, should be aware of the intense amount of training and aid that the students will need. Directly enrolling in a foreign university is a time-consuming and stressful process. Students will need help acquiring visas, navigating enrollment, transferring credits and financing their adventures abroad. While the Office of International Education can help with these issues, dozens of new students a year enrolling all over the world will also need help. The new major, as well as the institute as a whole, must step forward to make sure that this visionary program requirement is a success.

The current iteration of the degree is only offered with Spanish and Japanese, and all resources available should be applied to expanding the options to include the other languages offered in the Ivan Allen dual majors. Broader study options are one of the key benefits of this new program, and language choice should not limit this great idea.

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# Graduate resources exist to help

We read with interest the recent letter to the editor regarding conflicts that might arise during the course of graduate research. Resources do exist for advisement and conflict resolution in such circumstances. The Graduate Student Ombuds Office is available to provide graduate students with informal, confidential guidance and advice on how to handle questions, concerns and conflicts that might arise through their graduate studies at Tech.

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# Privacy on Facebook

*Daily Evergreen* — Gavin Mathis (Washington State U)

I love Facebook. I just hate people who use Facebook. The social network phenomenon is doing damage control in response to complaints about sometimes cryptic changes to the site's privacy policy that lets third parties access users' personal information.

A Facebook user complaining about a lack of privacy is like a priest joining the church and complaining about the celibacy. Of course, Facebook is selling personal information. That is how they make money. Facebook monetizes your personal information and sells it to business partners to create targeted ad campaigns.

Those who complain about privacy on Facebook show they're almost as technologically savvy as the Amish. How did you think Facebook financed your hours of stalking friends from high school? Users complaining about this alleged breach of privacy do not care about privacy. They are some of the same self-centered hypocrites who willingly divulge—and sometimes over-divulge—every waking second of their pathetic lives.

The exodus of users fleeing Facebook and the hype surrounding the changing privacy controls is out of control. Congress was able to pass the Patriot Act, which granted the government unprecedented access, with little opposition. But when a social networking site fosters the kind of interconnectivity that will define the next era of the web, users over-react more than a teenage girl at a "Twilight" movie.

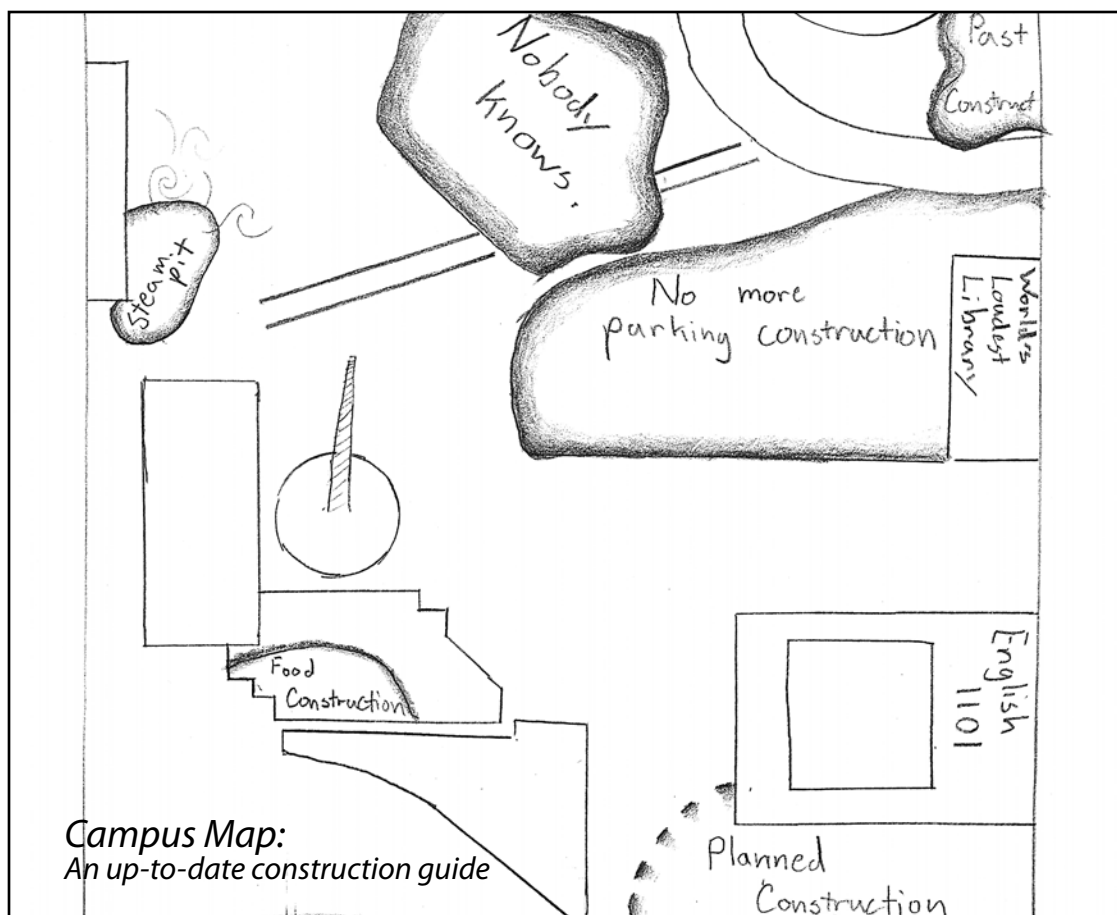
Facebook is expanding so fast they have been forced to navigate uncharted ethical waters as they try to remain profitable—a problem that has doomed so many other companies on the web. In a world built on the assumption that information has to be transferred at no cost, Facebook is challenging that paradigm, and doing it quite successfully. More online businesses, especially newspapers, should follow its lead.

Spending upward of four, five or even six hours a day on these sites, many people—whose fingertips must be bleeding—display why Facebook has become so successful: It is more addictive than crack.

A mere six years after Facebook's creation, the site is on the verge of eclipsing the 500 million user mark. If Microsoft made computers user friendly and if Google made the world's information easy to access, then Facebook and Twitter are making that wealth of information user friendly. The technology that propels social networking is redefining how people consume information and communicate in the process.

No matter what your personal settings on Facebook are, there is no privacy on Facebook. If you don't want someone to know something about you, don't post it on a website capable of disseminating that information to the entire Facebook community. Ultimately, you have total control of your online pseudo-self and how much information you choose to disclose. Facebook executives care about your status updates about as much as I do—not at all.

## EDITORIAL CARTOON BY MATT HOFFMAN





# Intelligence of *Lost* lost in series finale

I watch *Lost*. Or rather, I watched *Lost*. I was one of those fanatical people who could never miss an episode and would not be able to function if I did not watch *Lost* the night it aired. Needless to say, I was pretty excited about the finale.

I realize that people get extremely irritated when you spoil what happens in the first season of a six season show because they have not had the “time” yet to get around to watching the series, so I will preface the next column with an all-caps SPOILER ALERT. While I know some people have legitimately not seen the episode that just aired on Sunday, I find it very hard to sympathize with those who try and avoid the spoilers from years ago. It would be like trying to not know who won the presidential election until you have the “time” to catch up. Guess what? Obama won.

The finale certainly provided resolution, but only for the characters of the show and not the mythology or the plot. And let me be the first one to say that it is idiotic. Maybe I am just an antisocial type of guy, but for me, the mythology of *Lost* was always much more appealing than the characters.

The mythology behind it all drove people to watch the show differently than anything else on television. It forced people to pose questions on the meaning of a certain object or why



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**Hahnming Lee**  
Editor-in-Chief

a character is reading a particular book in one scene or what do a bunch of random numbers mean. It probably made half its viewers at one point look up a website on *Lost* theory and then spend an hour reading about Purgatory. At its core, it made its fans think and I loved the show for it. I know it sounds pretentious, but it is the same reason they make those math video games for toddlers: wrap something that does not seem interesting to a lot of people (philosophy, history) into an inherently entertaining package (television) and it will likely make both better.

But the producers and writers disagreed with me that plot was important and instead attempted to resolve everything for only the characters instead in the finale.

The characters were somewhat compelling, but I do not watch *Lost* because of the beautiful character development and actors. If I wanted that, I would follow a show

that actually advertises itself to be a character driven plot. In fact, I hated a lot of the characters, specifically Kate. What was the point of her on the show? She constantly argued and whined about any sort of authoritative action, she tried to act independent but had no identity without another male in her life and she had by far the worst back story. A criminal with a heart of gold who doesn't know how to live a real life? Definitely overdone.

That does not mean I ever wanted the show to have a neat conclusion which would resolve everything at once. It would betray the fundamental character of *Lost* if it was to pose all the questions and then give all the answers at the very end. Instead, I was just hoping that *Lost* would continue to be *Lost*-like. Give some answers while posing more questions and make the viewer think. The finale did none of those things. It gave the characters a happy ending and that was it.

I read that they keep a con-

tinuity guy, who keeps track of every little detail and makes sure that they do not screw up anything. For example, if a character was punched or kicked a couple of episodes back, this guy needed to make sure that the wound would appear in later scenes. When I read this, I thought the idea was ingenious; it minimizes the size of the section of inconsistencies page on the *Lost* Wikipedia, but now that the show has ended, I am just mad. They had this guy who probably had a file of all these loose ends that had to be tied up and they did not resolve the majority of them?

