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ENTERTAINMENT

## Georgia prepares for this summer's two final festivals

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Festival season is coming to a close in Georgia, but the state is going out with a pretty big bang. It has two major (but drastically different) festivals planned for this September.

The sequel to the unexpected blowout TomorrowWorld 2013 comes back to Georgia to bring EDM-lovers a three day festival that promises the experience of a lifetime, and Atlanta's own Music Midtown, a two day event held in Piedmont Park, offers festival-

goers a variety of artists sure to have something for everyone.

So how should people prepare for these two events, and what should they expect? Each festival has a unique vibe and different goals, so new attendees may need some clarification.

Music Midtown consists of two days where attendees come and go each day, as there is no camping available. In contrast, TomorrowWorld is a three day event where a major part of the festival is camping out and enjoying the atmosphere. While Music Midtown showcases

many genres, TomorrowWorld is almost exclusively EDM. Given the size difference, the budgeting is drastically different, and consequently, so are the amenities.

TomorrowWorld can be considered an import, as it hails from an electronic dance music festival called Tomorrowland located in Boom, Belgium, a small town outside of Antwerp. In 2013, the creators of Tomorrowland announced that they would be bringing it to America. They faced a steep challenge trying to fit into the American niche. Though

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Photo courtesy of Music Midtown

Atlanta is set to host Music Midtown (crowd above) and TomorrowWorld to close out the 2014 music festival season.



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Each week, this section of News will include the coverage of different aspects of bills that passed through Student Government. This will include the Undergraduate House of Representatives, Graduate Student Senate and the Executive Branch of both government bodies.

BILL SUMMARY

BILL	AMOUNT	GSS	UHR
Approval of Graduate Executive	N/A	UC*	N/A
Approval of Executive Cabinet	N/A	N/A	UC*
SGA Off-Campus Retreat	\$6,859	N/A	33-0-1

\*Passed by Unanimous Consent

EXECUTIVE CABINET

After brief discussion, a representative made a motion to approve bill 15U002—the approval of the Executive Cabinet—by unanimous consent. No objections were heard, and the

bill passed. The new executives then took their oaths of office.

Among those appointed were Jennifer Abrams, VP Campus Affairs, Trevor Lindsay, VP Finance, and Laura Margaret Burbach, VP Academic Affairs.



KENNETH MARINO  
NEWS EDITOR

HAMPER-HAVEN

On Monday, the on-campus laundry and dry-cleaning service Hamper-Haven had its grand opening.

Highlighting the event was Buzz as well as Kathy Spetz, also known as Buzz Mama. Spetz is the professional mascot designer who has designed and made the Buzz costume since 1984.

During the opening, Buzz broke in the service by offer-

ing the ceremonial first load of laundry. Exactly what clothes Buzz required to be cleaned is unknown.

During the event, Tech Auxiliary Services handed out food as well as free giveaways. The first 100 wash/dry/fold customers received a free laundry bag and were entered to win a free semester of laundry service.

Hamper-Haven offers per-bag laundry service, a semester-long laundry plan and dry-cleaning services.

At the event, Auxiliary Services also announced that Hamper-Haven agreed to provide free dry cleaning services to students participating in Campus Closet. Campus Closet is a program that gives Tech students free rentals of suits if they are unable to afford their own. One of the conditions of the program is that the suit be dry cleaned after use.

Hamper-Haven is located in the Student Center Commons in the old Famous Hair location.

SGA RETREAT

UHR next considered 15U004, a bill for the SGA Off-campus retreat. The bill would allocate \$6,859 from the Leadership Endowment and from the ULR, the money set aside for undergraduate SGA each year.

Items in the bill included \$3,500 for the location in Athens including meals and about \$2,600 for bus transportation.

There was some brief discussion about why the retreat was not paid for entirely out of the Leadership Endowment.

The bill was passed with 33 members voting aye and one abstaining.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

UHR moved into executive session for the election of members-at-large UHR. The deliberations of the body during the session were closed to all non-UHR members including the executive cabinet and to any outside media including the *Technique*.

DECATUR BOOK FESTIVAL

Several Tech professors will be participating in the 2014 AJC Decatur Book Festival this weekend.

The festival, which is held in downtown Decatur Square, includes book signing, live music and writing workshops. The festival hosts more than 1,000 authors, and historically thousands have attended the annual event.

Some of the Tech authors headlining the event were John Cressler, author of the novel *Shadows in the Shining City* and Kristie Macrakis, author of *Prisoners, Lovers & Spies: The Story of Invisible Ink from Herodotus to al-Qaeda*.

Other Tech professors appearing at the festival are Randy Engle, author of *The Organized Mind*, Pete Ludovice, author of *Ha! The Science of How We Laugh and Why*, Jenny Singleton and James Wray.

The event runs from August 29 to August 31.



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NEWS EDITOR

The ongoing civil war in Ukraine escalated on Wednesday after what Western and Ukrainian officials called a “stealth invasion,” according to *The New York Times*. The officials believed, Russia sent armored troops across the southeast border, expanding the conflict.

Russia denied that it was helping the pro-Russian insurgents and did not acknowledge the recent movement of five armored personnel carriers into Ukraine according to the *Times*. Tensions between Russia, the West and the U.S. have escalated in recent months after the annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation in March.

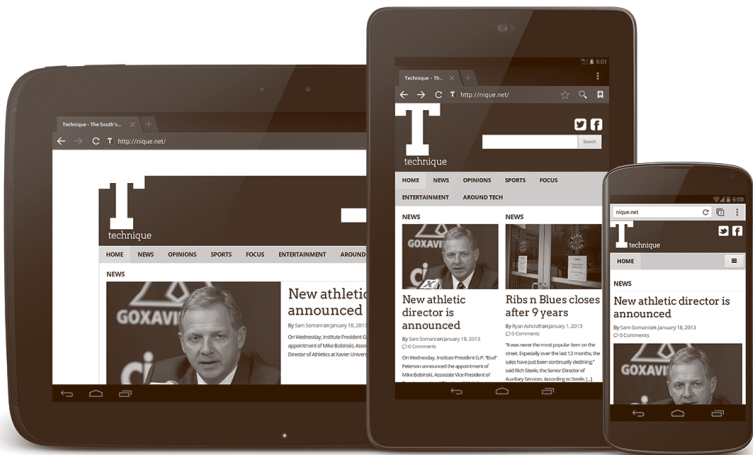
“Russia is clearly trying to put its finger on the scale to tip things back in favor of its proxies,” a senior American official told the *Times*. “Artillery barrages and other Russian military actions have taken their toll on the Ukrainian military.”

Ukraine appeared to have the upper hand against pro-Russian forces early this month, but the latest assault as well as other counteroffensives have put Ukraine back into a more defensive position.

According to the *Times*, Western and Ukrainian officials hoped that a meeting in Belarus would see a halt to the conflict, but the recent movements have made that eventuality more remote.

The Obama administration has imposed escalating sanctions against Russia, but the measures have not yet achieved an end to the conflict.

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# HP welcomes new director

**HOLDEN LEE**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On August 15, Tech's Honors Program bid farewell to Dr. Greg Nobles, its founding director, and welcomed its second director, Dr. Roberta Berry. Founded in 2004, the program is entering its ninth year.

Nobles had lead the program for eight years and taught in the School of History, Technology and Society since 1983. During his time at Tech, he has written four books and received various awards from prestigious academic groups. According to Nobles, he felt ready to transition to other endeavors and leave the Honors Program in what he believes to be capable hands.

"In deciding to step down, I felt that I had done most of what I wanted to do as founding director, and it was a good time to let someone else bring fresh energy and imagination to the position—which, again, I am confident Dr. Berry will do," Nobles said. "I also wanted to have more time for my own research and writing and, above all, to finish a book I've been working on."

Berry has worked and collaborated with Tech since 1999. During her time at Tech, she has taught in the School of Public Policy and contributed to a number of programs at Tech. For six years, she has directed Tech's Pre-Law program and the Law, Science and Technology Program for



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**Dr. Roberta Berry, the new Honors Program Director, sitting in here office. Berry is the second HP director since its founding.**

more than 13 years.

She believes that Tech offers a variety of opportunities for students in terms of undergraduate studies, research and community involvement, and she hopes to promote them for students involved in the Honors Program.

Berry, who has worked as the Associate Professor in the School of Public Policy, wishes to introduce students to the various colleges at Tech and advocate involvement in different disciplines.

"One of my ideas is to develop a new foundational seminar for first-year students introducing them to some of the exciting learning and innovation under-

way in all six colleges," Berry said. "The goal would be for students to expand their understanding and appreciation of our rich disciplinary diversity and to recognize and explore the interdisciplinary themes."

Another idea for the Honors Program students involves establishing a set of curricular and co-curricular paths that allow students to accomplish organized projects and report the results during their senior year.

"These are ideas-in-progress," Berry said. "My approach to directing the Honors Program is one of collaborative leadership,

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# Analytics Degree offered months after approval

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Shortly after the Board of Regents' approval in May, Tech's new Masters in Analytics program had its first class this semester with forty students.

Analytics is a field which combines various aspects of business, computing and industrial engineering. The first such program was offered seven years ago at North Carolina State. Tech's program, which was conceived this past spring, was quickly approved by the board of regents. This was thanks in part to strong industry backing, according to Professor Joel Sokol, the director of the program.

According to Sokol, there was some concern over whether they would have a sufficient number of applicants to have a class start this year. The program was approved by the Board on May 20th, applications were online approximately a week later and applications were due in mid-June. Due to the quick development of the program, the majority of the applicants to the program were students that had not applied elsewhere or were waiting to accept other offers, according to Sokol.

"We were hoping for twenty good students. That was the goal," Sokol said.

Applications were only open

for approximately one month, yet they received roughly 70 applications for the program, 45 of which were accepted. Of those, 40 have enrolled in the program for this academic year.

"I honestly can't tell you how we got so many quality applicants," Sokol said.

According to Sokol, the incoming class is very qualified for the program. They come from diverse backgrounds, ranging from anthropology to computer science to religion. The median GPA was a 3.7, and the GRE and GMAT median scores were in the 93rd percentile. 15 enrolled students have masters' degrees, five have PhDs or MDs and one quarter of the class has more than ten years' worth of work experience.

The analytics degree is offered as a one-year masters program. The program consists of three tracks: Analytical Tools, Business Analytics and Computational Data Analytics.

"They're not quite as specialized as the threads in the College of Computing, but they do streamline the student's route to a particular field," Sokol explained.

The Analytical tools track focuses primarily on quantitative methodology, including how to build, analyze and solve statistical models. The Business track leans more towards the applica-

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# LGBTQIA Center launches



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President Peterson (second right) cuts a ribbon for the grand opening of the LGBTQIA Center. Also pictured are Simeon Bruce (far left), Dr. Aby Parsons (second left) and Emily Li (far right).

**KENNETH MARINO**  
NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, the Tech LGBTQIA Resource Center had its grand opening. The event was attended by several student and administrative leaders including Institute President G. P. “Bud” Peterson and Tech first lady Val Peterson. The center focuses on serving on members of the Tech community identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex or asexual.

“We’re trying to make a campus environment where all of our students, all of our staff, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, will feel welcome and feel involved and respected and affirmed,” Peterson said at the event. “Our students, faculty and staff have eagerly been awaiting this center for quite some time.”

The center officially opened last April with Aby Parson’s, Director of the LGBTQIA Resource Center, arrival at Tech.

Previous Tech initiatives towards LGBTQIA inclusiveness include the Safe Space training program and the addition of gender-neutral bathrooms in all new

buildings. In his speech Peterson promised that all new buildings and major renovations of existing buildings would include gender-neutral bathrooms.

Other speakers at the opening included Parsons, Archie Ervin, Vice President for Institute Diversity and William Schafer, Vice President for Student Affairs.

“I think it really sends a message that we have the senior leaders from on campus and especially with the president, sending a message to everyone that our LGBTQIA students, faculty, staff and alumni are valued and they are an important part of our campus,” Parsons said.

The addition of the center comes after several years of lobbying by students, alumni and administrators. Support for a center was a major campaign promise of Nick Picon and Lucy Tucker, the previous Undergraduate Student Body President and Executive Vice President.

The addition of the center makes Tech one of four universities in the state with an LGBTQIA resource center.

“Because this is a really historic occasion for Georgia Tech, this

has been a long time coming getting this center, so we wanted to make sure we were celebrating it appropriately,” Parsons said.

Several student leaders spoke at the event, including Simeon Bruce, Pride Alliance President, and Emily Li, oSTEM President.

“With the opening of this center, Georgia Tech is making an institutional commitment to the existence of queer space,” Bruce said at the event. “Space has been made for queer voices, queer concerns, queer students, faculty and staff of this institute, and it is here to stay.”

According to Parsons, the resource center will fill a variety of roles related to LGBTQIA issues including event coordination, training, individual support and advocacy and consultation with campus administration.

The center will coordinate the long-standing Safe Space Program and seek to expand it to allow for more organizations to participate. The hope is that any student group, Tech department, residence hall floor or greek organization will be able to participate in the training if they express an interest.

## Wing Zone opens on West, goes back to college roots

**HOLDEN LEE**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On August 21, Wing Zone held its grand opening next to West-Side Market under the Curran Parking deck. During the event, the wing restaurant offered music, T-shirts and samples of their food and sauces. Different features of Wing Zone such as their delivery vehicles and their app were displayed and advertised.

Employees and staff of the Wing Zone franchise attended the event as well, including its CEO, Matt Friedman. Friedman introduced himself and promoted the opening of his wing restaurant.

Wing Zone offers a variety of original wings, boneless wings, chicken tenders, burgers and grilled chicken sandwiches. The menu also holds vegetarian options and purchases for large parties of people.

Friedman explained that Wing Zone is an Atlanta-based company and the restaurant chose to set up a location at Tech due to the concentration of students that live within the campus.

“One of the core reasons why we chose Georgia Tech is because we are an Atlanta-based company and that is very important to us,” Friedman said. “Number two: Tech has a very high percent-

age of the student body living on campus. There are roughly 10,000 students that live on campus and that back[ing] was important] to us [from] a business perspective.”

