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Stingerette changes open for debate

By Arcadiy Kantor
Senior Staff Writer

The Stingerette service no longer going off campus has drawn the attention of the Student Government Association (SGA), which is now gathering student feedback about the service.

"I met with [Robert Furniss, director of Parking and Transportation] last week...and it's a very complicated issue," said David Andersen, undergraduate student body president. "From the parking department's perspective there aren't the resources available [to keep the service going off-campus]."

According to Furniss, while students were taken to destinations like Home Park or the Marta station as a courtesy in the past, serving off-campus students was not at any point

"What we did was stop extending the courtesy that we had done the last several years. And that's not to say... that can not change."

Robert Furniss
Director of Parking

official Stingerette policy. "[The mile radius] was never a stipulation for Stingerette service," he said. "It's not [that] we changed anything. What we did was stop extending the courtesy that we had done the last several years. And that's not to say that...that can not change."

SGA is working with the department of Parking and Transportation to consider alternatives for running the service.

According to Furniss and Andersen, an official expansion of the Stingerette service to some off-campus destinations is possible, but it

would require additional funding for new resources.

"Honestly, it is a matter of what the students want. Would students rather have a service on campus with

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Noah Allen and Raphael Rohit wait for a ride at a subway station. The Stingerette no longer picks students up from off campus.

Hispanic Business ranks COE second

Hispanic Business magazine ranked the College of Engineering second in the category "Top Engineering Schools for Hispanics" in its September issue.

In the article, the magazine cites student organizations as the key to increasing involvement. "Organizations such as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and La Unidad Latina increase the participation of Hispanic students in the technical professions," the article said. The magazine ranked the College of Engineering at the University of Texas El Paso first in the category.

CRC announces extended hours

The Campus Recreation Center (CRC) announced that it is extending its hours for the current semester. The CRC will be opening at 5:30 a.m. and closing at 12 a.m. on weekdays. The weekend hours have not changed. During home football games the building will open at 9 a.m. and close at 3 p.m. A complete list of building hours can be found on www.crc.gatech.edu/geninfo.php.

Smith replaces McMath as vice provost

By Amanda Dugan
News Editor

Anderson Smith, associate dean of the College of Sciences and professor of Psychology, has been named vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs. Smith follows Robert McMath, who left to take a position at the University of Arkansas.

"[It is] a great idea to have an office focused on undergraduate students," Smith said. "It seems essential. McMath created the department with his work and did an outstanding job."

Smith has served as associate dean

since 1994 and has been a professor at Tech for 35 years. Smith received his doctoral degree in Experimental Psychology from the University of Virginia. "I have been here forever. This is my 35th year. Being an experimental psychologist, it has been a great place to be," Smith said. "I really like what I'm doing. It is going to take some time and there will be a transition period where I juggle both things."

Smith's research interests focus on age differences in memory. "I teach every semester and I do research. The first question I asked about this job was if I could still teach and do research. [Provost Jean-Lou

Chameau] assured me that I could even though it appears to be a very busy position," Smith said.

Smith said that of everything he has done, he is most proud of winning the Outstanding Teacher award of everything he has done. "I am an administrator, but first of all I am a faculty member," Smith said.

As vice provost, Smith has two primary areas of responsibility. One is to direct student academic services and faculty personnel matters. The other is to coordinate campus-wide initiatives to improve teaching and learning. Smith has assumed coordination of the Undergraduate Learning Center (ULC), a project

that would pull together resources for beginning students that was started under McMath.

Smith has served as co-chair with Richard Meyer on the committee developing the ULC. "[The ULC] brings all of the support services together. The same with advising, but most of that will be referring freshmen and sophomores from the center," Smith said. "This is a very important building and we want to make sure we do it good."

Smith said they are working to add more undergraduates to serve on the ULC planning committee.

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UCEA gives Holm faculty award

William Holm, assistant vice provost of Distance Learning and Professional Education (DLPE), was given the University Continuing Education Association (UCEA) Region South Continuing Education Faculty Award at the UCEA South Regional Conference last week. The conference was held in Savannah from Sept. 18 to Sept. 20.