They left the show with a conclusion, but only for its primary characters. But another one of its main characters, the island, was completely ignored. We are left to believe that maybe there is this magical island out there with all this crazy stuff happening and that there is not really a meaning to any of it. No meaning behind it, no theory unifying the show, it was just a figment of some producers' imaginations. It was a device to have a bunch of romances that are probably better done on other shows. Great.

I almost wish that it had all been Jack's dream. There is something you can at least take from that. Instead I am feeling empty. Now it feels like kind of a waste of six years.

# ACC tourney brings bittersweet reminder

Once upon a time, the ACC brass decided to hold its 2009 baseball tournament in Boston's Fenway Park.

It was a brilliant idea in theory. Setting the annual tournament at one of baseball's premier ballparks, even if it were only for one year, would make for a tremendous experience for the players involved and would draw plenty of fans.

The idea hit a hitch, though, when the Fenway Sports Group realized it had accidentally scheduled a Red Sox home series at the same time. No matter, though—the ACC simply moved back the Fenway date to 2010.

Naturally, that didn't work out either. About twelve months ago, the league made the decision to cancel, or at least indefinitely postpone (again), the idea of Fenway as a home site. And so, rather than having the ACC's top eight teams face off on a major league field, the 2010 ACC Tournament is taking place at NewBridge Bank Park in Greensboro, N.C.

In fairness to the city of Greensboro, the new host site is a top-notch minor league facility. As the home field of the Florida Marlins' Class A affiliate, the Greensboro Grasshoppers, it offers seating for roughly 7,500 spectators and has recently been ranked highly among minor league baseball stadiums.

It is not, however, Fenway



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**Nishant Prasad**  
Online Sports Editor

Park. It's unfortunate that the baseball tournament was a victim of cost-cutting measures.

First off, the biggest beneficiaries would have been the players of the eight teams to qualify for the tournament. The unfortunate truth is that many of them will not play professional baseball, much less reach the major leagues, and for these student-athletes to take the field at one of Major League Baseball's most historic sites would have been a rare and great experience.

It also would have been a great setup for Tech's lefty-heavy lineup. Several of Tech's left-handed sluggers are good at hitting to the opposite field, but the fact remains that Derek Dietrich, Tony Plagman, Matt Skole and the rest would have had the chance to target the Pesky Pole in right field, just 302 feet away from home plate.

Add in that they'd be using aluminum bats, and Tech could have put up some big numbers.

That same logic could apply to just about any power hitter from any team, though. Right-handed hitters would get to take aim at the Green Monster in left, tall but just 315 feet away from the plate at its farthest point.

From a fan perspective, this would have been the perfect reason to set a tournament at the edge of ACC territory. Whereas drawing fans to Tampa has proved difficult for football, the fairly new Raymond James Stadium is not a shrine to professional football the way Fenway Park is to professional baseball. With a tournament hosted at Fenway, it's likely the ACC would draw in a large fan contingent even in its northernmost city.

Would attendance be high enough to fill the 39,000-plus seats in the ballpark? No, but it's a safe bet that more fans would be compelled to make the trip than if it were held at some other, smaller site. Between the excuse to take a trip to Boston and the chance to visit a prominent MLB sta-

dium for (probably) far less than a ticket to a Red Sox game would cost, the tournament should draw a fairly large number of spectators, more than it would if held at a number of more centralized sites. Aside from individual schools' fans that make the trip, there would be decent attendance from Boston residents.

The ACC's cited reason for the change was to limit travel costs, which have also played a key reason in the conference's decision to centralize as much as possible.

It's a legitimate argument; certainly, moving the football title game from Jacksonville/Tampa to Washington, D.C. and then to the geographic heart of the conference in North Carolina can only benefit Tech and the nine other ACC teams north of the state of Florida.

Still, the situation is somewhat different for baseball. Temperature will (in theory) not be a factor, and the opportunity to increase the profile of the tournament and draw in new fans should be worth the risk and additional cost of holding the tournament at Fenway—but that cannot happen until 2014 at the earliest.

For the moment, at least one former *Technique* sports editor who has long wanted to visit the stadium will attend class this week severely disappointed that he is not sitting in the Fenway Park press box.

## BUZZ

### Around Campus

#### What are you doing for Memorial Day?



**Jordan Massey**  
Third-year CE

“Going hiking, devotional at church.”



**Ben Xia**  
Second-year BME

“Play racquetball.”



**Sahithya Dinkar**  
Second-year CompE

“Sleeping, chilling and shopping”



**Bradston Henry**  
Fourth-year ME

“Visit my parents, raise money for some kids.”

## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT<sup>-or-</sup>NOT**Rough Draft**

The first public draft of the Strategic Plan for the Institute was released, giving students the chance to see just what they have been working towards with all that survey information. The plan, which includes all those rumors of law studies, health and medical field expansion, increased global learning opportunities and partnered research, sets high goals in its bullet-points.

**Nickled and Dimed**

After months of evasion, desperate promises and pleas for funds, the Board of Regents announced a \$500 increase in tuition and a five-dollar increase to the Student Activity Fee for all Tech students. While it is great that the increase was smaller than those initially threatened, and most scholarships will cover the tuition, the trend of education-in-distress must end.

**Championship Bound**

The mens golf team advanced to the NCAA Championship after placing third in the NCAA Southeast Regional, earning their No. 24 finals attendance in 25 years. Tech has been seeded No. 14 in the tournament and will compete against ACC rivals Florida State, Clemson and Duke after earning the title of ACC champion, as well as in-state rival Georgia Southern.

**Suspending Sayana**

Four Tech employees have been suspended after Georgia Bureau of Investigation officers served warrants for more than ten computers, two homes and three cars in order to investigate claims they were misusing funds. The missing money may have been diverted into the private company, Sayana Wireless, of two of the employees, a humiliating charge during this budget crunch.

# Great oil, great responsibility, great opportunity to regulate

It's been well over a month since the BP-owned Deepwater Horizon, suffered a catastrophic explosion 40 miles off the Louisiana coast. The resulting oil spill has now caused one of the largest environmental disasters since the Exxon Valdez in 1989, and is estimated to surpass the severity of that disaster.

Since the beginning, BP has tried an array of techniques from clamping the leaky line shut, throwing a large box over the leak and doing a procedure cleverly named the "junk shot". Everyday that passes, though, an additional 210,000 gallons spill into the gulf, with BP now taking stabs in the dark to solve the problem.

President Obama has assured the public that BP will pay for the disaster and the associated cleanup. Obama has also given BP notice to complete a viable solution soon, and sources close to him state he's furious over the lack of results and may intervene soon.

Of course, this is all a delicate balancing act for the President. Too much government intervention will lead to cries of "socialism" from the right and too little will lead to criticism from the left.

One fact remains, though; Big Oil calls the shots and is not held accountable to anyone except shareholders. Reports have surfaced of inspectors who let oil company employees fill out inspection reports or let oil companies draft rules and regulations. As the saying goes, this is letting the fox guard the henhouse.

At this point, President Obama should use all tools necessary to stop the bleeding. Tourism and industry in the gulf are already crippled, and the environmental



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**Hahnming Lee**

Editor-in-Chief

impacts may not be known for years to come. To quote recent radio ads, "Western Florida is now cheaper than ever." As legitimate and paranoid concerns about oil contamination spread throughout the southeast, the valve of tourism that funds the entire region is shutting off.

Equally tragic, and little discussed, is the direct loss of human life that this deadly explosion left in its wake. 11 men were killed in the explosion, burned and drowned in a workplace accident in this little-regulated field.

In order to eliminate the risk of horrific explosions like this one, harsh action must be taken. The EPA should be given more authority to regulate drilling off shore. Also, companies should have proven methods and protocols in place to prevent these disasters, no matter how deep or how complicated the well is.

This, of course, is a utopian idea, and probably won't come close to fruition. There will be some political grandstanding on both sides and in five years, the general public will have forgotten about and be fixated on the next quick-hit story.

The one positive of this incident is it has opened a much-needed dialogue on the issue of oil and what its future, at least in this country,

will be. Should we be looking for more viable fuel options, as oil will only continue to be a dying resource? Yes. Should we quit oil cold turkey? I do not think that's logical option, either. However, a serious discussion must be waged over our energy future.

But this solution will not come in the coming months or even years. It may take decades, but this country has to wake up. Unfortunately, instead of this discussion being logical, it has become political. If you drive an alternative fueled car or favor more renewable energy resource, you are labeled as a tree hugger and a host of other names, many less PC than a moniker for nature lover. The narrative has now become "To be a True American, you've got to drive a car that gets 11 mpg and support 'Drill, Baby, Drill.'"

At this juncture moving away from domestic oil is not feasible. But for politicians to respond that the only way to deal with this deadly, costly and un-ending crisis caused by deep-water drilling is to drill more, in deeper water, is insulting. It is insulting to the 11 rig operators that lost their lives, to the thousands of American citizens who will lose their livelihoods to the spill and to the billions of unknown environmental factors that will be impacted.

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DEATH-namics :(  
I love you blond desk girl at INTA building.  
please stop trying so hard.  
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can we be in love until i graduate?  
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## Students share mixed feelings about tuition hike

**By Andrew Nelson**  
Staff Writer

With a \$227 million decrease in the University System of Georgia's (USG) budget, Tech students will see a \$500 per semester increase in tuition starting with the Fall 2010 semester.

The tuition increase will offset \$80 million, and reductions in USG's 35 colleges and universities' operating budgets will offset the remaining \$147 million.

"I agree with the tuition increase because it is necessary to maintain the quality of education, which helps ensure grants and research funding will continue to come in," said Keller Smith, a third-year CHBE major.