Friedman stated that Wing Zone stands out among the different dining options at Tech due to its location and delivery options. According to Friedman, Wing Zone tries promote its accessibility and avoid food courts or areas around classrooms on campus.

“Another thing is that we are open till 2 a.m. which is great for students,” Friedman said. “We also take student Dining Dollars and Buzzcard, and if you really look at it on West campus, there really weren’t a lot of dining options for students other than a dining hall.”

Originally, Wing Zone started on a college campus and was run by a fraternity, which Friedman calls an interesting fact about restaurant’s roots.

“The concept was started on my college campus 20 years ago at the University of Florida in a very similar type location,” Friedman said. “It was started in our fraternity house kitchen at a large university, and, with time, we grew the business into about 100 units throughout the entire United States, so we have a great entrepreneurial story.”



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Exterior of Wing Zone, a new wing restaurant on West Campus. Wing Zone offers both take-out and delivery option for students.

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#### GEORGIA TECH ELEMENTARY

Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) answered a call at 120 North Avenue at 6:40 a.m. on Saturday, August 23. A male student was found lying still on a sidewalk, but he regained consciousness while the responding officer was checking for a pulse. The student smelled of alcohol, and his eyes were bloodshot and watery and did not dilate when exposed to light. The student was lying in a public area easily accessible from the road and sidewalk, which attracted the attention of people such as a pedestrian concerned for his safety and the original caller. The caller was a bus driver whose route was disrupted by the intoxicated student. The student was lying partially on the street and partially on the curb.

When asked for identification, the student handed over a Bank of America debit card. He stated that he was thirteen years old and was in second grade.

The student was then told to remain seated, but he disregarded the suggestion. Eventually, the

student provided his date of birth, which put his age at twenty years.

Because the student violated two laws in the State of Georgia (Public Intoxication and underage consumption of alcohol) he was handcuffed briefly. When more officers arrived on scene, he was examined by paramedics from Grady Hospital. The paramedics checked his vitals and concluded that he did not need immediate medical care.

The officer then escorted him back to his residence in the North Avenue Apartments. The student made multiple apologies for his behavior and said that he was aware that he “f\*\*\*ed up.” The officer did not prosecute the student criminally. The student was referred to the Dean of Students and received a Code of Conduct violation.

#### KNEELING AT THE PORCELAIN THRONE

On August 23 at 11:13 p.m., a GTPD officer arrived at Freeman Residence Hall in response to an unresponsive student in the dorm’s first floor bathroom. The caller was the student’s roommate, who had to knock many times before the student let him in. The roommate said that the student fell down on the floor shortly before opening the door; he subsequently dragged the student to the bathroom. He put the student on the toilet, but he shortly fell into recovery position. Both the Atlanta Fire Department and Grady Emergency Services arrived on the scene. When put on the stretcher, the student vomited. He was then treated at Grady Hospital. The student received a Code of Conduct

Violation for underage drinking and signs of intoxication.

#### SHE DOESN'T EVEN GO HERE

At 1:25 a.m. on August 24, GTPD responded to a call at Phi Gamma Delta. The president of the fraternity called because there was an inebriated young woman on house property. The woman was lying in the front yard and started to vomit. The Grady ambulance arrived to transport her to the hospital. Her friend, a Tech student, transported her.

GTPD discovered that the victim was seventeen years old and not a Tech student. Her father was called to accompany her at the hospital.

#### JUST HANGING OUT

At 3:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 24, a police officer on Segway patrol noticed a young man urinating on a sidewalk. The man had exposed genitals, walked with an unsteady gait and had bloodshot and watery eyes. There was a noticeable smell of alcohol coming from him. The person identified himself as a twenty-year-old Tech student and spoke incoherently and rudely.

The student stated that he was contemplating whether or not he wanted to go to jail. Many people were on the sidewalk and some vehicles were in the area where the student exposed his body. The officer observed urine running down the student’s legs.

The officer did not criminally charge the student, who was escorted back by two police officers with his fraternity officers. The student received two Code of Conduct warnings.

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tions of analytics in industry and the Computational Data track deals with management of large amounts of data.

“The interesting thing about our program is that the degree is interdisciplinary,” Sokol said.

A motivating factor for the decision to make the course interdisciplinary was the fact that Tech’s programs of Computing, ISYE and Business are ranked as the top 9th, 1st and 7th in the nation, respectively according to the *U.S. News & World Report*.

Interdisciplinary knowledge is also highly valued by the industry, according to Sokol.

“We’ve already had a bunch of companies ask how to... hire them after they graduate, how to get involved... how to give our students internships, how to hire them for full time jobs at the end—there really is a lot of interest,” Sokol said.

Industry representatives were also greatly involved in the approval process for the program.

“We got a lot of support from industry just when we were proposing it,” Sokol said. “We asked about a dozen companies, and they said [they’d] be happy to give you a letter of support.... We kind of had to cut it off and say, ‘okay we don’t want to bombard the Board of Regents with letters’...”

Next year, Tech looks to have more marketing for the program to reach all interested students. Because of the short turnaround between Board of Regents Approval and the start of the semester, Tech was not able to mount a full marketing campaign.

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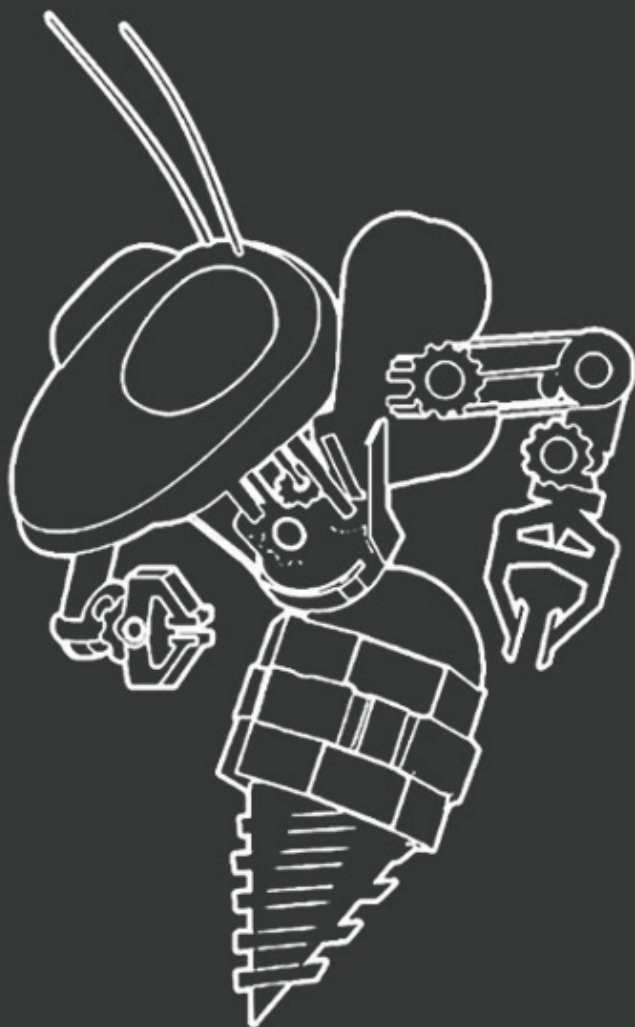
drawing on the ideas and creative energy of many contributors, including Honors Program students, alumni, faculty and professional staff, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and the leadership team within the Office of Undergraduate Education and other programs and administrative offices across campus.”

On August 24, Dr. Berry was able to further interact with the new 2014 class at an orientation where Honors Program students created various designs for banners, murals, furniture and T-shirts for the Honors Program community. The students were assisted by the Honors Program Associate Director Dr. Monica Halka and the Honors Program Academic Advisor Nicole Leonard in many of the projects.

“It was fun and rewarding to plan and execute the event together with an enthusiastic, energetic and creative team,” Berry said. “Honors Program students also brainstormed project ideas, helped produce materials and served as facilitators at the event.”

Nobles stated that Berry is fortunate for the support from faculty and students involved and that she is bound to lead the program to greater things.

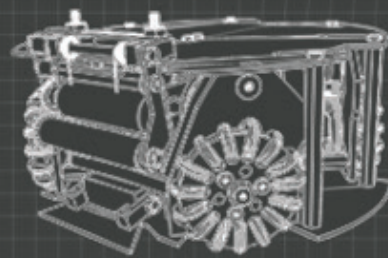
“I am happy to observe that the Honors Program still boasts an excellent staff, fine faculty colleagues and yet another terrific group of new students,” Nobles said. “Dr. Berry is fortunate to have this opportunity before her. I’m certain she appreciates that and I’m sure she’ll keep the program on an excellent trajectory.”



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### Giving students more for their dollar *Expanding the locations offered for meal plans*

Currently, students must trek to the corners of East and West campus to use their meal plan swipes. For greater convenience and use, Tech should look to expand where meal swipes can be used to include the food court, thus giving the students greater options and “bang for their buck.”

In the most basic sense, this additional option would add convenience to busy students who only have an hour break between classes for lunch/dinner. By offering dining hall equivalent meals in a central location, students will have more time to eat and enjoy their breaks, rather than having to rush from end-to-end of campus.

This expansion would also create more variability in meal options. In our experience, by the end of first semester, eating only at the three current dining halls can become both redundant and off putting. But, the other option of paying for every quick meal between classes can become extremely expensive, extremely fast.

Adding meal swipes in the Food Court would also add greater worth to meal plans, especially for freshman. The high percentage of freshman who live on-campus are required to purchase a meal plan, many of which are priced in the thousands of dollars. Currently, if they chose to go to the food court, these students would have to spend extra money for their food. Adding meal blocks would create more incentive for all students to visit the Food Court.

Last, the retail prices across the three dining halls are fixed for each meal. If the meal plan options were changed, Tech could carry that fixed-price through to the food court locations. That way, no matter where a student purchases their meal, they will all be paying an equal amount, which would add even more convenience to meal plan options.

By increasing the options to include the food court locations, meal plans will be more accessible for students.

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## TOP SLIVERS

Living every day like you're Glen Coco is hard when you realize it calls for you to be fictional.

I always take the elevators to class in the hope that I'll get stuck and have to miss class.

I'm a 90s kid; I was alive when MTV actually played videos.

On the bright side, we have gone over a month now without hearing about JBiebs.

Taylor Swift's new single is offensive; you can't sing Shake it Off when you have nothing shaking.

If I tried online shopping for getting my life together, everything would be out of stock.

Lets replace all of the desks and chairs in the CULC with just giant bean-bag chairs.

I'd go to more 8ams if they happened at noon.

Bring back GT Secrets. The good one, you know...it won an Oscar.

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## GO GEORGIA TECH BY COLLIN CALDWELL





# The necessity of kind roommates

Most of you probably know the beauty of having a clean, organized and most importantly considerate roommate. I, however, was not so fortunate—two years in a row! During my RAT year, I was living with a mediocre roommate. He provided the futon, and I provided the TV, but that was pretty much the only agreement that we were able to settle upon.

Our sleep schedules conflicted frequently. Most of the time he would interrupt my schedule with his multiple bed buddies. Luckily, once he pledged, he only slept in the room about three times a week, which was certainly a plus on my end.

By the time my RAT year ended, we were able to tolerate each other, but neither of us really planned to acknowledge each other's existence anymore.

The real fun began when I chose to room with three of my newly acquired friends. I would have been able to say three of my newly acquired fraternal brothers; however, the third roommate did not make it to the end of the process due to difficulties.

Thus began a year of this



"he was a great guy outside the room, but inside he never really cared about the sanity of his roommates."

**CONNOR NAPOLITANO**  
DESIGN EDITOR

particular roommate simply being very unmindful. He opted to make a proverbial nest in the living room, claiming the entire kitchen table and one of the two arm chairs, leaving the rest of us with the couch, a chair, and the coffee table for meals and company.

Now, that does not sound too bad, until you try cooking. I quickly realized that my only counter space was literally a three foot square. The only available space was the coffee table, which was incredibly impractical for use as a kitchen table, crouching over whatever meal you have.

The most annoying fact was that my roommates and I

did confront him about our issues. He would either comply for about three days or simply refuse.

Luckily, after a full year of coping with such an annoyance, we were able to break the news that we were not going to room with him the next year due to all the issues mentioned. Do not get me wrong, he was a great guy outside the room, but inside he never really cared about the sanity of his roommates.

This summer, I did the Oxford program, where one of my roommates was lactose intolerant, with a strange infatuation of cheesy kabobs and ice cream. He also had a lovely duck alarm that would go off at 6 a.m. every

day, despite him not getting-up until 7:58 a.m. when we had to leave by 8. Needless to say, his thoughtfulness was hard to find on more than one occasion. Not just that, but even after politely asking him to change his alarm, he would flip the script and become hostile, as if I had accused him of some treacherous horror.

This year has been much better, thankfully. I am sure you all are thrilled to read that my new roommates are actually considerate. One of my current roommates even came from the previous room I mentioned with the—for lack of a better word—slob.

The other two are both members of my RAT class and in the same fraternity too, giving us all the same common ground and a base understanding of how each other tick.

I certainly appreciate living in an environment where everything is clean and put away eventually.

I'm not trying to say you need to be obsessive about cleaning-up your belongings; rather, all I'm looking for is just the common courtesy we all deserve.

## BUZZ AROUND CAMPUS

**If you could win an Emmy, what would it be for?**



**JULIAN POPESCU**  
THIRD-YEAR CS

*"Leonardo DiCaprio because he's never won one..."*



**ZEESHAN RASHEED**  
FOURTH-YEAR EAS

*"Best Hair."*



**JOY LEE**  
SECOND-YEAR IE

*"Most likely to be abducted by an alien."*



**KENDALL HALL**  
THIRD-YEAR BA

*"Amazingness in Sarcasm."*

## The fatal flaws behind not having a Facebook

For most of my high school years and my first semester at Tech, I held onto my Facebook. Like many of you, I used the social networking site to stalk other Facebooks, keep up with extracurricular clubs or message other people here and there.

Then, I came across finals week. I had to get Facebook out of my procrastination routine, so like many, I deactivated my account for what I believed would be a couple of days. Once hell week and finals week blew over, I ended up considering the fact that eliminating Facebook from my life could allow me to be more productive and simplify my life a little.