The award is presented to a faculty member who exhibits excellence in the field of continuing education.



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A night at the theater: The improv comedy group, the Gorgeous Ladies of Comedy, perform as part of DramaTech's Black Box Comedy Festival.

Techworks accepts donations

By Ranganath Venkataraman
Contributing Writer

Faculty and staff will be able to contribute to the Georgia Tech Charitable Campaign online at techworks.gatech.edu starting Oct. 19. This change is part of a process to simplify donating and increase funding for the campaign. This annual program's open enrollment time runs until Nov. 23.

The Charitable Campaign is part of the State Charitable Contributions program, which was created by the 1982 Georgia General Assembly in order to allow state employees to make financial contributions to their choice of charities. This program donates to 46 independent charitable organizations and

42 charitable federations. These groups oversee fundraising for over 1200 agencies.

The campaign used to of-

"[Moving donations online] cuts the budget in half."

Carolyn Schneider
Charitable Campaign Committee Head

ficially start in September when faculty and staff received pamphlets about the program. Campaign coordinators for each department had the responsibil-

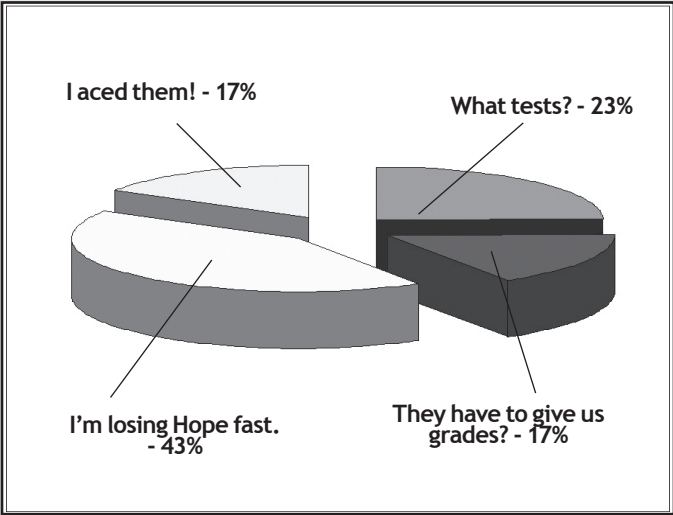
ity for distributing and then later collecting the pledge cards. The introduction of this online system has removed the need for coordinators and reduced the operating budget.

"It cuts the budget in half, which is a big thing, because the more we save, the more we help out," said Carolyn Schneider, administrative manager in Student Planning and Financial Services and head of the committee that manages the campaign.

"We used to have a departmental coordinator. We used to have a kick-off breakfast...[and] a thank-you luncheon, which you can imagine how expensive that is. We don't have to do those anymore," Schneider said.

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Technique Online Voice your opinion!
Last issue's question received 83 responses.
How did your first rounds of tests go?



By Lauren Griffin/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Do you like Thursday night football?
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Suspicious person
9/8/2005 8:59:00 hrs.
Location: Bobby Dodd Way/Williams St.
Incident: Offender gave false name and was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning.

Motor vehicle theft
8/30/2005 10:00:00 hrs.
Location: 500 block Ninth St.
Incident: Report of a stolen black 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe.

9/10/2005 11:48:00 hrs.
Location: 175 Fourth St./Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity House
Incident: Report of a stolen blue 2001 Nissan.

From the files of the GTPD...

Crime Reports

Larceny-theft
9/9/2005 0:26:00 hrs.
Location: 750 Ferst Dr./CRC Field
Incident: Report of a stolen cell-phone.

9/9/2005 4:30:00 hrs.
Location: 700 block Brittain Dr.
Incident: Report of stolen speakers and shelves.

9/9/2005 16:30:00 hrs.
Location: 351 Ferst Dr./Student Center
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet and tote bag.