Tech is a top ten public university and a strong research institution with access to opportunities not available to other institutions, yet tuition is still relatively low compared to its peers. After the \$1000 increase, tuition at Tech will still be either at or below tuition rates of its peer institutions.

"I also fault the Georgia State Legislature for cutting funding for education for the same reasons stated above. The increase for the Student Government Association (SGA) is a small price for the continuing support of student organizations," Smith said.

Earlier this year, SGA passed a five dollar increase in the student activity fee with the Board of Regents' approval, allowing student organizations to function normally without a budget hit.

"We do not take the impact of these decisions lightly. However, we still believe the value of a Georgia Tech education far outweighs the cost of attendance. Our Institute consistently produces some of the world's highest-paid and most successful gradu-

ates. Without your support and hard work, Georgia Tech would not be the school it is today," said a campuswide e-mail sent by SGA on May 25.

Budget reductions from the last fall and spring semesters saw furloughs, USG employee health care changes and the institutional mandatory fee increase. That reduction was \$176 million compared to the new \$227 million reduction, leading the Board of Regents to look for more effective reduction solutions for the growing problem.

"I'm not even willing to pay a penny more for tuition, and this is not the right time for an increase. I understand the difficulty, but it is part of [the job of the State Legislature and the Board of Regents] to manage things like this," said Sho Kitamura, a second-year CE major and New York native.

"I see the same going on in New York, but the legislature is managing the educational stability. Recently, they even awarded more financial support to in-state students, so I see no reason why Georgia cannot maintain the same educational affordability. I don't want education to be a luxury," Kitamura said.

The Helping Outstanding People Educationally (HOPE) scholarship will cover the \$500 tuition increase, putting a more obvious strain on out-of-state students who will now annually pay \$18,000 more than in-state students in tuition. The Board of Regents stressed that the students who are under the Guaranteed Tuition Plan (also referred to as "fixed-for-four") will continue to be covered, and the Board has called on research institutions like Tech to provide more need-based financial aid for students on Pell Grants.

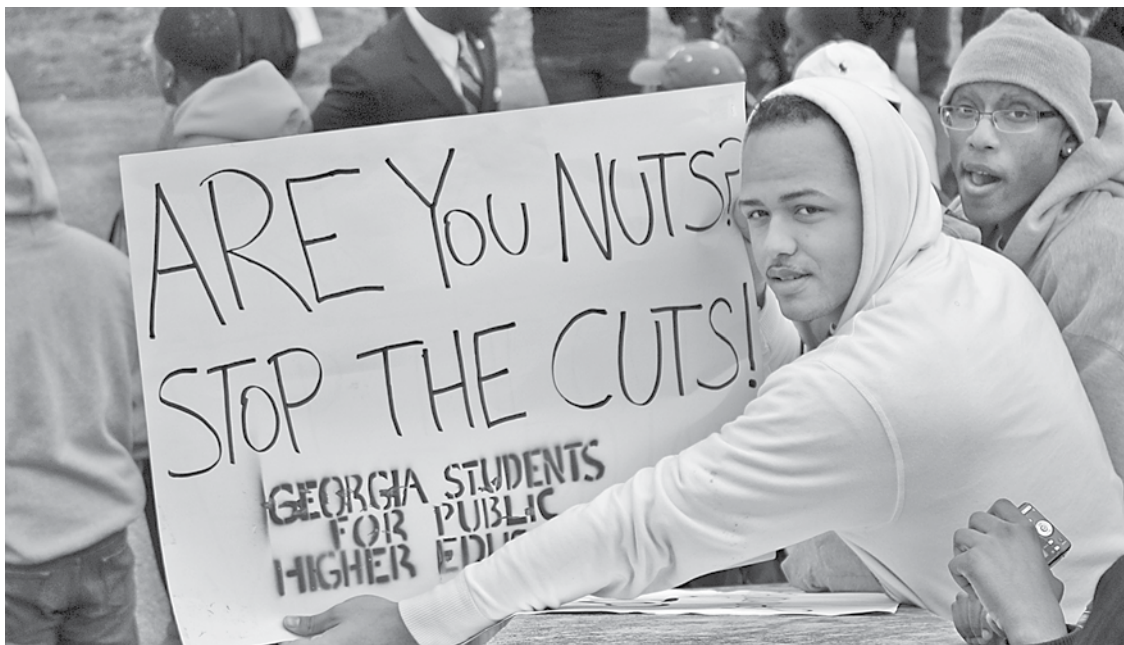


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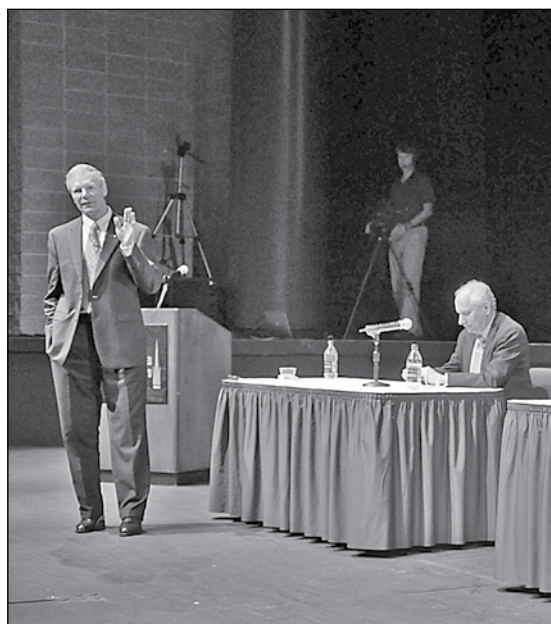


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**Top and bottom right: Students from across Georgia protest recent budget cuts at the State Capitol. Bottom left: Months earlier, Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and the budget committee host a town hall meeting to discuss the looming budget cuts Tech would face with the shaky economy.**

## National engineering education society honors Tech director

**By Kamna Bohra**  
Focus Editor

The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) announced the chair of its Professional Interest Council to be Tech's Patricia Bazrod. Bazrod currently serves as the Director of the Division of Professional Practice (DoPP) Internship and Graduate Co-op programs at Tech.

The ASEE enhances professional opportunities for students

and faculty in engineering institutions. The society is a network of deans and faculty members of over 400 engineering colleges, along with representatives of the government and over 50 corporations. As an ASEE chair, Bazrod will facilitate interaction among engineering educators and industries to represent their interests on the ASEE board.

With over 20 years of experience in cooperative education, Bazrod has served for the Cooperative Education Division

(CED) of the ASEE since 1984, working in multiple leadership positions, including the organization's Archivist. In addition to the ASEE, Bazrod has also held membership in the Cooperative Education and Internship Association, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the World Association for Cooperative Education (WACE) and the Accreditation Council for Cooperative Education.

At Tech, Bazrod directs the nation's largest graduate coopera-

tive education program, with an around 800 graduate students in the program. For her work in cooperative education, Bazrod received the CED Borman Award for outstanding service.

"To have the opportunity on a daily basis...to witness the realizations students have about themselves, their strengths and weaknesses and their growth – both personally and professionally – is rewarding to say the least. I have the ultimate dream job," Bazrod said in her online DoPP profile.



Image courtesy of Georgia Tech Communications and Marketing

## Recent survey zeros in on students' problems with Zimbra suite

**By Julia Turner**  
Contributing Writer

It seems as though the average student does not usually use the MyGaTech service except as a email alias, which redirects any mail that goes to the Zimbra account to an alternate Yahoo! or Gmail account.

The majority of Tech students have not even seen the face of MyGaTech since getting here. What

else can they do with MyGaTech besides email?

Personal investigation revealed that the email service on MyGaTech (the advanced version) is comparable to many others with a calendar, tasks and some other types of applications called Zimlets, which have a wide variety of functions including scheduling events in your calendar and looking up information on Wikipedia.

MyGaTech launched in Jan. 2008, so after two years in use, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) "felt it was time to learn more about how the campus uses the service, how satisfied they are with those features and to identify which new features are needed" said Kim White, an OIT project director in an email interview.

At the end of the previous semester, OIT created a survey to figure out just what students were

doing with their MyGaTech accounts. The survey assessed the utilization and user satisfaction with the MyGaTech service. The questions for the survey were simple and quick to answer, aimed at gathering information such as who was using Zimbra, how often he or she used it and how satisfied he or she was with what was offered.

According to a Tech news release, MyGaTech boasts a 90

percent utilization rate among students and a 70 percent rate with faculty; however, of the approximately 18,000 student users and about 600 faculty users at Tech, currently only about 2,550 have responded to the survey. The response from those who have filled out the survey has been mostly positive, though, with 80 percent saying they are somewhat



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to very satisfied with the service.

These results have also revealed that many users are unaware of all that MyGaTech can offer. While most users are aware of MyGaTech email capabilities, the service provides other useful applications.

"We learned many of the respondents requested features that are currently offered by the existing service," White said.

Additionally, students note an inherent difficulty in many components of MyGaTech, but experience helps.

Students like Kelley Zinger, a third-year BC major, said that while it takes some work to get used to, MyGaTech is really useful.

For former *Erato* editor and

fourth-year STAC major Amaris Guterrez-Ray, monitoring the *Erato* mailing list would have been much more trouble without prior experience monitoring the STAC mailing list.

Some students note a difficulty in separating personal, academic and work-related e-mails, especially for co-op student and third-year MGT major Rachel Wernert, who said that MyGaTech is very hard to use because the work and class e-mail gets mixed up since they are sent to the same account.

Those who responded to the survey are interested in learning more about MyGaTech.