Until today, I have been off of Facebook for more than year, and I must say, it initially felt very liberating. No more feeds full of narcissistic declarations, public complaints about personal lives, selfies, cat posts, downfalls of high school classmates or random nonsense.

I felt like I finally escaped trivialities that people in my generation get caught up in or complain about; but, wait until you hear about the negative part of my departure from Facebook.

Immediately, I get text messages from friends asking me if I deleted them from my friends list or tearful phone messages from grandmas who think I'm trying to avoid them. The struggle was real at first. I had to explain that Facebook was not for me anymore or how I never updated it enough to keep it around.

Then came the criticism, I often got responses, like "How

do you not have a Facebook?", "Don't you miss talking to people?", "Why didn't you go or hear about this event?". I typically rebuffed such questions with alternative options, like text message, phone calls, emails or reddit.

*"...eliminating Facebook from my life could allow me to... simplify my life a little."*

**HOLDEN LEE**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

I put up with the snide comments about lacking a Facebook account for an entire year but, eventually, my own job at the Technique came into the picture. Before I knew it, I was not getting staff memos, missing food orders and, surprisingly, becoming an inconvenience to others. As the only writer on staff without a Facebook, other members had to find alternative methods of communication through my email and phone number, which they did not always have. But, unfortunately, I often slipped through the cracks and almost missed important information, like this very editorial deadline.

As much as I protested that Facebook was not a professional networking site, the entire staff pushed me back into the bandwagon and thus, my account was reactivated.

With my account reactivated, I must strive to update everything. Nevertheless, I must keep my Facebook to keep with the status quo, at least among my newspaper staff.

The moral of my story is how we cannot always fight social trends and maintain our connection with our social environment at the same time. That or Zuckerberg has successfully shoved his commercial endeavors down my throat.

## The right to recline belongs to seat holder

Traveling economy on domestic flights often evokes feelings empathetic to sardines in a tin. With such cramped quarters, every passenger undoubtedly attempts to maximize whatever available space they have to ensure a bearable passage.

This past weekend, on flight from Newark to Denver, one United Airlines passenger installed a Knee

Defender, a locking device that jams the reclining mechanism of the seat in front of him. The female passenger in front of him was none too pleased, and when a flight attendant was called to resolve the issue, the male passenger refused to remove it. So the female passenger threw her water on him. Both passengers were then escorted off the plane in Chicago, where the plane was diverted, for their unruly behavior.

Although, I do not condone the how the female passenger handled the incident, I am quite sympathetic to her situation.

I admit it. I'm a recliner. Flying from the tender age of six weeks old, I have always taken full advantage of the seat's ability to reorient itself to 45 degrees from its original y-axis. Nonetheless, as the space between seats has fallen about 10 percent in the last two decades of my existence, I have become more conscious about exactly how far I recline, so I do not entrap others in their seats or prevent my fellow passenger from enjoying a comfortable flight same as I do.

However, airline passengers are already aware of the small size of economy seating and un-

derstand exactly what they are paying for. Just as those may require extra space next to them may need to purchase an extra seat, those who want to have extra room in front of them should be willing to spend extra money for that space. It cannot be expected for others to give up what little luxury remains to them to accommodate larger flyers.

To avoid future altercations, airlines need to better enforce bans on seat-jamming devices. The right to recline is a service that airline provides to the seat holder, and other passengers have no right to remove this amenity. Although most airlines already prohibit the use of seat-locking devices, there has yet to be any substantial consequence to those who have used them.

Common courtesy and communication are all that are needed to resolve the issue. If there is an issue with someone reclining into your space, and it is that bothersome or hinders you from safely removing yourself from your seat, simply tell him or her. Ultimately, as the mechanics of the chair remain in the control of the person in it, the decision of whether or not they recline is up to them. There is no need for a passive aggressive punishment through excessive pushing and soccer kicks worthy of Messi.

If you do not want to others to recline into your space, perhaps choose an airline like Spirit or Allegiant that has already removed the reclining mechanisms from their seats. Otherwise, buckle your seat belt, and enjoy your flight.

*"...those who want to have extra room... should be willing to spend extra money..."*

**BRENDA LIN**  
PHOTO EDITOR



OUR VIEWS | HOT OR NOT

HOT<sup>+</sup> or -NOT**Cumberland Football**

The famed football from the Tech-Cumberland game of 1916 is headed back to Tech. Supposedly the football which was used during Tech's 222-0 victory over Cumberland, the largest blowout in college football history, was recently up for auction and later bought by a Tech alumni for \$40,000. The alumni, who out-bid all competition, plans on returning the ball home to Tech.

**Trolley A/C**

Taking the Tech Trolley is usually easier than walking but for the first month of school, it also begs you to remember to put on your deodorant. The route gets cramped at peak hours, such as intervals between classes. With a rather weak A/C, we should start to think of the trolley less as a means to get across campus and more as an un-relaxing, mobile student sauna.

**Pumpkin Spice**

Whoever at Starbucks thought of releasing the Pumpkin Spice Latte early deserves an award for most brilliant marketing move. Even in the midst of our typical humid August Atlanta weather, it still shouldn't stop the avid caffeine fan from making a pit-stop to get Fall off to an early (and savory) start with one of the greatest drinks known to mankind.

**Racist Yik-Yak**

Since Rush Week, what once was a fun space to anonymously share random thoughts and sarcastic sound-bites, has turned into a platform for racist comments and minority bullying. These comments are not funny and are unfortunately being perpetuated by copycat Yakers' thirst for up-votes after seeing the success of previous racial "jokes." This needs to stop.

# Campus police raising awareness for Safety Day

The upcoming Safety Day allows for the GTPD to interact with the community. Students and faculty are invited to stop by and meet the people who help keep Tech safe.

Monday's Labor Day activities may be what many of you are excited about this week, but at the corner of Hemphill Avenue and Ferst Drive, a lot of people in blue uniforms will be busy putting the final touches on their plans for Wednesday, Sept. 3 — Campus Safety Day. The Georgia Tech Police Department hosts this annual event as a chance to bring our officers, equipment and tools of the trade out to Tech Walk to talk with students about safety on campus.

It's one of our favorite days of the year because we get to show off what we do and meet more members of our community.

This year, Georgia Tech police officers will be joined by partners from around campus such as the Counseling Center and Women's Resource Center, as well as colleagues from off campus including the Atlanta Police and Atlanta Fire Rescue.

We'll also have four-legged friends from our K-9 units, where you can meet the newest furry

member of our team, a yellow Labrador U.S. Marine Corps veteran named Miley.

Another addition to the department is the enhancement of our Dispatch room to what is now a state-of-the-art operations center that we use to take your calls and visually patrol campus activity.

More than 1,000 cameras are positioned around campus to give

everyone — students, faculty and staff — to be aware of their surroundings and report suspicious activity on campus.

We follow up on all calls and tips, as information you provide to us is critical to our crime prevention and investigative work.

We want to hear from you, whether it's through a phone call, email, or message on Reddit (you can find us at [www.reddit.com/user/GaTechPD](http://www.reddit.com/user/GaTechPD)).

We are here to serve you, and our community policing approach is most effective when we can maintain close relationships with everyone in our campus community.

Though we observe Campus Safety Day only once a year, safety is a 24/7/365 goal for our

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**ROB CONNOLLY**

INTERIM CHIEF, GEORGIA TECH POLICE DEPARTMENT



us an extra set of eyes when we need them, whether it's to remotely check on a report of suspicious activity or to review video footage after an incident has taken place. These cameras have been integral to solving a number of cases since their installation.

Georgia Tech is an open campus in an urban setting. We work hard to patrol the campus and mitigate crime, but criminals tend to think of our students as easy targets.

We can't be everywhere all the time, which is why we rely on ev-

team.

We offer a variety of safety resources you can take advantage of, including safety apps, group presentations, personal safety classes, notices on Facebook, and registration of valuables.

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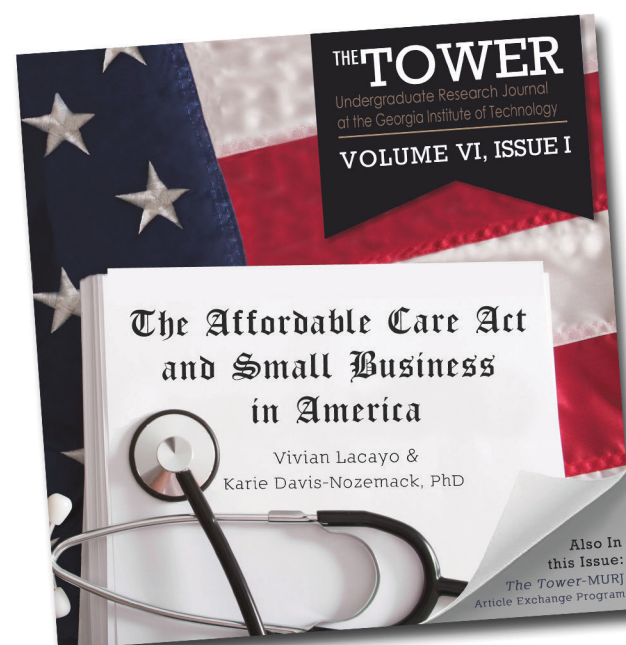
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# Upcoming season should gauge if Tech keeps or replaces Johnson

BAC

FROM PAGE 7

It would not be the start of another football season at Tech without questions about the future of head coach Paul Johnson.

Every year fans moan and groan about his spread option offense, calling it “gimmicky” and claiming that we will never have real success or be taken seriously as a college football program while we are still running an unconventional scheme.

I have written editorials in the past defending Johnson and his spread option and I still stand by a lot of the arguments that I have made in support of his tenure. But, if the team does not live up to expectations with Justin Thomas helming the offense, then I think it will be time for Paul Johnson to go.

Justin Thomas is the typical spread option quarterback and may soon prove to be more capable at running this offense than Tevin Washington, who set records during his time here at Tech.

Thomas ran a similar offense in high school very effectively and he has the small size, speed (running the 40 yard dash in 4.3 seconds), and elusiveness to get the job done. He is the reason that many Jackets fans, including myself, are fairly optimistic for the season. Conversely he is also the reason why the scrutiny on Johnson is so

high.

There are a lot of ways to define success for a college football



status quo of earning a record between 6-6 and 8-4 while losing three or four of those match-ups

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**JOE SOBCHUK**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

team and in order to do so fairly and accurately one must consider the expectations and context surrounding the team. In the Jacket’s case, I broadly define success as achieving a record of greater than .500 and winning a bowl game.

More specifically to this year, I want this team to earn a spot in and win one of the ACC’s better bowls (realistically either the Russell Athletic, Sun, or Belk Bowl), and win in at least half of our four major games (against Clemson, Miami, Virginia Tech, and Georgia).

That would be a great season. I would even be content, though decidedly not impressed, with the

and coming up short in the bowl game.

However, if the team fails to even make a bowl game this year, which is a legitimate possibility, then Johnson should get the axe.

The team plays a formidable schedule this year and a lot of games could swing either way. I do not expect us to win against Clemson or Georgia and I do not hold out much hope for the Miami game.

Virginia Tech, Duke, North Carolina, and Pittsburgh are pretty much toss-ups at this point, and Virginia or Georgia Southern could pull off an upset, just as Southern did last year at Florida.

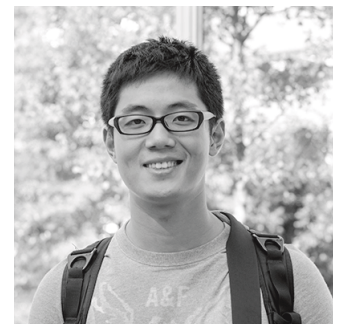
If everything goes their way, the Jackets could have their best season since 2009 when they were crowned champions of the ACC, but if not, they could miss out on going bowling for the first time since 1996.

It is no secret that Johnson is not the best recruiter in the nation. A lot of this can be explained by the context of this team, given that we must compete with every team in the Southeastern Conference, along with ACC football powerhouses, for recruits.

Also, our school’s academic standards and reputation are not exactly athlete-friendly. However, Johnson’s predecessor, Chan Gailey, was able to land highly desired recruits that went on to enjoy a lot of success both here and with the NFL.

Paul Johnson’s two best seasons also came in his first two years here, when most of the players on the field were Gailey’s recruits. This coupled with another year of underachieving against our biggest rivals, would signify the end of the Paul Johnson era in a lot of fans’ minds.

All of that being said, if the team goes 1-11 this year and that one win comes against UGA, I will be more than happy with Paul Johnson staying with the program for the foreseeable future.



**YUAN LI**  
PH.D. OPERATIONS RESEARCH

*“Best Art.”*

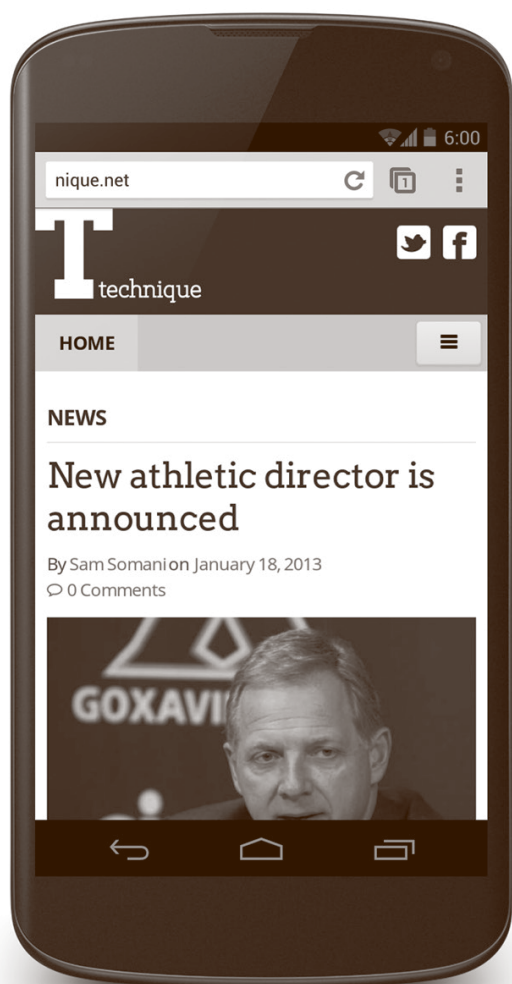


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SECOND-YEAR CS AND MATH

*“Best Actor in a Romantic Comedy.”*

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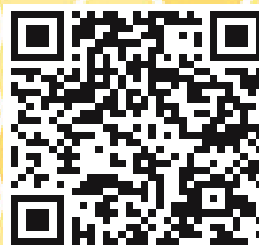
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# Bid Day festivities sweep campus

**ALEXA GRZECH**  
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Even if you are an individual who adamantly shies away from all things Greek, you still probably recognize the renowned phrase: Bid Day.