9/9/2005 17:00:00 hrs.
Location: 118 Bobby Dodd Way/Glenn Residence Hall
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.

9/10/2005 15:39:00 hrs.
Location: 157 North Ave.
Incident: Report of a stolen wallet.

Information
9/8/2005 1:50:00 hrs.
Location: 740 Cherry St./Library
Incident: Report of a dispute between two Facilities employees.

9/10/2005 9:38:00 hrs.
Location: 749 Fowler Street/Peters Parking Deck
Incident: Report of a stolen center console.

Fire
9/9/2005 17:16:00 hrs.
Location: 711 Techwood Dr./Field Residence Hall
Incident: Report of a fire in a trash can.

Simple battery
9/10/2005 18:36:00 hrs.
Location: North Ave./Techwood Dr.
Incident: Offender arrested for Simple Battery on Police Officer and Disorderly Conduct.

Corrections

The photo caption in last week's men's tennis preview on page 25 incorrectly identified former Tech player Jason Pieters as David North.

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by Donald Trumps lecture in
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between the World Wide Web
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he was on my facebook friends
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has taken a Bushonian stand
toward women at Tech (if we
quit trying to bring them in
now, that would mean the boys
have won)
Hill babying freshman....
what the Four Horseman of
the Apocalypse have to go
teach that Basketball course
at U(sic)GAG to keep their
football program legit
I propose Operation Viagra to
help stiffen the Shaft so that
the Freshman do not get off
too easy
Shaft too soft on 1st years
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Horseman of the Apocalypse
(and their little friend Lubin-
sky too)
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not follow the constitution as
a big constitutional problem
facing us today...
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tended) out with a new brand of
condoms, Clinton Condoms. I
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Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

Graduate Student Senate

Senate appoints members at large

By Nikhil Joshi
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate passed only one bill in its weekly meeting Tuesday, the third of the current semester. The bill, which was passed at the beginning of the meeting, involved the appointment of senators.

After roll was called, the bill was moved from old business to be considered immediately. Kasi David, graduate student body president, proceeded to describe the bill, which he authored.

"Generally we have open seats available," David said. "I take the chance to appoint members-at-large who want to get involved."

The Senate passed the bill and David swore in the senators with the traditional oath.

Mitch Keller, graduate student body president, said that because the positions of coordinating officer,

Bills passed

- Appointment of Graduate Student Senators

secretary or treasure were not filled these reports were not given. Tuesday was the first meeting for many of the senators and Keller expressed his appreciation of their attendance. "We like to see that so many people have come today," he said.

The meeting's agenda included only one bill in old business, an allocation to the annual Homecoming event, authored by Pelham Norville. However, Norville promptly withdrew the bill. He said that after speaking with the organizational representatives, he realized that the organization was asking for funding for next year's event. This, he said, was something that SGA could not currently allocate money for in a bill. "I encouraged representatives to put this bill in the form of a budget request," he said.

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Representatives appoint JFC

By James Stephenson
Contributing Writer

The Undergraduate House of Representatives passed three bills in its weekly meeting Tuesday.

The meeting started with a presentation from guest speaker Andrew Harris, Director of Government Relations. Harris talked about the Legislative Internship Program, the legislative network present in the state and potential upcoming legislation affecting Tech.

David Andersen, undergraduate student body president, was next to report. Andersen first spoke about the new vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, Anderson Smith, and his role in overseeing the undergraduate curriculum.

Andersen then reported on the issues with the Career Fair. Andersen said that in the past, many students have had trouble getting excused from class to attend the fair.

Andersen reported that a letter had been sent to President Clough expressing the students' displeasure with the way the Barbell Club had been closed. He said President Clough responded by saying a new policy shall be in place to handle future incidents. Andersen said the policy will not help the Barbell Club but will give other organizations in the same situation due process.

Andersen also said he wants the new Atlantic Station development to have ties with the Tech Community. He said one possible way to do so is the creation of a bus route between Atlantic Station and



By Jason Ossey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

David Andersen said that the Stingerette will be willing to go back off campus if students speak up and are willing to wait extra time.

campus. However, he said both sides currently do not have the funds to achieve this.