"Students would like to have more information published on using Zimlets, using Activesync with your Windows Mobile device or iPhone to access your

email, calendar and contacts and Search functionality & capabilities," White said in commenting on the results of the survey.

As shown by personal student responses solely about e-mail, one of the most important pieces of information the survey has indicated is that OIT needs to get more information out to students about what MyGaTech has.

"OIT needs to modify our training and communications plans to improve campus awareness about these features," White said.

In fact, they are making such plans to alter their service and approach to advertising that service based on the responses they received. The new release date for the updated service is projected for next Fall.

"Our upgrade plan will incorporate many of the features prioritized by the student respondents. Those features include (1) Zimbra briefcase [and] (2) running filters over existing email, along with Zimbra documents, improved Calendar views and managed shared items," White said.

The survey results thusfar indicate that the most desired components to be established on MyGaTech include Zimbra Documents, Zimbra Briefcase, colored e-mails, mailing filters, integration with T-Square and return read receipts.

They are also developing specific plans for communicating current features as well as the new additions to students and faculty.

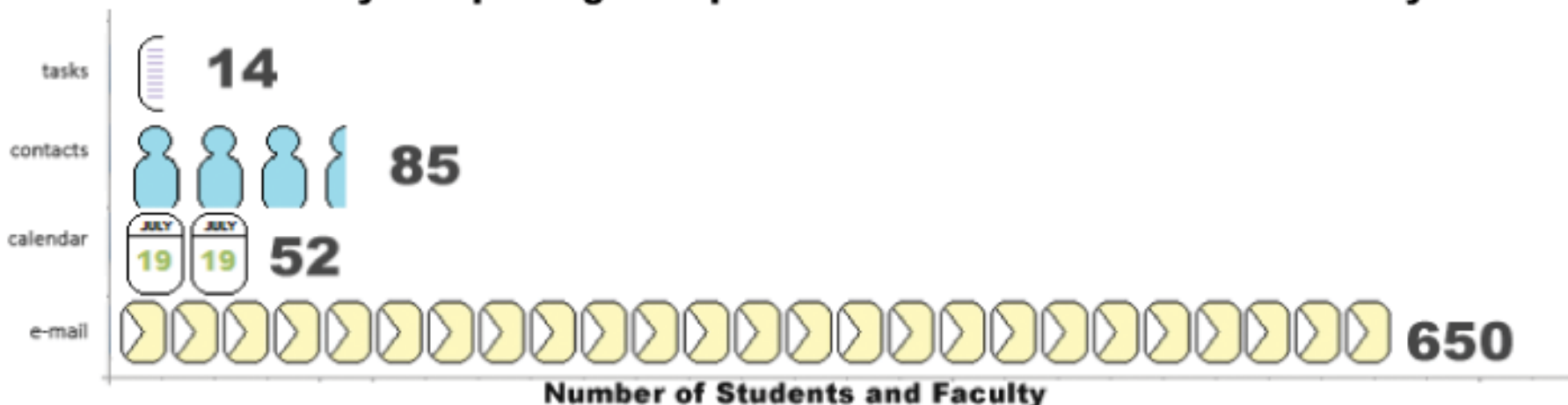
In a recent upgrade of Zimbra, Tech has allowed and planned for

leverage of multiple e-mail accounts and aliases, a single sign-on service for applications such as T-Square and Buzzport, an RSS feed subscription and a shareable online calendar, according to a townhall meeting held by OIT Service Lead Pam Buffington on May 17.

OIT identified performance issues, especially delays in creating meetings, typing, viewing, sending and logging into MyGaTech.

"OIT is committed to continuous improvement and delivering a stable, robust and reliable service to meet Georgia Tech's needs by the continuous improvement and providing a strong platform and base for future innovation and collaboration," White said as an overall purpose of the survey that closes on May 31.

### Number of surveyed reporting multiple uses of Zimbra functions on a daily basis



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I was sitting on a bench with my girlfriend when these random guys come out of the bushes and throw carrots at us! What is wrong with this school?

You guys really should move the sliver box higher, I keep Google Searching instead of slivering

Earth day... no lights?? Why don't you call it Muggers night out! the SliverPro Theorem of Sliverability:

(Sliverability) = (randomness).\*(hilariousity).^(vented frustrations).\*sin(campus events/avg. student workload)

The pdf version has been broken for a while now

And where are the archives?

I'm taking advantage of the bad sliver economy: Publish me!

I wear chacos. Keep an eye out for me.

to the beautiful busty blonde walking out of physics II - am I hallucinating?

irony: handing out disposable plastic cups for earth day

earth day is more about green money than green earth

the only thing green about earth day is the money made exploiting it

Cop on a segway, HOW DID YOU GET ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE STUDENT CENTER AT MIDNIGHT????

(He was watching basketball)

two bits is back!

where's the whistle?

Irony: the strong meat guys' motto verse speaks of the need to give infants milk; not ram meat down their throats.

Also, their terrible theology and grammar both pain me. If you think animal sacrifices took away sin, go read Hebrews 10.

what's up the the ispt blg? does anyone speak english in there?

too many boys here. where are the lesbians? (the non butch kind please)

Awww, two bits, such a downer! Hope things look up soon, welcome back!

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# IRON MAN 2

*Sequel thrills  
comic film fans  
with action,  
humor*

**By Chris Ernst**  
*Staff Writer*

*Iron Man 2*, the sequel to the 2008 blockbuster, *Iron Man*, had the seventh-highest opening day ever and with good reason. Among so many movies based on comic books, the *Iron Man* franchise is a breath of fresh air. It combines action, comedy and charisma in a way that pleases fans and raises the bar for other summer blockbusters.

*Iron Man 2* starts almost immediately after Tony Stark announced he was in fact Iron Man at the end of *Iron Man*. There is nothing in the sequel that cannot be inferred, so watching the original recently or even at all is not all together necessary. Throughout the film, Tony Stark and Pepper Potts try to handle the situation and the company now that the cat is out of the bag. The two constantly butt heads and war with words to get the other to see just how ridiculous they are being.

The cast is really quite fantastic. Robert Downey Jr. brings so much to Tony Stark, making him someone the audience can actually sympathize with. Gwyneth Paltrow also breathes life into the typical "over-stressed assistant," as Pepper Potts. She is the voice of reason, saying the things the audience wants to scream at Stark. Sam Rockwell as Justin Hammer is so easy to dislike and feel sorry for at the same time. It is a pleasure to hate him. Watch out for his dance moves and spray-tan-hands, both of which are sources of several laughs.

The cast is really alive and is one of the main reasons *Iron Man 2* is so enjoyable. No actor gives the impression of just doing it for the money (but if they are, then they are great actors) but rather for the greater good of the story. Each actor fits into the plot perfectly, neither feeling like the sole focus of the movie nor ignored.

What is definitely not ignored is the action; there is plenty of action and excitement and all of it is presented well. There is never confusion over what the audience is watching.

Thinking back to *The Bourne Supremacy*, which also had a lot of action (but made it very difficult to focus and understand what was going on) or *Transformers II*, which presented many vague, shiny figures, *Iron Man 2* has clear, easily understood and exciting action. It is very pure and matter-of-fact with the way several scenes are presented. There is no fancy camera work or mind-bending angles. It is just the good guys versus the bad guys.

*Iron Man 2* is a great movie, but it does not quite live up to its predecessor. It was almost hurt by the success of *Iron Man*, which had the advantage of having no expectations attached to it. *Iron Man 2* only falls short when compared to its predecessor, which was slightly more funny and original. However, this comes with the territory of introducing a new superhero. Once the honeymoon is over, it will not be quite as good as when it was new.

*Iron Man 2* is a fantastic blockbuster, especially when compared to many other similar comic book summer movies. It is exciting, funny and wholly entertaining. Extant fans and newbies alike can enjoy the film.

# HTC Droid Incredible blends function, fun

## TECH REVIEW

## Droid Incredible

**MANUFACTURER:** HTC

**SERVICE PROVIDER:** Verizon Wireless

**DIMENSIONS:** 4.6 x 2.3 x 0.5

## OUR TAKE:

**By Andrew Akker**  
*Contributing Writer*

Six months after Verizon released a new line of smartphones headlined by the HTC Droid Eris and the Motorola Droid, there is a new addition to the Droid family: the HTC Droid Incredible. The previous two Droid models have brought success to the Android market, allowing those on Verizon to experience the evolving world of the Android mobile operating system. The Droid Incredible

has built upon this foundation and is the best Android phone to date.

There are two hardware components that set this phone apart from most other Android devices on the market. The first is the processor. Like the Nexus One by Google, the Droid Incredible has a one gigahertz Qualcomm Snapdragon processor, which is much faster than the ones found in other smartphones on the market. This means that the phone is faster than the Droid and much faster than older generation Android phones like the T-Mobile G1 and Sprint Hero.

The second is the camera. The Droid Incredible has an eight megapixel camera with dual LED flash. It takes very stunning and bright photos.

Other hardware improvements the Incredible has over other phones include having 512MB RAM, double the amount of the Motorola Droid. The screen is a 3.7 in. AMOLED capacitive touch screen that includes multi-touch gestures like pinch-zoom. There is a MicroUSB port on the side along with volume rocker, as well as a 3.5mm head-

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# LOST finale leaves questions unanswered

## TELEVISION

### ***LOST: the final season***

**NETWORK:** ABC

**RUN TIME:** Feb. 10 - May 23, 2010

## OUR TAKE:

**By Yameen Huq**  
*Contributing Writer*

After six years of having their brains scrambled and contorted by misdirection and numerous twists and surprises, viewers finally witnessed the end of the ABC television series, *Lost*. A show known through the years for its chaotic storyline, multiple timelines and alternate universes, its finale was hoped by many to provide long-awaited answers to some of the show's biggest questions.