Although you may solely recall

Bid Day as that dreaded day you or your seemingly unfortunate friend proceeded to get trampled on by hundreds of ecstatically screaming girls, many sorority members view Bid Day as the end of the everlasting, incessant formal sorority recruitment process.

Therefore, Bid Day is a cause for celebration for the potential

new members and the existing members as well.

This year, Tech decided to replicate most colleges' Bid Day experiences by requiring all existing sorority members to gather on Tech Green at precisely 6pm. Differing from last year, the 2014 Bid Day extravaganza allowed the sororities to welcome all poten-

tial new members at once instead of in staggered shifts. The newly adapted process intended to create a more impacting, dramatic effect as the potential new members rushed all at once to their designated sorority.

Once they gather the new members at Tech Green, the selected sorority then rushes with their members to their "home," otherwise known as the sorority house. During this time, some innocent bystanders become casualties to the hordes of squealing girls bolting to their respective sorority homes. At the houses, though, this celebration is only beginning.

After taking tons upon tons of photos in various sorority-squat poses, the new girls are then generally treated to catered meals with their sorority sisters. Usually the new members also take this time to talk, laugh, and engage with older sisters, which, to many sorority members, is the most important part of Bid Day.

Moreover, this may be the first time new members truly begin to understand the inner workings and dynamics of the sorority they joined. Some members may be overwhelmed by the candidness of the sisters, while others may revel in similarities between themselves

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Photo courtesy of Stephen Dubbert

Bid Day is always filled with exciting, dynamic activities that bring Tech's entire Greek community together. It is an unforgettable part of the Greek organization recruitment process.



## Getting through Pledging

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Although pledging a new sorority or fraternity may seem like a daunting task, by following the helpful tricks and tips below you can master the art of becoming a new member of Greek life.

### GOOGLE CALENDAR

Sometimes pledging, while dealing with school, can be very stressful. The number of new member events associated with pledging can conflict with classes. It is easy to forget what you have to do next or where you have to be at a certain time. The best way to keep from running from one event to another is to keep organized and planned. Whether you use a planner or Google calendar, have some way to know what you are supposed to be doing next. Don't forget to plan for breaks so you can grab a bite to eat.

### KEEP YOUR HEAD UP

Yes, school is stressful and pledging while dealing with schoolwork adds even more stress. But do not forget that you are awesome and that you can do anything you put your mind to. The fact that you received a bid from a fraternity/sorority likely means you have what it takes to become a part of this organization. Do not let the stress of pledging make you worry about whether or not you are good enough. Just keep your head up, be confident in yourself and finish that tough initiation process.

### GET INVOLVED

Spend quality time with your pledge class, and get to know as many people as you can. They are going through the same process as you are, so do not be afraid to ask them to study together or even to just hang out. However, do not forget about school and grades while pledging because pledging can be hectic and time-consuming. Getting to know your pledge class is important, but remember school does always come first.

### ALWAYS WEAR A SMILE

It doesn't matter if your hair is perfect or if your shoes are a perfect match for your dress if you don't have a smile on your face. A smile shows confidence like nothing else and it will make your pledging time so much easier. A smile is the most important thing you can ever put on.

# Students highlight campus racial issues

**ARVIND NARAYAN**  
LIFE EDITOR

Last Thursday, Aug. 21, a group of students, staff and faculty members gathered by the Campanile to have a demonstration about the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

The group went over the details of the shooting, spoke about the racial bias inherent in American society and read poetry to express their frustration about the events.

They related the events in Ferguson to the daily discrimination that African American students and faculty members face at Tech.

The event was organized by a few students who were not affiliated with an official organization.

One of these students was Hopeton Wellington, who was also involved with the "I Too Am Georgia Tech" campaign from last spring.

"We just thought it was important to bring awareness of this issue to the campus," Wellington said. "Our community has to deal with these issues on a daily basis."

Several students at the demonstration claimed that they have been randomly asked to prove their identity by producing a Buzzcard.

"It's really strange when people do that to me," Wellington explained. "Usually, I'm wearing some sort of Georgia Tech apparel, so if you took five seconds to look at me before making that judgment, there wouldn't be a problem."

On another occasion, Wel-

lington was trying to get back to his apartment at night when there was another student going in the building before him.

"As soon as he saw me, instead of holding the door open for me, he just slammed it shut and held it," Wellington said. "I just pulled

out my Buzzcard and opened the door myself."

Wellington explained that all students should be treated equally and have a common sense of community.

"[The Michael Brown shooting] was the straw that broke the

camel's back," Wellington said.

"Hopefully people will hear about this and realize that there are issues out there that we have to work on."

Those involved hope this demonstration will raise awareness for racial discrimination on campus.



Photo courtesy of Hopeton Wellington

Several students gathered at the Campanile, raising their hands in protest of the Michael Brown shooting. The event brought attention to the several racial problems that still persist in Tech life.





hellenic delegate for my chapter, and through that experience I was exposed to CPC as it was my responsibility to be the liaison between my chapter and CPC.

Last year, I served on CPC as Programming Vice President and then this year I'm President; once I started, I could never stop doing it since I loved it so much.

**Technique:** What is the main mission or goal of CPC?

**Kelly:** On Tech's campus, CPC plays a really unique role - more so than on any other campus - because Tech is such a male-dominated campus, and CPC is the largest women's organization,

so we are here to act as a voice for women throughout campus.

CPC also acts as a liaison between our seven National Panhellenic Chapters and the two Associate Chapters and the administration.

We are here for the chapters. If the chapters need any support or programming we are here to help. We are not here to shove any rules down people's throats, we are just here to help everyone collaborate and get along and to make each other stronger by building a more tight-knit community.

**Technique:** Are there any specific initiatives you hope to imple-

ment as CPC President?

**Kelly:** We are currently looking into extension. At the beginning of my spring term, I appointed an exploratory extension committee to collect data to see if our campus would be viable to support another CPC chapter. That committee was made up of one representative per chapter as well as a representative from one of our associate chapters.

By the end of the semester, they came up with a recommendation that they think our campus could support another chapter.

We put out a report this summer with all the data, facts, and

reasoning that we collected, and at the first open meeting of the semester, we presented it to everyone attending. Last night at the open meeting, it was on the agenda for unfinished business to vote, but the vote was tabled, so it is now on the agenda for two weeks from now. It is still up in the air if we are inviting another chapter on campus but it is a possibility and something we are exploring right now.

CPC also has taken a stand on sexual violence by supporting the white paper. We have also partnered with the Women's Resource

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As the current Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) President, Erin Kelly, a fourth year IE major, is actively involved in various aspects of Greek life, from assisting in programming initiatives to appointing a committee to research the viability of a possible new Greek chapter.

Tracing her interest in joining a sorority from her out-of-state status, she views the Greek system as her ultimate support system at Tech.

**Technique:** Why did you decide to get involved with Greek Life or, more specifically, CPC?

**Kelly:** So when I came to Tech I was coming from out-of-state and I wanted to join Panhellenic chapter because both my parents had really good, positive experiences with being Greek, and they showed me that Greek life would be a good support system.

My second year I wanted to get more involved and ran for Pan-



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Erin Kelly serves as the current Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) President, working on improving the Greek organizations around campus' operations. Her work focuses on building and nurturing close relationships among all Greek organizations.



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# Students offer perspectives on “Going Greek”

**NICK JOHNSON**  
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Rush week is over at Tech, and fraternities and sororities have started handing out precious bids. The *Technique* caught up with a few students to ask about their perceptions of the Greek system at Tech.

Eric Maday, a freshman CS major from Chicago, IL, recently accepted a bid from Sigma Phi Epsilon.

“I chose there because when I went around rushing, it was the

place I felt most welcomed right off the bat. I actually met two of the brothers during FASET... and I hit it off with them. They are also big on intramurals. They didn't seem like the typical ‘frat’ where all they want to do is ‘Party, party, party,’ so that was another part of it,” said Maday as he recounted his past week rushing.

Having visited six different fraternities, Maday had many options to weigh in the next few days.

Stepping out of his comfort zone, Maday decided to hang out

with the brothers of Sig Ep.

“Friday morning, I got a text inviting me to the SAC field because [the brothers] were playing sports. I played sand volleyball with them during the day, then I went back at night and talked with more brothers, got to know different ones, and they got to know me. On the second day of rush, I meant to go back to three or four houses, went to Sig Ep first, and ended up staying there three hours,” Maday said. “I like how relaxed it is,... you kinda just pick and choose where you want

to go, and it just feels very casual when you go in there.”

According to Maday, rushing is a great way to meet new people and become acclimated with Tech. Being from Chicago and only knowing one person coming to Tech, Maday was able to gain many new friends in his first week.

Kylene Barut, a fourth year EE major from Malibu, CA, also enjoyed her rush week last year. She is now a sister at Alpha Xi Delta.

“I joined Alpha Xi because I came to Tech as a third year, and,

being EE, I knew I wasn't going to meet a whole lot of girls in my class. So I wanted to have a group of girls to help acclimate me at campus and get me involved at Tech. Some sororities' nationals only let them have X amount of third and fourth years, so some sororities I was eliminated from right away, but Alpha Xi was really welcoming,” Barut said. “Alpha Xi is one of the only sororities that has all the new members learn all the older girls: their majors and years, just facts about them. I like that about them. Why would I be in a sorority with 150 other girls when I don't even know some of their names? It's nice that they encourage us to learn everyone's name.”

Barut did include some criticism of rushing, both as a new student and as a returning sister.

“I wish that they didn't have girl rush so early. To rush when I was not in a sorority yet, I had to get here Wednesday. As an older girl, I had to pay \$75 a day, and I wasn't allowed to move in until Saturday on top of having to pay for rush,” she added. “Being in a sorority, I have to be here a week before the first day of rush.... I'm out of state, so that's a big deal, coming a week early.”

Both Maday and Barut mentioned that there are negative stereotypes associates with all Greek life, such as hazing, constant partying, and attempting to be Elle Woods from *Legally Blonde*. However, these perceptions are not always the truth.

“I never had any problems like they say, girls getting hazed. None of that kind of stuff happened,” Barut continued. “I didn't join a sorority until I was a junior because I had this image of sorority girls like *Legally Blonde*. Then I re-



Photo courtesy of Delta Chi

The Run of the Roses is an integral part of Rush Week for both fraternities and sororities. Pictured here is Delta Chi's pledge class as they prepare to serenade the new Georgia Tech sorority members.

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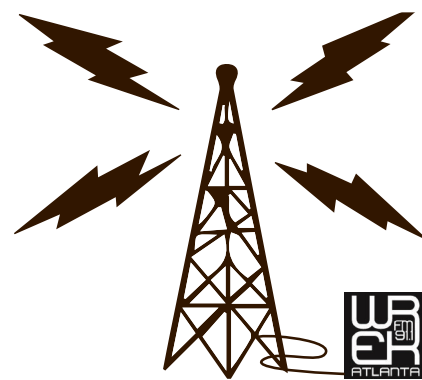
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# Freshmen comment on first week experiences

**VIDYA IYER**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

To many, college is a place of freedom and happiness. A never ending party. The “Ahhh” feeling after drinking a cold Coca Cola. That place “somewhere over the rainbow.” That moment when your 89.5 gets rounded up to a glorious A.

As the years go by, these expectations are sometimes replaced with a “Can this be done already?” But it is always interesting to get a fresh perspective on college from the experiences of the incoming freshman class.

For freshmen, Tech is a vibrant, always-changing place. Compared to the tiring monotony of many high school towns, Atlanta provides a dynamic background to new students.

Two of Tech’s finest freshman were kind enough to describe their first week on campus. Their names are Michael Moghaddam, a Computer Science major from Maryland and Apurva Kasam, a Business major from Georgia. When asking them about their first week of classes, Moghaddam responded that “it was actually really calm,” while Kasam felt that school hadn’t really started.

Both enjoy the classes they are taking this semester and were surprised by the professors taking interest in their students.

Kasam went on to add, “Yeah, I especially like my business school professors because they are

really open and make an effort to learn everyone’s names because our classes are smaller.”

The professors are not the only people that impressed these two freshman, both enjoy their randomly selected roommates and

the people living in their building. Moghaddam and Kasam live in the same building and told me that everyone on their respective floors are incredibly social.

“Everyone is so friendly, and everyone’s doors are open all

the time—at least my floor, I can’t speak for the other floors,” Moghaddam said.

Kasam responded that most of the girls on her floor weren’t even in their rooms because they “are always mingling downstairs.”

Moghaddam and Kasam live in the Grand Challenges dormitory and say that “it’s nice compared to everything on East.”

Their only complaints were about the showers. Moghaddam proceeded to tell me about a note he read on his Peer Leader’s door which said “Lake Ontario has been relocated to our showers.”

Besides the shower issue, Kasam and Moghaddam are enjoying all aspects of their lives at Tech including the dining hall food.

Both eat mostly at the North Ave and Brittain because they live on East Campus. Because Kasam is a vegan, she opted for the Freshman 12 dining plan. She said that while she feels her options are somewhat limited, she likes the options that are available to her.

Moghaddam on the other hand signed up for the unlimited meal plan and claims that the dining hall food is good. He was quick to add, “For now.”