Andersen also spoke about the changes to the Stingerette services. He said that the Stingerette will be willing to go back off campus if there is strong enough outcry from the students and students are willing to wait the extra time.

The representatives passed three bills. The first bill, Appointment for Council Representative, was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made to suspend the by-laws and move two bills, Appointment of Institute Committees

Bills passed

- Appointment for Council Representative
- Appointment of Institute Committees
- Appointment of Joint Finance Committee Members

and Appointments of Joint Finance Committee Members, to Old Business. The motion was passed by two-thirds majority vote and both bills were passed by unanimous vote. The new members of the Joint Finance Committee who were present at the meeting were sworn in.

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a shorter response time, or would they rather have a service that goes off campus with boundaries to Home Park and have a longer response time? Because when I met with [Parking and Transportation] they basically said we can do either or," Andersen said.

Students who live close to campus and used the Stingerette were not able to plan for the change. "A lot of people consider Home Park to be part of campus. Atlantic Station is a different story, Vinings is a different story. But a lot of people consider...Home Park and Centennial Place to be part of the campus, so they were pretty upset...and they were also concerned about safety issues. This far into the semester they hadn't factored into their budget that they would need to pay for transportation or pay for a taxi or get a car," Andersen said.

Parking and Transportation has been criticized for failing to get information about the change announced early enough to give students an opportunity to prepare.

"I still think this situation could have been handled better and I still think there should have been more

of a heads up for students. We should have received a megamod in the summer about this, and in the beginning of the summer," Andersen said.

Transportation was also criticized for not soliciting student feedback, an error Furniss said he acknowledged. Funds to operate the Stingerette and other transportation services, such as the Stinger buses and the Tech Trolley, come from the mandatory Student Transportation Fee, which currently stands at 57 dollars per semester.

According to Furniss, expanding the service to off-campus destinations would require an increase in the fee of \$2.60 per student per semester.

Furniss said he is hesitant to ask for more fee increases, and the goal of enforcing campus boundaries is to avoid needing to request one.

"Every dollar is out of your pocket, obviously, and I'm not the only one requesting it," he said. "We're going to provide you an excellent service within these boundaries. We're not going to raise any more fees; we don't need to. We run the service and that's what it is."

Another drawback for increasing fees to deal with the service is the relatively low usage statistics for the Stingerette.

"It's anywhere from 150 to as

many as 300 [riders] a night, depending on weather conditions. So yeah, if you look at campus population on any given day, what do we have, 17,000 students, roughly? And we have 150 riding the system on a given night? Yeah, the percentage is really, really low," Furniss said.

The total number of riders for the service dropped from 21,678 riders over the course of the semester in Fall 2004 to 15,714 riders in the spring.

Still, some students wonder how useful a service that does not go off campus is. "Since it does just go across campus, you might as well just walk anyway. I don't ever really feel in danger on campus," said David Shirley, a fourth-year Computer Science major.

One option currently under consideration by SGA is to charge students who wish to use the Stingerette for off-campus travel an additional fee. "We would like to look at the possibility of having students who rode the Stingerette swipe their BuzzCard for off-campus driving," Andersen said. "There might be reasons it could not work, but we think it's definitely something worth looking at."

The need to reduce wait times for on-campus users was cited as a major

reason for boundary enforcement. The service's wait times went down since it stopped serving off-campus users. In February 2005, more than 350 calls involved wait times of more than 20 minutes. In the first few weeks of the semester, however, only approximately 30 calls took that long to be dealt with.

According to Furniss, the goal is to ensure no student has to wait that long for the service. "[Since the change] 80 percent of our people are being serviced in five to six minutes. That's acceptable. That's not leaving people on the street stranded waiting for indefinite periods of time," he said.

Furniss also pointed to several affordable alternatives to the Stingerette, such as the Evening and Weekend permit, which allows students to park on campus between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

According to Andersen, SGA will solicit student input in a variety of ways.