Alas, a show that raises so many questions and twists can only expect to do so much in its 150-minute conclusion. While providing the emotional closure that will leave long-time view-

ers satisfied, the show failed to provide the casual viewer or the twist-seeker with any meaningful resolution.

For the uninitiated, here's a quick synopsis of the show's past six seasons. *Lost* begins with survivors of a crashed commercial flight waking up in a seemingly uncharted island. Early episodes of the first season carried the tone of a standard survival series with characters handling their day-to-day lives and surviving while attempting to understand and coexist with one another.

Then, in a plot twist, the island is revealed to have its own pre-existing inhabitants, people who were a part of some previous colony. In addition, an unknown force known only as the "Smoke Monster" seemingly murders many existing characters. The first few seasons served to lay the framework of this seemingly inspired and unusual show, which not only concluded what was mentioned above, but also conspiracy theories, alleged "magic," underground laboratories and polar

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Image courtesy of Gear Live

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phone jack along the top.

Looking at the exterior design of the phone, there are a few things worth mentioning. Born from what HTC calls a "race car inspired design," the first thing anyone notices is the contoured layering on the back. HTC also decided to add some red accents (following the race car inspiration), such as around the camera on the back and on the earpiece on the front.

When the battery casing is open, the inside has a bright red interior. It does not add any function or usability to the phone, but it adds a level of flare and looks cool. Although a MicroSD card is not included, the phone does include an 8GB onboard storage location for things like music and pictures, and a MicroSD card up to 32GB can be added for a total space of up to 40GB. This makes the phone perfect for those who also want to use the phone as an MP3 player.

The software on the phone is also a big part of the Droid Incredible experience. It runs the latest widespread release of Android,

2.1 (Android 2.2 having just been announced at Google I/O). However, it does not run a completely plain look of the operating system like the Motorola Droid.

HTC Sense includes many useful features, the most important one being useful widgets that integrate well into the text messaging, stocks and music applications.

However great the Droid Incredible is as a device, there are a few shortcomings. The major thing is battery life. Typical use, normal internet browsing every so often, a few texts and emails here and there and music for about two to three hours in the day, will power the phone for most of the day.

The Droid Incredible is a perfect mix of enterprise features for power users and social features for casual users. It is great for those who are looking to transition to a smartphone but still want the easy-to-use functionality of most other phones. If anyone in the market is looking for an upgrade on Verizon, look no further than the HTC Droid Incredible, which is \$199 on a new two-year contract or upgrade.

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bears.

As the seasons deepened, so did the narrative. The story had always been sprinkled with flashbacks. These bits of insight served to heighten the viewer's relationship with characters and provide a greater sense of depth to actions in the story. However, the third season finale turned this concept on its head when it was revealed that the episode's flashbacks were actually flashforwards. This narrative choice, while certainly creative, added an extra layer of confusion and intrigue.

To further add to that, this final season included flashsideways, another innovative storytelling technique that displayed a world seemingly like the original, but with the characters never becoming stranded on the island. This alternative timeline actually becomes the crux of the finale, taking precedence over the actual action.

Now, the finale itself starts off well enough. The characters are forced to fight the major antagonist, the "Smoke Monster," who has now taken on the appearance of the deceased character John Locke.

For a show with one of the highest budgets, the room where much of the action takes place is rather ridiculous. A cross between a family pool and one of Nickelodeon's old kid's game shows, the main protagonists look terribly goofy frolicking around in the pool as they attempt move around giant rocks and shut off the island's power. At times, this seems almost reminiscent of something out of a video game.

After shutting off the island's power, it is revealed in a minor twist that the Monster has lost his immortality, rendering it possible for Jack, the hero, to kill him. The fight scene was relatively short and surprising because the finale was



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only half way over.

It all went downhill from here. After more frolicking in the island play pool, Jack shuts off the system and saves everyone at the cost of his own life.

The viewers are now left to speculate as to exactly what the island was, what the island hieroglyphics mean, why pregnant women die on the island, who the smoke monster is, etc. The unanswered questions are seemingly endless and leave the viewer coming out of the show feeling the same way he did coming into it.

As for the flashsideways, it turns out it is not an alternative universe at all, but a quasi-Purgatory, somehow created by the characters in order to meet after they're all long deceased. In fact, the final episode's flashsideways narrative seemingly consists of heartwarming moments of all the characters gathering together in happy reunion. Why the writers chose to include random plot points with characters that ap-

peared only in the Purgatory and, thus were never real, is a mystery as unanswered as every other mystery in the story.

Ending the story in a terribly politically correct conception of heaven that featured symbols from all major religions ultimately seemed like a feel-good copout that skirted having to answer questions raised during the last six years of the show.

With its random bursts of action and intrigue throughout a fuzzy and feel-good narrative, the Lost finale proves itself to be what most long-running mystery shows tend to be all along: a giant pyramid scheme. By attempting to latch onto its viewers by answering a previous season's questions with more questions, the show backs itself into a corner where it ultimately cannot provide a reasonable resolution.

Lost ends with this feel-good ending as if to say, "Yes, we never had a plan for what we did, but at least the ending is happy."

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dude: what am I doing in the library east commons at 5 pm on a saturday?

Ivi likes men.

49ers, NFC West Champions 2010-2011

Eagles, last place

Raiders, Super Bowl Champs

Can the Ravens get any worse?

LLUULLZZ at your mom

49ers > Bills > Ravens

Is there a guinness world record for slivers?

Guinness is soooooo good!

Is it sad that I looked up the patent for the widget that releases nitrogen in the guinness bottle?

Sliver what?!

For real college sweetheart. I need my room cleaned.

Wallace for president. Oh wait! Elections are over :(

Ah! Push it!

This is for all my out-of-states in the struggle!

It hailed on Saturday. Georgia weather are you kidding me?!?

I'm tired. Can't we just be deatheaters.

she's so cute!!!!

meet me in outer space...we could spend the night, watch the Earth come up

Dr. J says "Don't eat at Woodies"

Yay Corey Boone!

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# THEME CROSSWORD: THE SIZE OF IT

By Robert Zimmerman  
United Features Syndicate

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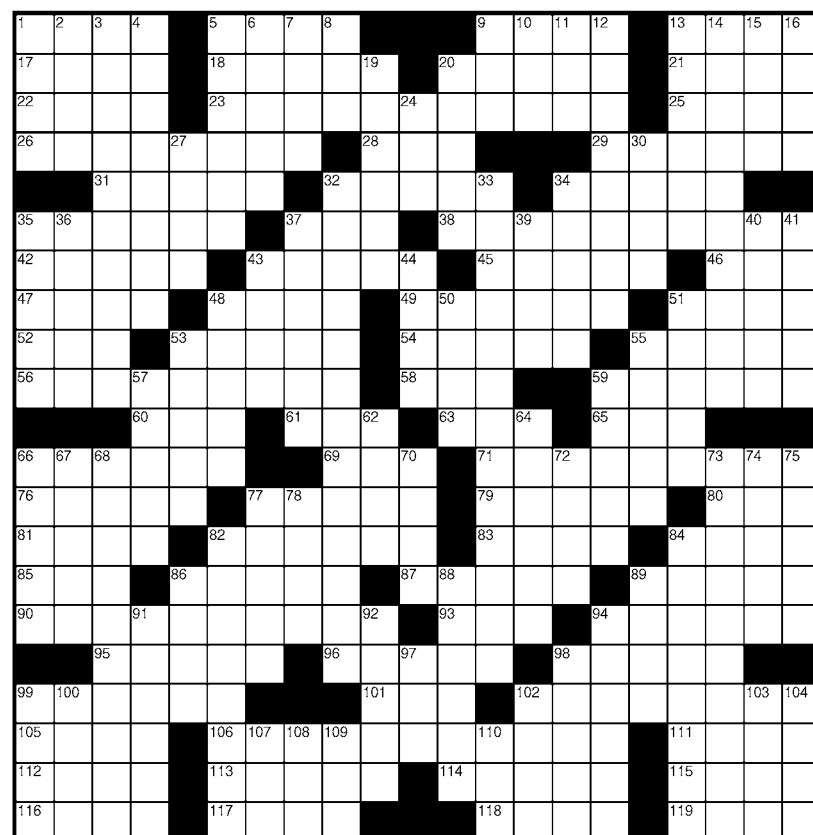
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86. Sauce rich in basil
87. Poplar
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90. Avant-garde artists
93. Cut
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95. List of candidates
96. Backpacker
98. Old Greek city-state
99. Last syllable
101. Thicken
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105. Mackinaw
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Panel 1: Man: "I TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT WHERE OUR FUNDING COMES FROM." Woman: "TAXPAYERS, CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS, INDUSTRY..."

Panel 2: Man: "IN ACADEMIA, IT ALL GETS CHOPPED UP AND GROUND UP AND IN THE END, OUT COMES RESEARCH." Woman: "LIKE A SAUSAGE." Man: "A RESEARCH SAUSAGE, YES."

Panel 3: Man: "ARE TAXPAYERS GETTING THEIR MONEY'S WORTH WITH OUR RESEARCH?" Woman: "THAT'S A DANGEROUS QUESTION TO ASK. IT'S CALLED RESEARCH FOR A REASON."