Kasam and Moghaddam are very excited to be here at Tech. Moghaddam wants to take part in intramurals and participate in RoboJackets because he has been interested in robotics since high school. Kasam has signed up for Krav Maga and is planning on auditioning to be a part of the South Asian fusion a cappella group, Taal Tadka. Both stated that neither one has felt more at home than at Tech because they are surrounded by great people and that there is never a dull day.



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**For many freshmen, the first few weeks of school are a time for experimentation with juggling classes, clubs and social activities. Tech’s diverse community offers a variety of options to new students.**

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alized my best friend [who] goes to Stanford... is in a sorority there, and she's so not the 'sorority' type. I realized it's just a group of girls that hang out and do philanthropy and have fun events... girls that eat together and hang out and stuff."

Greek life isn't for everyone, though. Devin Roach, a fourth year ME major from Albuquerque, New Mexico, chose not to join a fraternity.

"When deciding whether or not to join a fraternity, there's a few obvious things that I was thinking about when I was rushing: ...time and monetary commitments. The whole rushing/pledging process takes time, especially as I was becoming acclimated to a brand new school, a brand new culture coming all the way from the west coast. It was totally different," said Roach.

"Most frats require some sort of dues... not to mention the fact that you pay for date nights and other frat-organized events. So that's what people have to decide,... whether or not those are things that you're interested in. If you can't make the decision to say, 'This is most definitely going to enhance my college or postgrad experience,' then it's not worth it."

Without the burden of out-of-state fees, though, Roach probably would have joined ATO or Sig Ep.

"I did rush,... and I enjoyed it. I'm the type of guy who says, 'What's the fun thing to do?' or 'How can I have the most amount of fun, and what are all my homies doing?' And the majority of them probably would have joined frats, and I probably would have gone right along with them."

Rushing is a great experience for incoming students to meet new people and to adjust to life at Tech. However, before pledging, students should weigh all of the potential pros and cons of Greek life.

**BID** FROM PAGE 10

and the sorority.

Furthermore, the curtain of formal recruitment is officially dropped and now new members must decide if this sorority or sorority life in general is meant for them.

Eventually, new members will derive their own meanings for the term "sorority." The word can be subjective, as "sorority" can embody various meanings to different individuals.

The sorority can fill several voids in the ultimate college experience. Some out-of-state students generally relate the sorority to the clichéd "home away from home," and some in-state students look to a sorority for an engaged social life and networking system.

Once the food is devoured, the new members are then informed, if they have not been already, about "Run of the Roses." The tradition entails all new sorority members going to every Tech fraternity scattered across campus and singing the fraternities a song generally changed in some way to highlight the sorority.

Since there are around thirty-two fraternities on Tech's campus and usually fewer pledges per fraternity than sorority, the girls must "run" to each fraternity as only the first few girls are guaranteed roses.

Back amidst the Bid Day excitement, the new members learn the "Run of the Roses" song and after they sing the tune endlessly, the official Bid Day ends.

With some new members heading to Tech Square or older sisters' apartments to continue spending time with other members, other girls head back to their dorms to contemplate the sorority life.

All in all, after the excitement of Bid Day, the nervousness of the formal recruitment process, specifically for the new members, will fade as they brace themselves for the adventure that is sorority life.

**CPC** FROM PAGE 11

Center.

Our programming Vice President, Sam Wilson, has been working with other councils to create a sexual violence portion of training for the Greek Peer Education. We plan on doing a part two of Greek Peer Education to educate the new members on sexual violence. As the largest women's organization on campus, we feel responsible because it is such a prominent women's issue right now.

**Technique:** How has your involvement in Greek life influenced you personally?

**Kelly:** I honestly don't think coming in my freshman year I could have imagined myself in this position. It was never an end goal to be President of CPC, but as I got more involved in my chapter and Panhellenic, it gave me the confidence to take on more and

more leadership responsibility.

Greek life has been my home away from home, my support, and my backbone, and I would not have been nearly as successful at Tech as I have been without the support of my chapter and the support of all of Greek life.

**Technique:** What kind of responsibilities does your job entail?

**Kelly:** Our terms run from January to December so I'm in the middle of my term. I oversee the executive board and help them look at their goals to make sure they are achieving what Panhellenic has set out to do. I also attend Tech committee meetings, and I serve as the Greek life liaison between the higher up administration and Greek life. I manage the rest of the executive board, run the Panhellenic open meetings, facilitate discussions between the chapters and take part in any council wide initiatives.

**Technique:** When you went through recruitment and participated in Bid Day, did you have any specific memorable experiences?

**Kelly:** I remember embarrassing myself a lot. I was walking down some stairs in heels that were probably way too high and I fell almost a whole flight of stairs down on preference night. But the cool thing about that was the girl that was talking to me that night, she was not judgemental. She was honestly, genuinely concerned with how I was. She even told me I could cry if I wanted to, but I was like, "No! I'm good!"

I think my favorite Bid Day was this year and last year when I got to hand out bids to the new members. I got to see how excited they were and the relief that recruitment was over and that they had found their place. It reminds me why I took on this position.



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Erin Kelly's work with the CPC is aimed at facilitating talks about important issues facing Greeks on campus. But, her favorite part of the job is seeing the excited faces of new pledges.

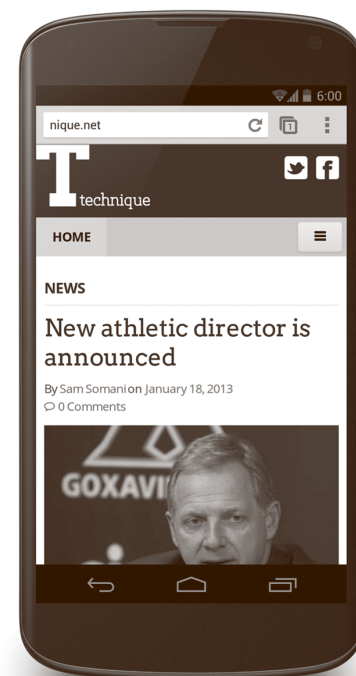
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## Ninja Turtles fail to elevate classic franchise

FILM
<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles</b>
<b>GENRE:</b> Action, Sci-Fi
<b>STARRING:</b> Megan Fox, Will Arnett
<b>DIRECTOR:</b> Jonathan Liebesman
<b>RATING:</b> PG-13
<b>RELEASE DATE:</b> Aug. 8
<b>OUR TAKE:</b> ★★☆☆☆☆

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Despite commentary from critics, naysayers and skeptics, it is not terribly difficult to prepare yourself to watch four humanoid turtles fighting the loudest, most ferocious enemy that New Yorkers have yet to witness. Just expect, as a consequence, the most obnoxious, ear-splitting explosions you have ever seen in any *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (TMNT) movie adaptation—and lots of them.

TMNT began as a comic book series and soon evolved into multiple picture books, cartoon shows, films, toy figures, life-sized models and other playthings. Even though the brand names and advertisements may have become tiresome for some, the TMNT franchise is still quite brilliant, as it mocks the challenges and limitations the cartoon/action genre once had.

It was only a matter of time before a big name producer, in this case Michael Bay, and director, Jonathan Liebesman (*Wrath of the*



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

From left to right, Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo and Donatello make up the quartet of crime fighters that originated in a 1980s comic book and has since become world-famous.

*Titans*), snagged—and, frankly, ruined—the at-once exciting, harmless reputation TMNT presented.

The premise of the film is simple. Four human-like, wisecracking turtles must defeat a rising evil in New York City.

Our heroes, trained by the all-knowing Splinter (voiced by Tony Shalhoub, *Monk*) are named after four Renaissance artists. Leonardo (Johnny Knoxville, *Jackass*) is the courageous, natural leader of the group; Michelangelo (Noel Fisher, *Shameless*) spits jokes and humor; Donatello (Jeremy Howard, *Galaxy Quest*) is the

technology geek; and Raphael (Alan Ritchson, *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*) is the athletic, aggressive troublemaker.

With such an eclectic, diverse and fun group of talking, swash-buckling turtles, perhaps an origins story could have successfully illustrated the unique bonds and relationships Leo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael have with each other. Perhaps, the best part of TMNT (watching the fun-loving reptiles bicker, argue and work together) could overshadow the more shallow aspects of the film.

Unfortunately, there is no time for that. More pressing issues arise

when Shredder (Tohoru Masamune) and his posse, the Foot Clan, in their lust for power, decide to unleash their evil agenda.

News reporter April O'Neil (Megan Fox, *Transformers*) is the eyewitness to the existence of these vigilante turtles. With her comes Vernon (Will Arnett, *Arrested Development*) and Bernadette (Whoopi Goldberg, *The View*), who stand more as obstacles and hindrances than helpful co-workers.

Frustrated that no one believes her wacky story, O'Neil fearlessly begins to help Leo and his crew save New York from Shredder. As

more explosions ensue, April composes most of the “origins” aspect of TMNT; her discovery of the ninja turtles also reveals a second villain and an even more destructive plan. (However, all audience members—children, preteens and adults—will likely predict the “plot twist” well before the first hour).

It is a surprise to watch Fox work with Bay again after hyperbolically comparing him to Hitler in the past, and TMNT clearly proves that she still doesn't enjoy working on anything Bay-related. It is a tragedy when audiences choose watch a movie simply because Megan Fox is on the screen, rather than experience the film's immersive action sequences.

Fortunately, TMNT does not try to be any more important than it should be, which is both understandable and relieving. The film is meant to act as trip down a memory lane for adults and as a gateway to a world of cartoons, comics and toys for younger moviegoers. Instead, TMNT makes us want to forget about the fast food tie-ins, Michelangelo's jokes and the throng of popular merchandise the show inspired. Against all odds, we have a bland April O'Neil, an even blander group of talking reptiles and a string of lazily orchestrated action scenes.

Ironically, there is nothing truly terrible about the movie. Mediocrity defines TMNT, but if a live-action film depicting talking ninja reptiles turns out to be the most boring movie of 2014, there clearly exists a threat greater than the machinations of Shredder and his wrathful Foot Clan.

## Robinson crafts immersive experience in Worlds

MUSIC
<b>Worlds</b> Porter Robinson
<b>LABEL:</b> Astralwerks
<b>GENRE:</b> Electronic
<b>TRACK PICKS:</b> “Sad Machine,” “Lionhearted”
<b>OUR TAKE:</b> ★★★★★

**ELLIOTT BROCKELBANK**  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When Porter Robinson stepped onto the scene in 2010 as an 18-years-young wunderkind, his productions were praised for their level of detail and their whimsical, bass-heavy tunes (an oxymoron that only makes sense in the context of dance music).

As demand for Robinson rapidly escalated, the young artist was exposed to a booming “EDM” scene, currently still in its pubescent stages. It continues to develop and sort out growing pains, and the resistance of those who see it as “counter-cultural,” despite its origins in Chicago in the early 1980s.

Consequently, his early productions turned quickly to money-making, bass-heavy electro-

house and dubstep, with hints of teenage angst, though still maintained a remarkable level of artistic integrity and quality.

The release of “Language” marked the beginning of Robinson's defection from mainstream EDM, and brings us to today, and his debut artist album, *Worlds*.

The concept, while important for Robinson's own progress, is not something new to EDM; Andrew Bayer and Mat Zo have both produced albums that serve as experimental counters to standard electronic productions.

It would be unfair to call this a truly innovative album in the grand scheme of things.

The album bears a distinct electro-pop identity (with hints of Japanese culture), that focuses on immersive atmospheres, layered vocals, sampling and orchestral structure, (admittedly, portions of it are reminiscent of an M83/Passion Pit hybrid).

The cohesion between tracks does bring hints of sensual fantasy and utopian society, with big choir vocals and memorable lyrics.

“Sad Machine” will most definitely draw mass singing from his crowds on his supporting *Worlds Tour*, “Divinity” is nothing short of ethereal, “Lionhearted” prac-

tically screams cries of youthful ambition and “Natural Light” is a slow burner with a glitched-out ambience. Every track provides a further glimpse into the world that Robinson has created for us to explore.

The album's primary shortcoming comes from what should have been the its defining song, “Fellow Feeling.”

The initial grandeur and serenity would have been enough to seal the deal and show just how far Robinson has come, but the sudden drop in an ear-shattering bass distortion is shocking and unwelcome, at least for a single record. Who knows what would have happened had Robinson explored each side of this Jekyll-and-Hyde track independently.

Despite its arguably poppy influences and use of sounds that are not totally new, Porter Robinson should be applauded for a decent EDM album.

It serves as an example of his maturity as an artist and young man; the amount of emotion and forethought put into this collection of tracks is commendable and it's a well timed career move that will keep him at the forefront of both mainstream and indie electronic fan bases.



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Porter Robinson's first single, “Say My Name,” was released in 2010, and his debut album *Worlds* dropped in August of 2014.





## Japanese metal group

**JOE MURPHY**  
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For anyone who has ever wondered what would happen if a hardcore metal band, a batch of kittens, and an enormous amount of sugar were combined into a modern musical act, Babymetal is the answer.

Ever since its formation in 2010, the Japanese singing-and-dancing troupe has taken its every stage by storm, cranking both the energy and the volume up to 1000 percent and blazing into musical territory that has yet to be seen in most of the Western world today. But if this killer-hyperactive girl group stays on its current course, that may not be the case for long.

Babymetal is fronted by lead singer Suzuka Nakamoto, a veteran of the J-Pop scene due to her years with the acts Karen Girl's and Sakura Gakuin. When Babymetal started as a metal-in-



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**Suzuka Nakamoto, Yui Mizuno and Moa Kikuchi are the three core members of the Japanese metal band Babymetal, which is beginning to pick up hype in the global entertainment industry.**

spired subset of the larger group Sakura Gakuin, Nakamoto was chosen as its leading voice despite having little previous experience with the metal genre.

Soon after, Nakamoto was joined by fellow vocalists Yui Mizuno and Moa Kikuchi, forming the trio that is now the rapidly beating heart of the hardcore musical phenomenon. After a

few years of releasing singles and music videos that were met with varying levels of popularity and acclaim, the group created its first major album, titled Babymetal, in Feb. 2014.

A compilation of the band's original and newer tracks, it includes such popular songs as "Megitsune," "Gimme Chocolate!!" and "Doki Doki Morning."

Perhaps one of the more interesting aspects of Babymetal is the fact that, although a majority of its music falls into the metal category, its songs sometimes shift into the pop, screamo and rap genres.

Additionally, the most glaringly unique aspect of the band has to be the fact that these crazily energetic songs are being brought

to life by a trio of petite teenage girls. Each music video contains the standard requirements for the metal genre: head-banging band members, seizure-inducing lights, insanely hyped up crowds and a background beat that would not be out of place at a Metallica concert. And yet, front and center are three tiny Japanese girls with voices and styles pulled straight from a bubbly anime about clouds and unicorns.

Despite any reservations listeners may have upon reading this description, the group's passion wins out in the end. The combination of expertly choreographed dance moves and an electric stage presence allows the Babymetal trio to redefine the stereotypical image of a metal band, thereby paving the way for future female metal bands to come.

As it now stands, Babymetal is a huge hit in its native country of Japan. However, its popularity on the global scale stems mostly from such video streaming sites as YouTube, where they have racked up millions of views from around the world. Perhaps the Western entertainment industry is not yet ready for Babymetal's particular brand of music, but with ensemble singing groups like One Direction at the head of the current popular-music lineup, it might not be long before Babymetal stretches beyond its borders in a more physical way.

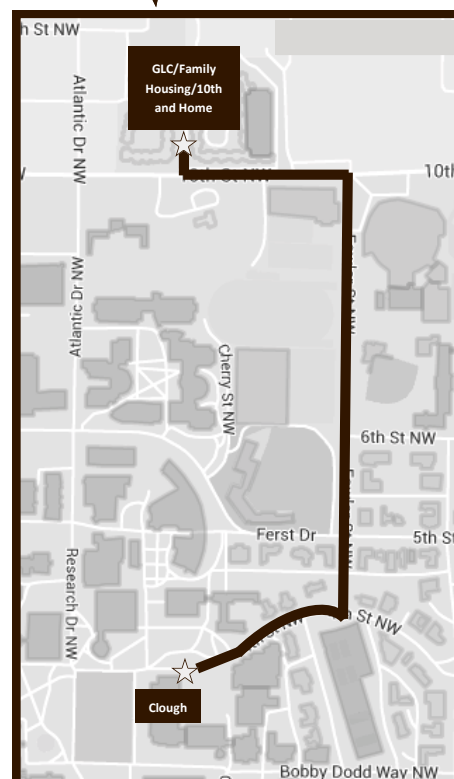
Babymetal puts out vibes of youth and energy, with enough musical talent and showmanship to back up its unique style. If this continues, the global stage may be in for a hardcore surprise.

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headlining famous acts like David Guetta and Calvin Harris, it decided to avoid a populous urban area.

Instead it opted for the Bouckaert's Farm in Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia, due to its similarity to the original location of Boom, Belgium. The organizers then implemented a 21-and-over limit, rather than the usual 18-and-over cut off (note that Music Midtown is all ages). With high stakes riding on the first ever TomorrowWorld, it became a huge success.

140,000 attendees strong and without incident, TomorrowWorld has cemented itself a spot in America. It brought in around \$70 million for the city of Atlanta, tying the effect of the NCAA Final Four Championships also held last year. Organizers say that TomorrowWorld received visitors from all 50 states and 75 different countries.

Here's how to prepare for an event of such a scale: if you are planning on attending TomorrowWorld, it would be advisable to treat it as a hiking trip. First, take along backpacks and camping gear if you plan on staying in Dreamville.

Next, make sure you bring plenty of water as you will be involved in all types of physical activity including jumping, dancing, and lots of walking. Holding onto a few refillable bottles will be ideal when refilling at free water stations. It is also advised to bring along some sports drinks to replace the electrolytes that you sweat out when jamming to the music.

Finally, keep your clothing in mind as well. It is going to be hot, even in September, so make sure you dress appropriately throughout the day. Sneakers are a must; there's no reason to be trekking miles in high heels or sandals. Another tip: bring earbuds. Protect your eardrums so that you can en-



Photo courtesy of TomorrowWorld

**TomorrowWorld is the North American spin off of the successful Belgium based festival, Tomorrowland. The 2014 edition of the festival will take place in Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia. The event runs from Sept. 26-28, nestled within 8,000 acres of forest.**

joy other music later in your life.

To help out music-goers who want the most packed experience, TomorrowWorld offers Dreamville, a home away from home with camping, marketplaces, food vendors and areas to enjoy a little relaxation while recharging one's batteries.

Another attraction of Dreamville is The Gathering, the TomorrowWorld pregame of musical numbers designed to kick off the whole party. It also features the whole of the Bouckaert's Farm, a tremendous 500 acres spread with heart-pounding stages. 500 acres

and day to night music shows that Georgia is a state that can boast one of the best in EDM festivals.

So what should people do for Atlanta's very own Music Midtown?

The weather will be hot, so dress accordingly, and drink lots of water. Also, bring be ready to buy water, because there may not be free water stations. There is no parking offered at the festival, so attendees should plan out their trip on public transportation before they go.

A key to receiving the full experience will be to treat the event

as an opportunity to view a variety of artists and styles, and keep an open mind.

Given last year's weather patterns and our recent run of rain, be ready and simply accept the fact that dancing in the mud is a memorable experience.

With both events, there are a few similar things to look out for.

First will be the terrible cell service. Decide on a place to meet up with friends in case you get separated. If you do send a text, keep in mind that it might not be immediately sent and timestamped.

Next are the porta-potties. Re-

member that there will be quite a few people around you who are not always the cleanest. Keep a few anti-bacterial wipes for when you need to go. A few final tips: keep some cash on you, wear some deodorant and make sure to have fun!

Given the massive success of Music Midtown 2013, and TomorrowWorld 2013, it's an important year to carry along the hype. Music Midtown will take place on Sept. 19 and 20, and TomorrowWorld will run Sept. 26, 27 and 28, and tickets for each are still available on their respective sites.

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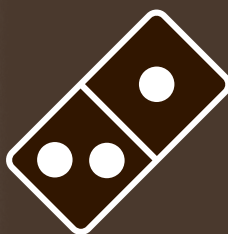
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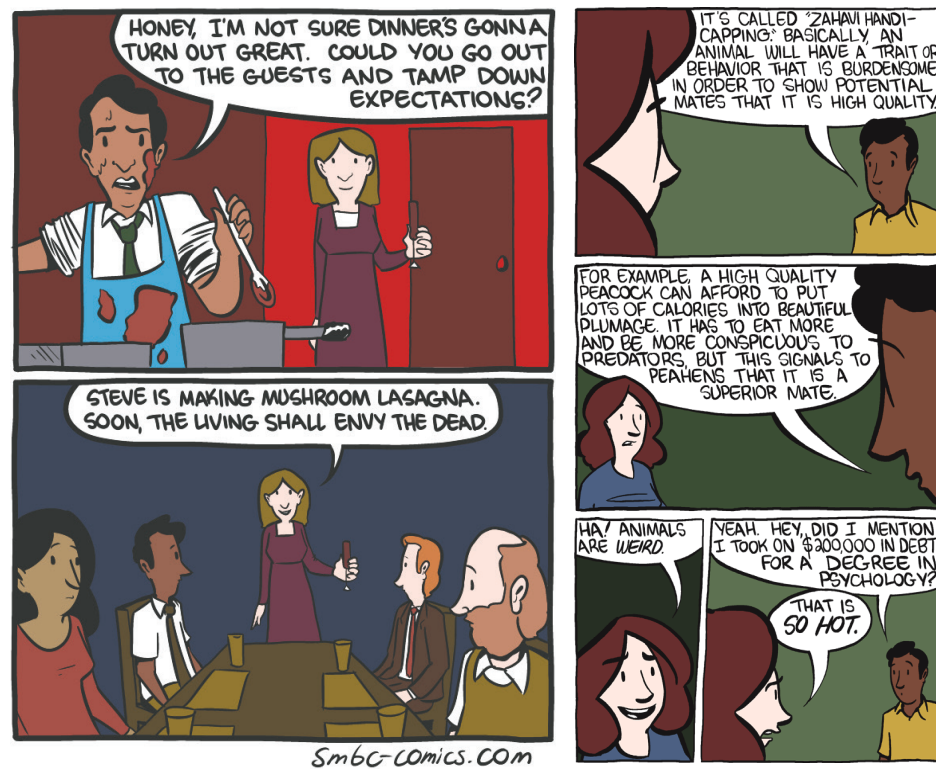
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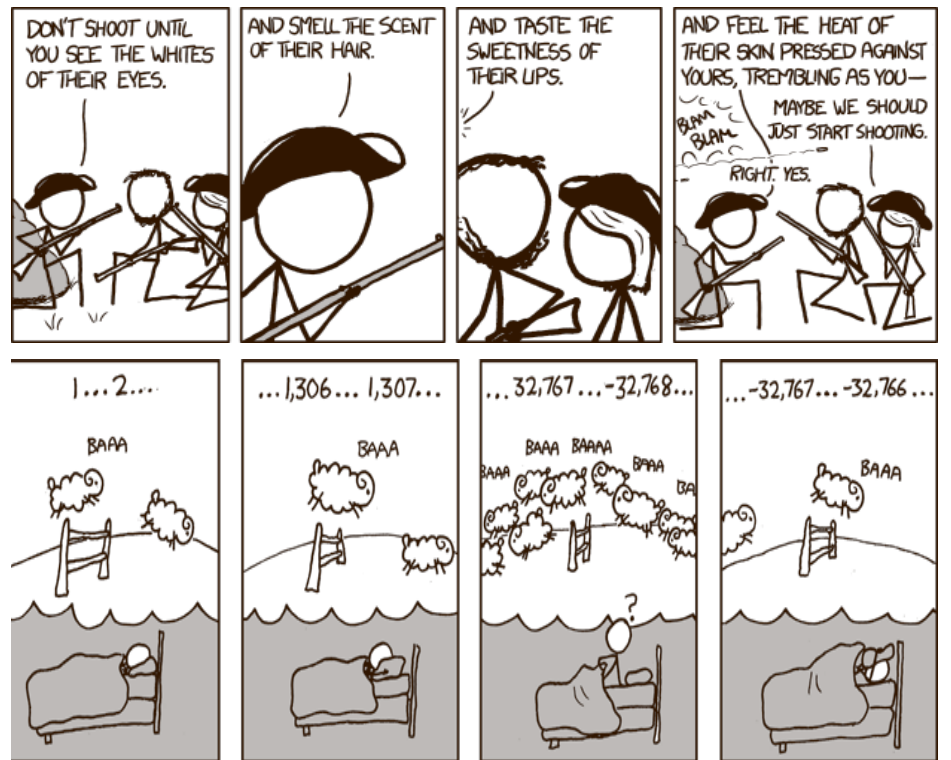
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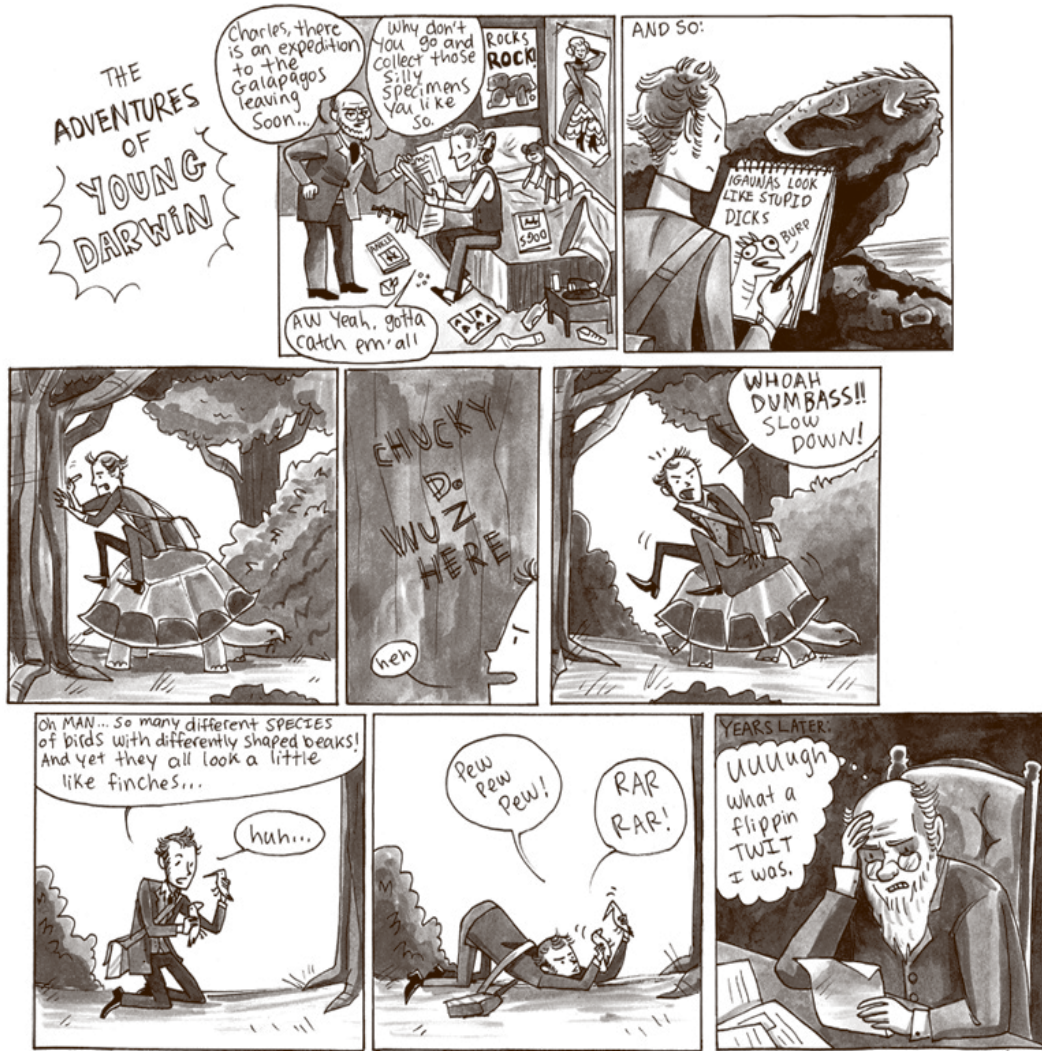
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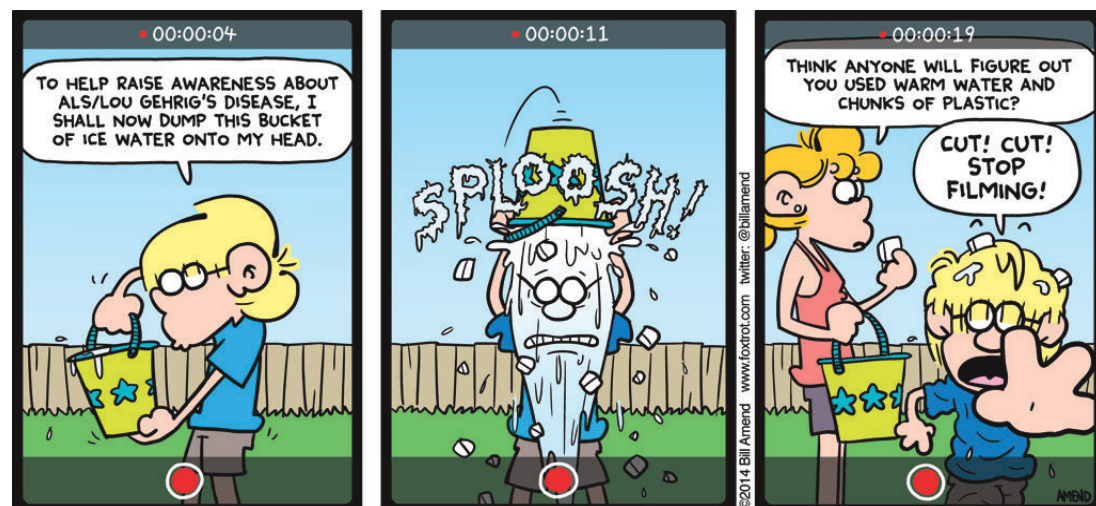
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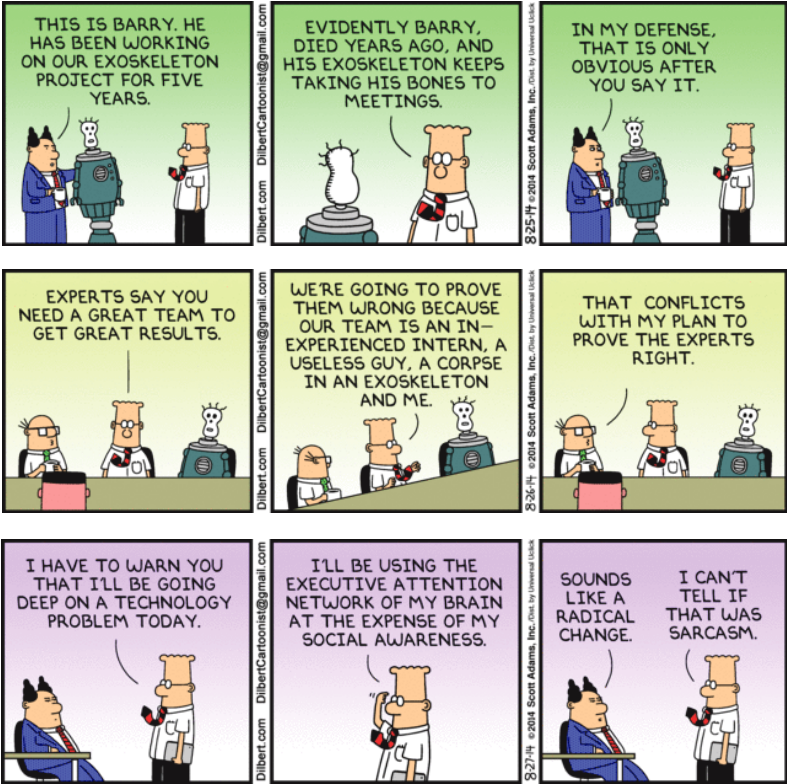