Panel 4: Man: "WE'RE AT THE CUTTING EDGE! WE CAN'T GUARANTEE RESULTS!" Woman: "I DON'T HAVE TO GUARANTEE RESULTS? ONLY TO ME."

Panel 5: Man: "TECHNICALLY, WE'RE NOT PAID TO DO RESEARCH. WE'RE GIVEN GRANTS." Woman: "THERE'S A DIFFERENCE? OF COURSE!"

Panel 6: Man: "IF YOU'RE 'PAID', IT MEANS YOU WORK FOR SOMEONE. A GRANT IS A GIFT. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT BACK." Woman: "WHAT IF YOU'RE PAID VERY LITTLE? I'LL GRANT YOU THAT."

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NON SEQUITUR BY WILEY

Comic strip by Wiley. Characters: A man and a woman.

Panel 1: Man: "WHATCHA DOIN', DANAE?" Woman: "SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH." Man: "REALLY? ON WHAT?" Woman: "WHERE THE SUN SETS." Man: "UM...WHY?"

Panel 2: Man: "'CUZ THERE'S BIG BUCKS IN RESEARCHING STUFF WE ALREADY KNOW...THE TRICK IS MILKING IT AS LONG AS YOU CAN." Woman: "OH...WAO'S FUNDING IT?"

Panel 3: Woman: "UMM... I WAS COUNTING ON A BIDDING WAR." Man: "FIRST PRINCIPLE OF SCIENCE, DANAE... GET THE FUNDING SECURED BEFORE YOU CONDUCT THE RESEARCH."

Panel 4: Man: "IS YOUR TIME MACHINE WORKING, JEFFREY?" Woman: "YES, IT IS." Man: "GREAT! I WANNA GO ON A TRIP." Woman: "OK..."

Panel 5: Man: "WHEN DO YOU WANT TO GO?" Woman: "RIGHT NOW!" Man: "BUT YOU'RE ALREADY THERE WHERE?" Woman: "NOT WHERE...WHEN. RIGHT NOW IS NOW."

Panel 6: Woman: "THIS IS WHY I HATE TALKING TO GEEKY SCIENCE BOYS!!" Man: "SOMETIMES IT'S JUST TOO EASY..."

Panel 7: Man: "OK...SO JUST WHEN IN HISTORY DID YOU WANT TO GO, DANAE?" Woman: "I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE, JEFFREY..."

Panel 8: Man: "...BUT I WANT TO GO BACK AND SEE WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE WHEN PEOPLE WEREN'T SO STUPID AND ANNOYING!"

Panel 9: Man: "AND THAT TIME WOULD BE...?" Woman: "I DON'T KNOW... CAN'T THIS THING DO A TIME TRAVEL GOOGLE SEARCH?"

Panel 10: Man: "ONLY FOR REALITY."

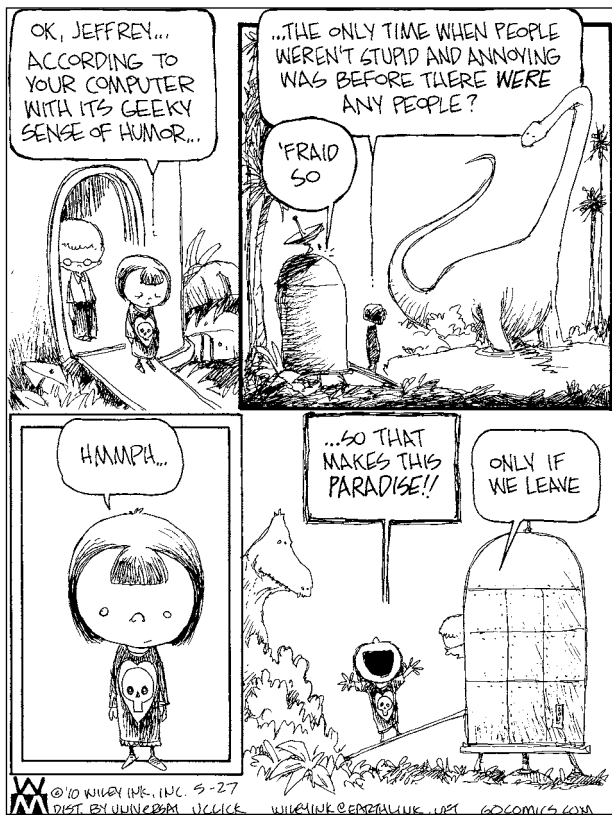
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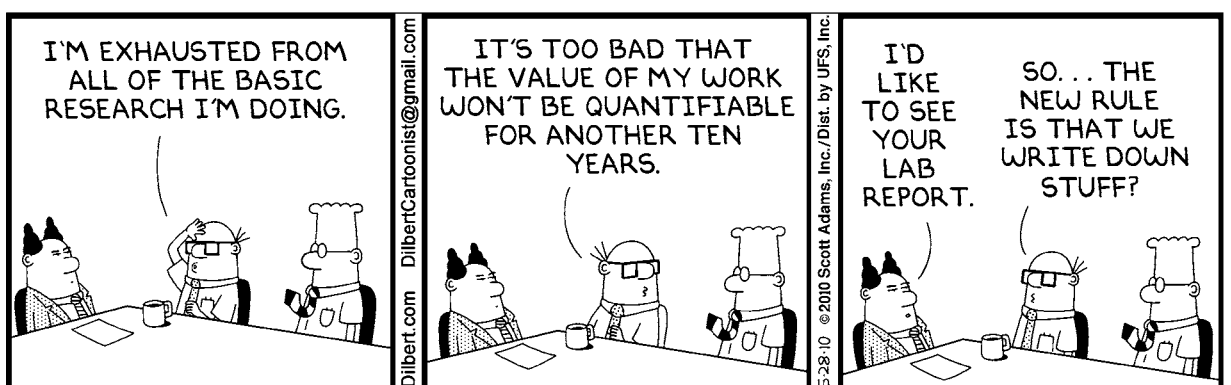
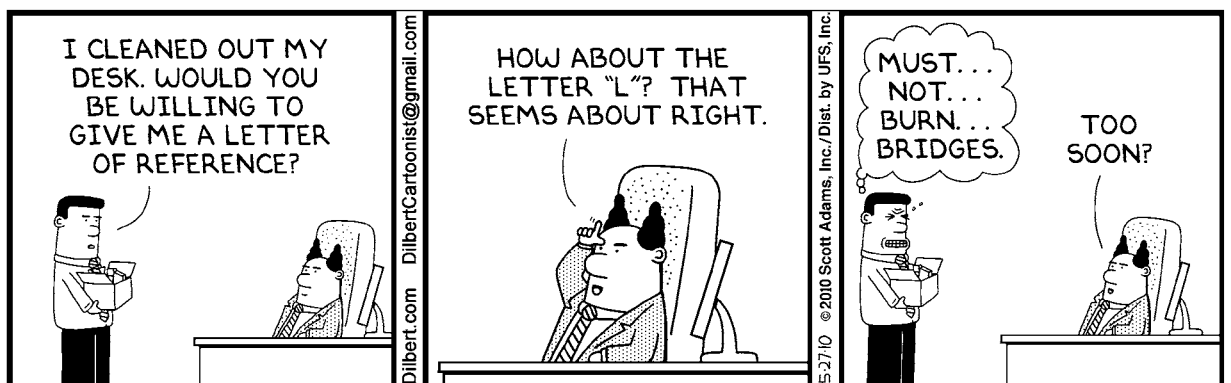
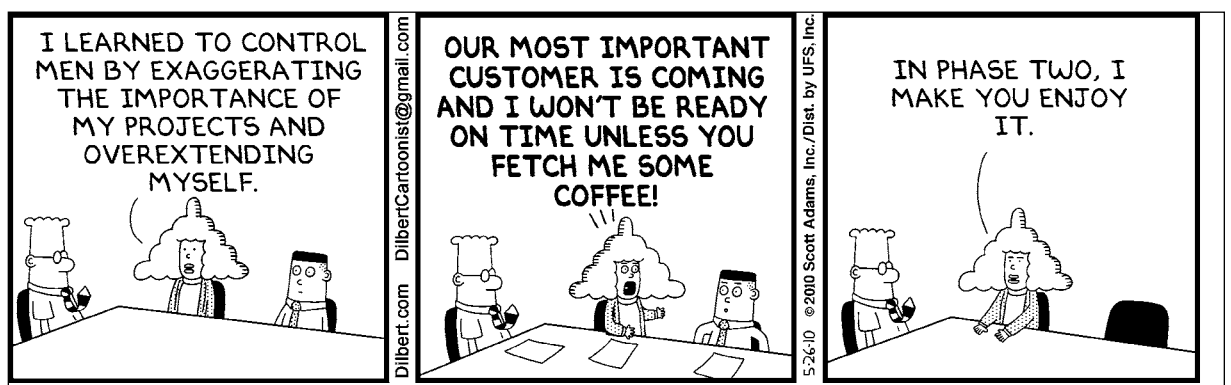
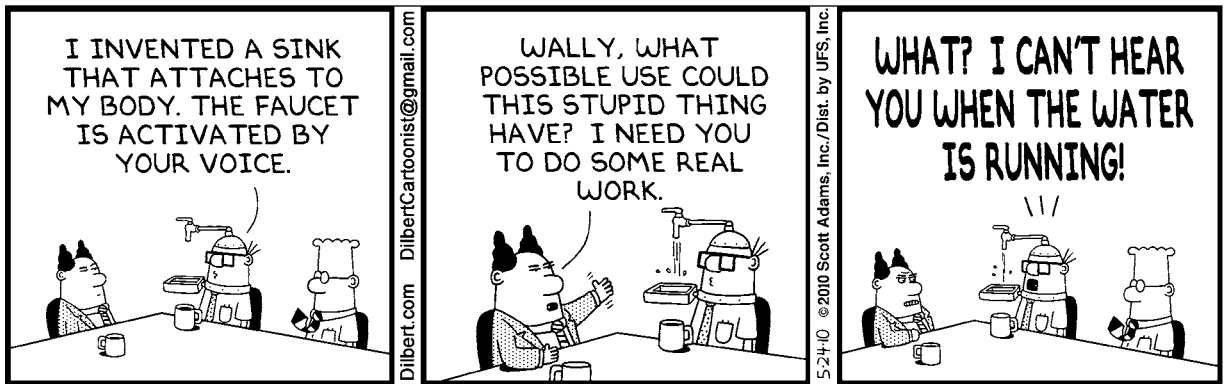
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# Women's Tennis falls in NCAA Tournament

By Nishant Prasad  
Online Sports Editor

Despite making a surprise run to win the ACC title, the women's tennis team was unable to advance past the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Tech hosted the Atlanta Regional and defeated Austin Peay 4-0 on Friday, May 14, but lost 4-0 to Mississippi the following day.