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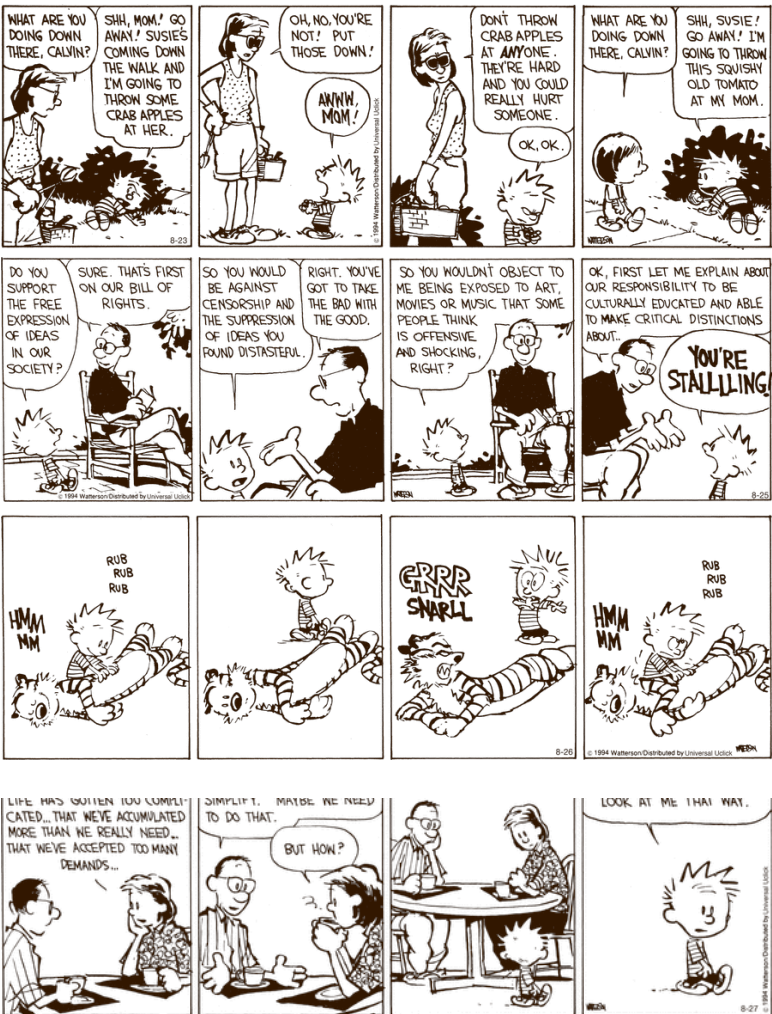
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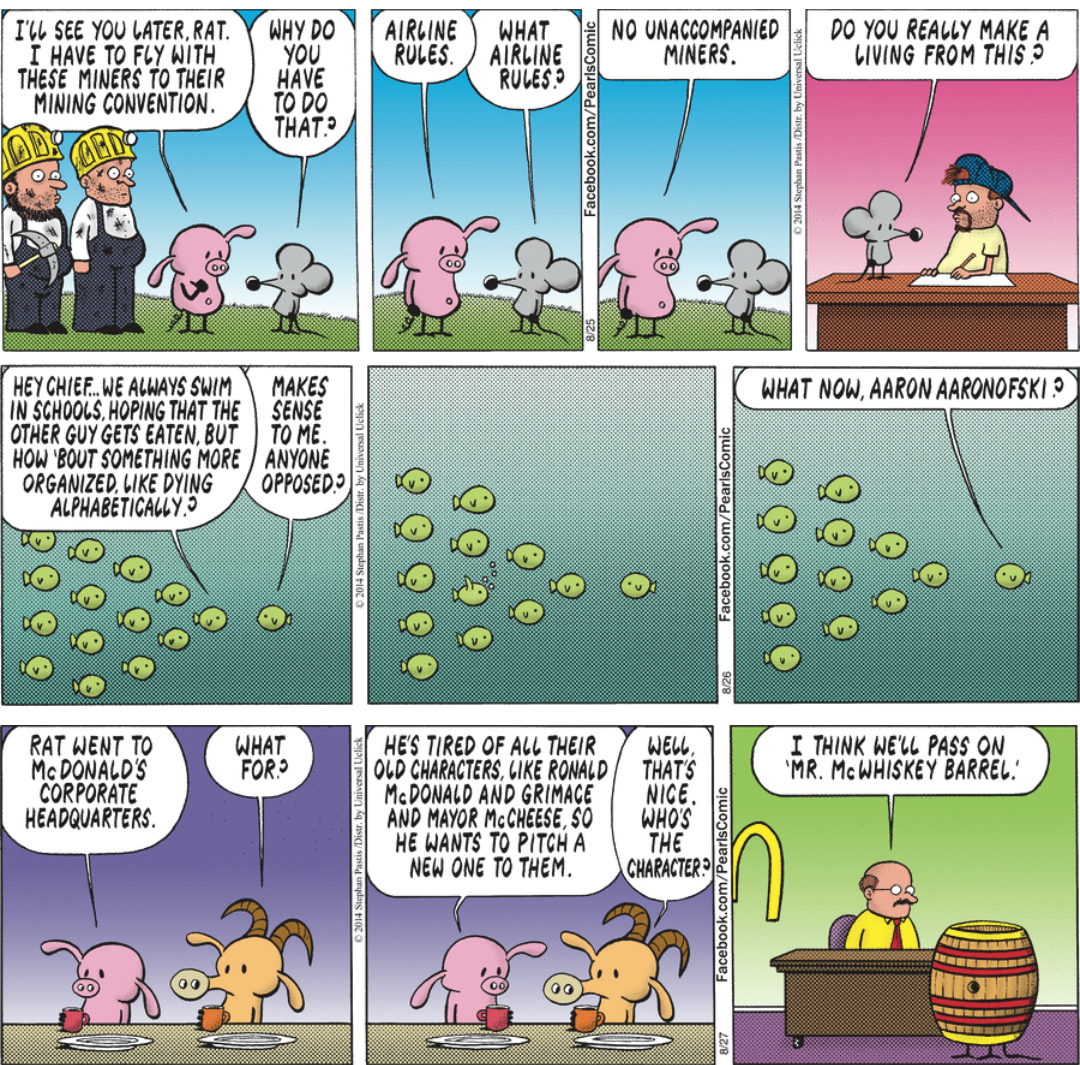
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# COACHES' CORNER



**TED ROOF**  
**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

Ted Roof is entering his second season as defensive coordinator at Tech in the Paul Johnson era. Roof made a huge difference on last year's team, as the defense was very effective during many games last season. Tech shutout Elon and Syracuse even with the first team defense not playing most of those games.

The biggest difference in last year's team was the run defense. They did a great job compared to past seasons and even held Pittsburgh to negative rushing yards.

This season won't be easy for Roof, however. The team lost three key starters on the defensive line, and Jabari Hunt-Days is academically ineligible this season. Roof will be forced to run more plays in the nickel, 4-2-5 formation this season.



**BRYAN COOK**  
**QB/B-BACKS**

Like Roof, Bryan Cook is also entering his second season at Tech. The quarterbacks and b-backs work very closely with each other, so working to build chemistry between the positions is very important.

Cook has been working closely with quarterback Justin Thomas as he is trying to groom him into the perfect triple option quarterback. He also plays a big role in recruiting and developing his players once they arrive on campus.

The b-back position will have several players that will play meaningful snaps with little to no experience. Zack Laskey is preparing for a starting role for the first time in his career, and Matt Conors and true freshman CJ Leggett will also play big roles this season.



**JOE SPEED**  
**DEFENSIVE BACKS**

Coach Speed is preparing for his sixth season as a coach at Tech. Speed has helped get several players to the NFL including Jemea Thomas, who was drafted this year by the New England Patriots. Morgan Burnett and Rod Sweeting are other notable Tech defensive backs who have made it to the NFL in Speed's time at Tech.

This season, Tech will have a very experienced secondary, headlined by cornerback D.J. White and safeties Jamal Golden and Isaiah Johnson. Tech will spend most of its time on defense with five defensive backs playing, and several true freshman will see playing time including the freshman twins, Lance and Lawrence Austin.

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**QUARTERBACK**

Paul Johnson's spread option will serve as the Jackets' offensive philosophy once again this year, and it will have a new leader in quarterback Justin Thomas. Originally recruited to play defensive back for the Alabama Crimson Tide, the 5'11", 185 pound sophomore ran a similar offense in high school and is ready to take the reins after playing behind Vad Lee last season. He ran the 40-yard dash in just 4.3 seconds coming out of high school, making him one of the fastest quarterbacks in all of college football. His athletic ability and decision making when running the ball is a perfect fit for this offense.

**B-BACK**

Senior B-back Zach Laskey will be lining up right behind Thomas on most plays. He had a breakout year in 2012, rushing for 697 yards, and scored eight touchdowns (seven on the ground) last year. His 6'1", 218 pound frame can take the beatings that come with rushing straight into the trenches while staying low and pushing forward to gain yards. He will see a lot of touches again this year, both as the second option on triple option plays and on handoffs designed to go straight to him. Senior Matt Connors will serve as his backup and Synjyn Days will also see time as well.

**A-BACK**

The Jackets are loaded with experience at the A-back position, which should allow for more plays to the outside by rotating players and keeping their bodies fresh. Seniors Tony Zenon, B.J. Bostic, Synjyn Days, Deon Hill and Charles Perkins, along with junior Broderick Snoddy should all expect to see significant playing time. Zenon and Perkins are slated to start at A-back versus Wofford.

**WIDE RECEIVER**

The receiving corps will not see as many passes thrown their way compared to last year, but that does not mean that big plays on deep balls are out of the question. Senior DeAndre Smelter is the go-to receiver and had a major impact on the team last season, catching 21 passes for 345 yards and four touchdowns. He should also be more of an impact on the field this year, even if the stats do not show it. Senior Darren Waller will sit out the first two games for violating team rules but should take over the other starting wide receiver position when he returns. At 6'5", he is the tallest receiver on the team. This is the second time Waller has been suspended for the first two game of the season.