It marked the first time since 2004 that the Jackets did not reach the NCAA Round of 16.

After Mississippi won in the regional's opening match, Tech took to the court to face Austin Peay in an afternoon contest. It marked the first-ever meeting between the teams, as well as the first time that senior Amanda McDowell took the court since Feb. 28.

"It felt so good to be out there in one of the last home matches of the year," McDowell said.

McDowell had been sidelined with a mysterious back injury that she initially suffered a year earlier in the 2009 Atlanta Regional. She played through what she described as "manageable" pain before shutting down in early March after aggravating the injury.

"They still don't really have a clear answer [about the nature of the injury]... That was the frustrating part; when you're out for this long, you want a definite answer and a clear treatment path, and I didn't really have that with this injury," McDowell said.

Still, the treatments worked well enough to get her on the court, and McDowell teamed with sophomore Lynn Blau to take on Austin Peay's Carolin Weikard and Yuki Nakamura.

Freshman Elizabeth Kilborn and sophomore Viet Ha Ngo won 8-3 over Demi Georgiopoulos and Michelle Liew on court three to give Tech the lead, and



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**Elizabeth Kilborn hits a return volley on Friday's doubles match at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Kilborn and Viet Ha Ngo won 8-3.**

McDowell and Blau clinched the point with an 8-3 victory.

In the other match, the No. 23 tandem of sophomore Irina Falconi and junior Sasha Krupina were able to break serve repeatedly against Mariana Pagan and Vanja Tomic, and they led 7-2 when Tech secured the point.

"We struggled this year in doubles a lot, so hopefully this will give us a spark and firm up our doubles [play]... A lot of girls are stepping up in singles and have raised their games, so if we can get that doubles point consistently, we can definitely make a run," McDowell said.

Tech faced an interesting twist in singles play, as Austin Peay's top two players in the singles

lineup, Tomic and Weikard, both played left-handed. Falconi and Ngo each took the first set but faced stiff competition from the lefties throughout.

"I think [facing left-handers] is difficult, especially when you're on a team that has no lefties," said Head Coach Bryan Shelton.

Krupina won the first set over Pagan, but like Falconi she trailed early in the second. Even with Austin Peay putting up a fight against Tech's top three players, the Jackets cruised to victory thanks to stellar play from the bottom half of the lineup.

Leading the way was Kilborn, who dispatched Georgiopoulos without losing a game in a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

"She's been terrific... She knows she's developed a lot of her game, and she feels comfortable in all aspects of the game right now," Shelton said.

Blau appeared to have a chance to blank Liew but ultimately won 6-0, 6-2. With Tech needing one more match to clinch, sophomore Hillary Davis took care of Nakamura 6-3, 6-1, and the Jackets secured the 4-0 victory.

Tech's win set up a matchup against Mississippi for the right to advance to the Round of 16. It was a familiar position for both teams, as in 2009 the Jackets had hosted the Rebels in the Atlanta Regional and won 4-1 to advance. This year, though, Mississippi would ultimately prevail.

Doubles play saw close matches on all three courts. The Rebels' No. 11 pair of Kristi Boxx and Karen Nijssen took down No. 23 Falconi and Krupina 8-5. Mississippi clinched on court three, where Abby Guthrie and Laura van de Stroet edged Kilborn and Ngo on a tiebreaker, winning 9-8 (7-5). McDowell and Blau did not finish their match against Connor Vogel and Gabby Rangel, which ended with the Rebels up 7-6.

In singles play, a trio of straight-set victories gave Mississippi the match. Krupina was unable to get anything going against Vogel and was swept 6-0, 6-0. Davis made a late push against Rangel but lost 6-0, 6-4 to put the Rebels within one point of victory.

They got that point on court two, as Nijssen took down Ngo 6-2, 6-2 to complete the sweep for Mississippi.

Tech is represented in the individual bracket by Falconi, the top overall seed. Falconi defeated Vanderbilt's Jackie Wu 6-4, 6-1 on Wednesday, May 26 and faced Northwestern's Samantha Murray on Thursday.

## Baseball from page 16

in the bottom of the inning, but Tech notched two more in the fourth to extend its lead to 4-1.

BC added one in the fourth and two more in the fifth to tie the game, but a wild pitch with bases loaded in the sixth gave Tech the go-ahead run, putting them up 5-4 with three innings left to play.

Two sacrifice flies over the next two innings put the Jackets ahead 7-4, and the Eagles one run in the bottom of the eighth was not enough to steal the lead, giving the Jackets the win and the series.

The final game was not as favorable for Tech, as BC maintained a consistent attack to beat the Jackets, 6-3. Bradley took the mound for Tech, scattering six hits and five runs (three earned) over six innings.

Tech's offense was quiet through the first four innings, giving the Eagles a chance to take an early lead. BC scored four over the course of four innings.

However, the Jackets struck in the fifth by driving in three runs to pull within one.

Another BC run in the sixth gave them a 5-3 advantage, and they added one more two innings later to take a 6-3 lead that would carry them through the ninth.

Despite the three-run fifth inning, Tech's bats were silent for much of the game. In fact, the Jackets were hitless for the final three and two-thirds innings.

Although they dropped the final game against the Eagles, the Jackets still took the series, securing their second-place spot in the ACC Coastal standings heading into the ACC tournament.

With the No. 3 seed in the ACC Tournament, Tech did not play on Wednesday, May 25 and faced No. 6 seed Virginia Tech on Thursday, May 27. Tech plays No. 7 N.C. State on May 28 and No. 2 Clemson on May 29 in round-robin play.

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# Men's Tennis reaches second round

By Nishant Prasad  
Online Sports Editor

A strong season for the No. 24 Tech men's tennis team came to an end when the team fell in its second match of the NCAA Tournament. Tech, playing at the Lexington Regional, took down Binghamton 4-1 on Saturday, May 15 in its opening-round match before losing 4-1 to regional host No. 11 Kentucky the following day. The Jackets ended the dual-match season 18-8 overall.

As the second seed in the Lexington Regional, the Jackets took to the court on Saturday to face the third seed of the regional—No. 47 Binghamton, the America East Conference champions.

All three of the doubles matches were fairly one-sided, but Tech took two of the three to secure the doubles point. Juniors Guillermo Gomez and Dean O'Brien rolled to victory on court three, dispatching Binghamton's Bastian Bornkessel and Ruben Devos 8-1, but shortly afterward the No. 52 tandem of juniors Eliot Potvin and Ryan Smith dropped their court two match 8-2 to Alexandre Haggai and Moshe Levy to even things up. In the first match, the No. 70 duo of sophomore Kevin King and freshman Juan Spir took down the Bearcats' Sven Vloedgraven and Gilbert Wong 8-3, and Tech moved ahead in the match 1-0.

Junior Miguel Muguruza extended Tech's lead to 2-0 with a straight-set victory over Wong, 6-3, 6-4 in the fourth flight. The Bearcats got a victory on court five from Arnav Jain, who closed out Tech freshman Magin Ortega 7-6 (7-5), 6-0 to cut the lead to 2-1. Two more straight-set victories gave Tech the match, though; No. 85 King trumped Levy 7-5, 6-2, and Spir defeated Devos 7-5, 6-3



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**Eliot Potvin prepares a shot from the baseline in Tech's win on Saturday against Binghamton. Potvin lost his doubles match, 8-2.**

to secure the match.

Later that day, host and top seed Kentucky took down fourth-seeded Cleveland State 4-0, setting up a Sunday battle between the Jackets and the Wildcats.

Sunday's doubles play saw close battles in all three matches. The first match to finish was on court one, where the No. 22 pair of Eric Quigley and Brad Cox topped King and Spir 8-4. Kentucky went on to secure the point when Alex Musialek and Anthony Rossi defeated Gomez and O'Brien 8-6 on court three. The other matchup, which featured Potvin and Smith against Kentucky's Alberto Gonzalez and Alex Lambropoulos, ended with the score tied 7-7 and was not finished after the Wildcats clinched the doubles point.