**OFFENSIVE LINE**

The team lost three long-time starters on the

offensive line over the offseason due to graduation but added a lot of freshman depth with this past recruiting class. Senior Shaquille Mason and junior Bryan Chamberlain remain as starters at guard and tackle, while junior Trey Braun will most likely take over at the left guard position after starting eight games there last year. Sophomore Freddie Burden will start the year at center, and true freshman Chris Griffin will start at left tackle and protect Thomas' blind side. Mason is the most experienced and will be the leader of the offensive line

**OVERVIEW**

Last year was a relatively down year for the Jackets' offense. This season, expect the offense to revert to its ground-game roots with Thomas under center and for the play calling to be similar to the Washington and Joshua Nesbitt days.

**OFFENSE****DEFENSIVE END**

The Jackets graduated both starting defensive ends this past season. Jeremiah Attaochu is now with the San Diego Chargers, and Emanuel Dieke is trying to make it in the NFL too. Starting this year will be true freshman Keshun Freeman, who was forced into playing time after several transfers and players who were ineligible. Tyler Stargel will start opposite Freeman, and both players will have their work cut out for them this season.

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**

Senior Shawn Green and junior Adam Gotsis will start at the defensive tackle positions this season. Gotsis is a returning starter and made a name for himself last

season after coming up with several big interceptions, sacks and blocked kicks. Green is very effective when he is healthy, but he has suffered lingering injuries the past two seasons. Backing up Green and Gotsis will be sophomores Pat Gamble and Francis Kallon. Both have excellent size and should be good depth in the interior defensive line. Kallon was a highly rated recruit, and fans are waiting for his breakout season.

**LINEBACKER**

The linebacker core will be headlined by senior Quayshawn Nealy and junior Tyler Marcodes. Nealy is one of the most talented players on the team and will play a key role in stopping the other team's tight ends in coverage and stopping the run. Sophomore Paul Davis will be the first linebacker off the bench this season. He was very effective last year as a true freshman, and his motor and tenacity make him a very fun player to watch.

**CORNERBACK**

Graduates Jemea Thomas and Louis Young will be tough for this year's team to replace. Both are currently fighting for NFL roster spots. Junior DJ White is the most experienced corner on the team. Redshirt sophomore Lynn Griffin was supposed to start the season but is suspended for the first two games. Redshirt junior Chris Milton will start in his place. Once Griffin comes back, Milton will be able to play safety or cornerback. The Austin twins will play a key role this year as well.

**SAFETY**

Senior Isaiah Johnson returns this season along with junior Jamal Golden. Both suffered injuries last season, and their depth and experience will be needed this year. Junior Demond Smith will also see a lot of playing time, and it hasn't been determined who will be starting at safety this year. Tech's secondary will have plenty of depth and will often have three safeties play at one time.

**OVERVIEW**

Tech lost many key players this past season: Six graduated, and a couple more were ineligible this season. The pass rush is unknown, and, because of that, the defense under Roof might take a step back.

**DEFENSE****KICKER**

Sophomore Harrison Butker returns as Tech's kicker and will be the primary specialist for kickoffs, field goals and PATs. He was the Jackets' leading scorer with 83 points last year, converting on 10 of his 14 field goal attempts and 53 of 54 PAT tries. He also kicked off 73 times, 30 of which were taken for a touchback.

**PUNTER**

Sophomore Ryan Rodwell will be returning as Tech's punter. Rodwell, was redshirted last season but was Tech's primary punter in 2012 after Sean Poole was lost to injury. He averaged 39.7 yards on 13 punts in 2012 and twice pinned the op-

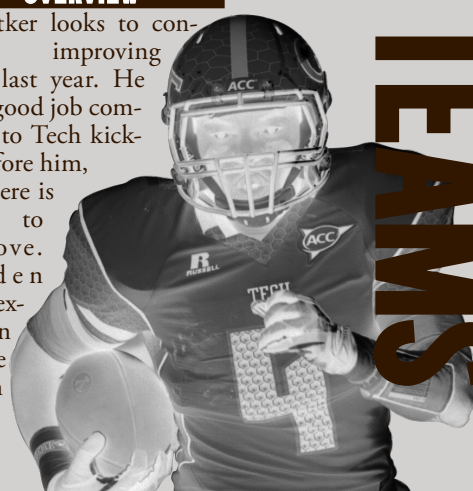
position inside its own 20 yard line.

**RETURNER**

Smelter is expected to be the main punt returner once again after racking up 124 yards on 11 returns last year. He will also occasionally return kickoffs, though junior Jamal Golden will see the most touches after missing most of 2013 with a shoulder injury. After Golden went down during the North Carolina game last season, the special teams took a huge hit, and the team wasn't as effective without Golden's break-away ability returning kickoffs and punts. Sophomores Dennis Andrews and Lynn Griffin will also see some time on kickoff returns.

**OVERVIEW**

Butker looks to continue improving upon last year. He did a good job compared to Tech kickers before him, but there is room to improve. Golden will excel in the return game.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**



# KEY PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



## JUSTIN THOMAS QUARTERBACK

After backing up quarterback Vad Lee in 2013, redshirt sophomore Justin Thomas is set to take over the starting position this season. Playing in ten games last season, Thomas rushed for 234 yards on 133 carries and threw for 131 yards with nine completions out of 17. Thomas scored two touchdowns last season, one on a 50-yard run against Syracuse.

As quarterback, Thomas brings speed to the team that Tech has not seen since Paul Johnson began coaching. Not only could he improve the offense on the ground, but also Thomas has proven that he has a strong arm. Thomas's 52.9 percent pass completion compared to Lee's 46.2 percent is hopefully a good indicator for success this year.



## ZACH LASKEY B-BACK

B-back Zach Laskey enters his senior season as the starter following 3 seasons of back-up work. Laskey is expected to be a key player in Paul Johnson's offense. He saw a decrease in play in 2013 following a breakout 2012 season but was still third on the team in carries and fourth in net rushing yards.

Laskey had a career high three rushing touchdowns against Syracuse last season. A week later, Laskey ran for a career high 133 yards against Virginia.

Laskey came to Tech in 2011 from Starrs' Mill High School. Laskey moved to the B-back position in 2012. Laskey's 5.45 yards per attempt put him at 8th in the books, and his 1,182 career rushing yards are 36th in Tech's history.



## ADAM GOTSIS DEFENSIVE BACKS

Adam Gotsis is a 6'5", 280 pound junior defensive tackle originally from Abbotsford, Australia. He grew up playing Australian Rules Football and in high school was selected to the IFAF World Team and play against Team USA in the International Bowl.

Last year he started all 13 games, racking up 38 tackles and ranking second on the team with 14.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks. He intercepted a pass in the Clemson game and blocked two kicks in the Music City Bowl vs. Ole Miss to keep the Jackets in the game. He has the strength and ability to wreak havoc on an offense's interior line and disrupt the quarterback on passing plays, as well as plug up the running lanes in the middle of the field.

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## JACKETS

Following three straight seasons of seven or fewer wins, the Jackets enter 2014 looking to make a push for their fourth Coastal Division title and a berth in the ACC title game. As Paul Johnson enters his seventh season at Tech, the defense looks to build on some momentum under new coordinator Ted Roof. The offense will also feature some promising weapons in 2014.

Tech lost five starters from last season's offense, including three linemen, but has found capable replacements for 2014. Sophomore Justin Thomas takes over at quarterback for Vad Lee, who transferred after struggling to adjust to running the option offense. Despite being much smaller than Lee, Thomas's breakaway speed is something no quarterback under Johnson has

ever brought to the table. Between Thomas and a stable of senior A-backs, the Jackets have several speed options in the backfield, and senior B-backs Zach Laskey and Synjyn Days are both very capable power runners. The success of the offense will come down to the performance of the offensive line, which

is breaking in three new starters.

Last year's defense featured three eventual 2014 draft picks, and only four starters return to a unit that will alternate between a 4-2-5 base package and a more traditional 4-3. Tech will deploy the 4-2-5 for this game with junior Demond Smith starting at the nickel, a position that demands excellent run support and coverage skills in this alignment. The rest of the back seven should be in good shape, with senior linebacker Quayshawn Nealy anchoring the linebacking corps and safeties Jamal Golden and Isaiah Johnson returning from injuries. Junior defensive tackle Adam Gotsis is the only returning starter on the line, but Gotsis was very disruptive against the run last season with 14.5 tackles for loss. While the pass rush remains a question mark, that should not be a major concern against run-heavy Wofford. Despite inexperience, the defense should excel against Wofford.

GEORGIA TECH  
VS  
WOFFORD

AUGUST 30, 2014  
AT 12:00 P.M.

Wofford is looking to rebound after a late-season slide ended their playoff hopes in 2013. The Terriers reached the FCS playoffs three straight times from 2010-12, and midway through last season they were 5-2 and ranked No. 12 in FCS. Despite the strong start, they went on to drop their final four games to end the season at 5-6, ending the playoff streak and marking their first losing season since 2009. With Head Coach Mike Ayers entering his 27th season at the helm and 13 starters returning, Wofford will look to start 2014 with their second-ever win over an FBS team.

The Terriers use a run-heavy offense known as the "wishbone." The base formation is similar to Tech's standard flexbone formation under Paul Johnson, but one wide receiver is replaced with a tight end, and one halfback lines up alongside the fullback. Wofford ran the ball on 82.5 percent of

their plays in 2013 and averaged 269.9 rushing yards per game. The biggest threats for Tech's defense will be fullback Jonny Martin, who scored seven touchdowns last season, and halfback Will Gay, who had 486 rushing yards and 205 receiving yards in 2013. The key for Wofford, though, will be to complete some passes early on and prevent Tech from bringing eight defenders into the box to stop the run.

Defensively, Wofford runs a 3-4 alignment,

and all three starters return along the defensive line. The best of the corps is senior defensive end Tarek Odom, who racked up 13

tackles for loss and two sacks last season and earned all-conference honors. Wofford returns both starting corners and two starting linebackers, but both safeties will be new starters and could be vulnerable. The Terriers are slated to start two redshirt freshmen and as many as four sophomores on defense, so overall this will be a very young unit. Their biggest challenge will be up front, as starting defensive ends Odom and Tom Bove are both listed below 260 pounds, while Tech's smallest starting offensive lineman is listed at 284 pounds. If Odom and Bove are able to get around their blockers and repeatedly disrupt plays in the backfield, Tech could have problems getting option plays going.

PREDICTION: Tech 56, Wofford 7

## WOFFORD



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1	August 30	VS	Wofford		Saturday 12:30pm
2	September 6	@	Tulane		Saturday 4:00pm
3	September 13	VS	Georgia Southern		Saturday 12:00pm
4	September 20	VS	Virginia Tech		TBD
5	October 4	@	Miami (FL)		TBD
6	October 11	@	Duke		TBD
7	October 18	VS	North Carolina		TBD
8	October 25	@	Pittsburgh		TBD
9	November 1	VS	Virginia		TBD
10	November 8	@	NC State		TBD
11	November 15	VS	Clemson		TBD
12	November 29	VS	Georgia		TBD



## VIRGINIA TECH

Week 4 sees the Ramblin' Wreck travel to Blacksburg for an early showdown against archrival Virginia Tech. Frank Beamer's Hokies will be the first real test for the 2014 Yellow Jackets. The other "Tech" school has won 5 out of 6 match-ups against Coach Paul Johnson—the only GT win being the 2009 upset—but those games have been decided by less than a touchdown on average. Having three games to adjust should help new starting quarterback Justin Thomas run the triple option more effectively against a Hokie defense that held Georgia Tech to 10 points last year but features only 5 returning starters and an unproven front seven.

Former Texas Tech quarterback Michael Brewer takes over from the graduated Logan Thomas, who exploited Tech defenses with both his arm and legs for three years. Virginia Tech returns their three top receivers and a strong offensive line that will feature running backs J.C. Coleman and Trey Edmunds.

Both teams have a lot of questions marks going into this season, but the winner of the "Battle of the Techs" has gone on to the ACC Championship Game eight out of the last nine years.



## MIAMI

After a tough road game against Virginia Tech and a well-deserved bye week, the Jackets welcome the Miami Hurricanes for the annual White Out game. Miami arrives in Atlanta after early tests against Louisville, #22 Nebraska, and defending Coastal winners Duke. This matchup bears similarities to the Virginia Tech meeting: Georgia Tech has lost 5 straight to the Hurricanes.

True freshman quarterback Brad Kaaya has been asked to fill large shoes by fourth-year coach Al Golden, though Kaaya has an enormous safety net by the name of Duke Johnson. The junior running back ran for 184 yards at home against Tech last year, a game in which Miami won 45-30 overcoming a 17-7 deficit.

In contrast to Virginia Tech, Miami's front seven is their strength while their secondary is a point of concern. Star Hurricane defenders Anthony Chickillo, Denzel Perryman and Calvin Heurtelou will prove challenging to run a successful option attack against. If the Tech defense can contain Heisman Trophy candidate Duke Johnson (easier said than done), a balanced Yellow Jacket attack could give Tech its first win against the Hurricanes since 2008.



## CLEMSON

The Jackets will host Clemson, in the penultimate game of the regular season, two weeks before they travel to UGA. This will be the first time that Clemson plays on the Flats since the Jackets upset the then-undefeated, fifth-ranked Tigers in 2011. That was also the last victory for the Jackets in the series. The two subsequent trips to Death Valley have resulted in losses in which the Jackets' defense could not stop Clemson from lighting up the scoreboard.

The Tigers will be relying on senior Cole Stoudt to get the job done after Tajh Boyd graduated this past season. Stoudt has been with the team since 2011, but has seen limited action in his three seasons, mostly at the end of blowout games against weaker opponents. Three-time All-American wide receiver Sammy Watkins was also lost to the draft, so there will be no elite pass catcher for the Jackets to cover this time. He torched the Jackets for 104 yards and two touchdowns last year, and even in the loss in 2011 still racked up 153 yards. This will still be a difficult game for Tech, as the Tigers' stout defense and ability to control the tempo of the game on offense make them a formidable opponent.



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