The first singles match to finish saw Tech getting on the score-

board, as Potvin defeated Cox in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 to even the score at 1-1. Kentucky took a pair of matches in straight sets, though, to pull ahead. No. 12 Quigley handed Gomez a rare singles loss on court one with a 6-3, 6-4 decision, and Rossi took down Muguruza 6-4, 6-3. On court two, King pulled ahead of No. 49 Museliak with a first-set victory, but Museliak rebounded to win the final two sets and secure the victory for Kentucky as he defeated King 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

While team play for Tech is over for the 2009-10 season, the team is represented by Gomez in the NCAA Singles Championship, which began on Wednesday, May 26. Gomez, the No. 4 overall seed in the individual tournament, beat his first opponent, Moritz Baumann, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

## Softball from page 16

she did not have her best day. Rush ran into trouble in the first inning when the Ducks managed to load the bases and then cleared them with one swing.

Rush continued to struggle in the third. After a lead off double, Oregon got a walk to put two runners on base. Oregon got a timely RBI single followed by a double that scored two more.

Oregon scored three more runs in the fourth inning, and with the game on the line in the fifth, Tech could not muster a single hit.

Rush's final line: eight earned runs on 12 hits and five walks in only four innings of work.

The next game on Saturday, May 22 was an elimination game between Auburn and JSU. Auburn won the game and earned the right to face the Jackets later that day.

Tech scored the first run of the game in the second inning when Rush drew a leadoff walk. Senior Kelly Eppinger came into the game to run for Rush, and the move worked as Eppinger scored later in the inning.

After another scoreless inning in the circle for Adkins, Tech added to its lead in the top of the third inning when Rush singled, scoring Yee from third base.

Adkins did not allow any runs going into the bottom half of the fourth, but there she ran into trouble. The first batter she faced homered. After a single later in the inning, Perkins took Adkins out in for Coan. Coan immediately gave up a walk but then recorded two strikeouts to end the inning.

Coan continued to pitch well into the later innings and eventually, her offense finally gave her some insurance. Yee hit a two-run homer to give Tech a three-run lead heading into the game's final frame.

After a lead off walk, Coan retired the next three hitters in or-

der, including a strikeout to win the game 4-1.

Tech's victory meant that Auburn was eliminated, but it also meant that Tech would have to win two games against Oregon on Sunday to continue its season.

Rush started Sunday's game against the Ducks and she threw the ball much better than she did on Saturday.

"Yesterday I thought I threw well, but we had a couple of things go their way. Today, I pitched better and our offense kept us in the game. Overall, I think we did well coming back from the last game," Rush said after the game.

Rush struggled in the second inning when the lead off hitter hit a single and Rush proceeded to walk three straight batters, forcing in the first run of the game.

Tech got the run back in the third inning when Yee hit her a home run, No. 30 of the season.

Oregon responded in the top of the fourth inning by getting three straight hits including a triple to right field. The rally scored two runs and Oregon led 3-1.

After both sides had failed to score a run for three innings, Tech found themselves down two runs with its season on the line in the bottom of the seventh inning. Tech managed to get the first two runners on base for Yee. Yee had a rare groundout, but she did manage to move both runners into scoring position. Kuzma and Priebe both singled to tie the game at three.

Then, Oregon turned to its closer. She recorded two strikeouts to end the threat and force extra innings.

"They broke up our momentum well. Obviously, you can't go down with two strikeouts like that, and we didn't handle it well," said Yee.

Oregon broke the tie in the eighth inning with a sacrifice fly and Tech went down in order to end the game and Tech's season.

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## Softball stumbles in Atlanta regional

By Alex Mitchell  
Sports Editor

The Tech softball team finished off its most successful regular season in school history, won 49 games and was crowned ACC champions for the second straight year. By virtue of its success, Tech finished the regular season ranked No. 8 in the nation and hosted a portion of the NCAA tournament at Mewborn Field on May 21-23.

After Oregon defeated Auburn in Friday's first game, Tech played fourth seeded Jacksonville State in the day's second game. JSU out hit the Jackets, but Tech won the game 5-3.

Tech took advantage of its chances in the bottom of the first inning after the first two hitters walked. Junior first baseman Kristine Priebe singled to center field, scoring redshirt senior second baseman Jen Yee from second. Freshman designated player Hope Rush followed Priebe by striking out, but the catcher dropped the ball on strike three. The JSU catcher threw out Rush at first, but sophomore catcher Kate Kuzma took advantage and scored from third.

Tech could not drive in any more runs in the inning and settled with a 2-0 lead after one.

Junior pitcher Kristen Adkins retired the side in order in the top of the second inning, and then transferred her success in the circle to the plate by homering to lead off the bottom of the inning.

JSU countered in the third inning when Adkins walked two batters to put a runner into scoring position with two outs. A single drove in JSU's first run of the ball game, but Adkins got a ground-out to minimize the damage.

After Tech failed to score in the bottom of the third, Adkins took the mound in the fourth inning and immediately surrendered a leadoff homer. Adkins gave up two more singles in the inning before she was pulled for sophomore pitcher Jessica Coan. Coan got Tech out of the jam and kept the lead intact at 3-2.

The Jackets got another run in the fourth inning when sophomore right fielder Shannon Bear took a 2-0 pitch deep to left center field for a solo homer.

After an uneventful fifth inning,



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**Hope Rush throws a pitch to home plate on Saturday's game against Oregon. Rush started two games over the weekend and closed out another.**

JSU got another solo homer to lead off the sixth. A single later in the inning would end Coan's day, and Head Coach Sharon Perkins turned to Rush. Rush got out of the inning with the only run coming via the homer.

Coan struck out two and only allowed two hits for her No. 14 win of the season.

"Today just felt like every other game. [Adkins] pitched a great game, and I just wanted to come in and help out her because I knew our offense would score more runs," Coan said.

With two outs and only ahead by one run, Tech got a much needed insurance run when Yee hit a line-drive homer.

Rush finished off JSU in the top of the seventh inning for her second save of the season.

Only about twelve hours after its win, Tech played Oregon on Saturday afternoon. Tech was defeated 11-2 in only five innings.

Tech got off to a great start when Yee walked and Kuzma sacrifice bunted her to second base. Sophomore shortstop Kelsi Weseman doubled to deep center field to score Yee, and Rush drove Weseman home with a single.

With an early 2-0 lead, Rush started the game at pitcher for the Jackets and

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## Golf finishes in third place at NCAA Regional

By Alex Mitchell  
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On May 20-22 the Tech golf team took part in the NCAA Southeast Regional. The Jackets entered the tournament as the ACC champions and used a tournament-low 272 on Saturday to get within 12 strokes of No. 1 ranked Oklahoma State. Tech shot a 13-over par 573, which earned them a third-place finish in the Regional.

Redshirt junior John-Tyler Griffin led the Jackets by shooting one-under par for the tournament. He shot a pair of 68's on Thursday and Saturday. His total score of 209 was good enough for a third-place finish as an individual.

Senior Chesson Hadley also performed well for the Jackets by shooting even par for the tournament. After hitting a 73 on day one, Hadley found his stride halfway through his second round by getting back-to-back birdies on holes seven and eight. Hadley finished tied for eighth in the individual standings.

Tech's next tournament is the NCAA Championship in Ooltewah, Tenn on June 1-3. If Tech finishes eighth or higher, they will continue to play on June 4-6. Tech is seeded No. 14 in the tournament.



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**Kyle Scott drains a lengthy putt at Capitol City Club's Crabapple Course in Alpharetta, Ga.**

## Baseball wins back-to-back series against ACC rivals

By Kyle Conarro  
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**Brandon Cumpton starts a weekday game against Georgia State. Cumpton had zero earned runs on four hits in six innings.**

Tech's baseball team squared off against ACC foes in consecutive weekends, hosting Miami in the first series and heading to Boston College in the second series. The Jackets took two of the three games in each series, putting them at 21-9 in conference play and 44-11 overall.

Having winning two games against Miami, the Jackets traveled up to Chestnut Hill on May 20 to open their three games against Boston College. This time, Tech took the first two of the series, falling to the Eagles in the third game but still taking the series edge.

In the opener, Tech started junior right-hander Deck McGuire on the mound. In six innings, McGuire gave up five hits and just one earned run, striking out six in the process. The win put McGuire's re-

cord at 8-3 on the year.

Boston College took an early 1-0 lead, as first baseman Mickey Wiswall hit a solo home run in the bottom of the first to give the Eagles the edge. Tech rallied in the top of the second, recording five runs on five hits to give them a three run lead. Junior catcher Cole Leonida opened things up with a two-run homer. Two RBI singles and a sacrifice fly accounted for the other three runs.

The Eagles added another run in the bottom of the third, but again, the Jackets responded. Back-to-back homers by junior shortstop Derek Dietrich and senior first baseman Tony Plagman gave Tech two in the top of the fifth, and they continued hitting well to add three more before the Eagles could record the inning's final out.

A two-run shot by sophomore third baseman Matt Skole in the fifth gave Tech a 12-2 lead, and a

solo homer by junior right fielder Chase Burnette in the next inning pushed the score to 13-2. Although BC added six more runs over the last three innings, Tech's offense proved too much. The Jackets notched two final runs in the ninth to give them 15 runs on the day, and the Eagles' one run in the bottom of the inning was too little to overcome Tech's lead.

In the second game of the series, Tech scraped past BC to win, 7-5. Pope, who started for the Jackets, gave up eight hits and three earned runs in four and one-third innings.

Both teams were scoreless through two innings, but Tech jumped on the board in the top of the third. An RBI single by Dietrich and a sacrifice fly by Plagman provided two runs for the Jackets, putting them up 2-0 early. The Eagles drove in one of their own

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