"We have not formed a decision on this, but what I can say is we are actively searching for the right answer, and we're actively searching to find out what students want," he said.

Students can give Andersen feedback directly by emailing president@sga.gatech.edu.

OBITUARY

Tech lost a member of its community when Dr. Steven Kudravi passed away over the weekend of Sept. 24-25.

Dr. Kudravi became Senior Academic Professional in the School of Biology in May 2004. In little more than a year, he transformed the introductory biology laboratory classes at Tech into discovery labs with original experiments.

Dr. Kudravi also mentored both graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants, continually coaching them to improve their teaching skills. He taught classes in Introductory Microbiology and Medical Microbiology.

In memory of Dr. Kudravi, the School of Biology is establishing an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award in Dr. Kudravi's name.

He is survived by his two sisters, Kathy and Kris Kudravi, as well as his mother Paula Kudravi.

A memorial service in honor of Dr. Kudravi will be hosted by the School of Biology Thurs., Oct. 6 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in the Parker H. Petit Biotechnology Building in Room 1128.



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CHRIS BOTTI
Wednesday, Oct. 26 8 p.m.

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Friday, Oct. 28 8 p.m.

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Beijing Modern Dance Company, one of China's most fascinating and innovative dance troupes, makes its southeastern U.S. debut at the Ferst Center. Performing *Rear Light*, a dance set to music from Pink Floyd's *The Wall*, the company explores the struggle of the younger Chinese generation to be free from tradition.

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Ted Kennedy is coming to my EAS class to tell us how a Democrat President would stop hurricanes, should be a ground breaking lecture VPI may have won the ball game...but they still have a f#\$%@@% turkey as a mascot Here's to bouncing back GT football. Girls, just because there aren't many of you doesn't mean you can stop trying to impress us. Hayes admitted to liking women "big and beautiful". Here's your chance ladies. I think that punching hippies and metrosexuals is a marvelous idea.

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Online from page 1

Schneider said the process for making donations online is very simple. The Charitable Campaign link on the employees' homepage brings up the pledge card with information on what they donated last year.

In order to make their contribution for the next year employees use the Add Pledge link. Employees can then browse the list of charities and choose the charity and the amount to donate. Once the donation is made and saved, Schneider said it goes automatically to payroll and the employee can view an updated pledge card. "There are no lost pledge cards...no running around the campus," Schneider said.

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He said that funding for the ULC will come from the upcoming capital campaign and the Board of Regents. "What a great opportunity for alumni to give to something that will have an impact on all undergraduates," Smith said. "It is on the Board of Regents list. I really hope we get planning money. We are probably three years away from it being operational."

Smith said he is hopeful of the impact the ULC will have on academic life. "There are lots of innovative things to think about doing in the ULC, where every student will be," Smith said.

The proposed honors program is another reason Smith said he is

Employees can still choose to donate by cash or check. Schneider said the result is a process that is more secure and more convenient.

"It sounds so...[simple] and yet it helps so many people."

Carolyn Schneider
Charitable Campaign
Committee Head

"[The pledge cards are] right there at the employee's finger tips," Schneider said. "Then we had employees who wanted their contributions to be

anonymous...this gives them their confidentiality."

All departments will still be able to contribute. "We're available to do departmental presentations... on whatever level they need," Schneider said. She said she expects to see an increase in donations this year and would like to get students involved. Students can get printed pledge cards from Schneider and make donations by cash or check.

"[I would like to meet with any] student organization [that] wants to contribute," Schneider said.

Four dollars a month can provide a wig for a child with cancer, while eight dollars a month can provide food for a family of four for two weeks according to Schneider. "It sounds so...[simple] and yet it helps so many people," she said.

excited about the new position. "[We will be] able to recruit students who would have gone to the Ivy leagues. [The honors program] will increase academic diversity," Smith said.

Smith said they are currently working out the details of the program. "I don't know concrete examples. We sort of know what it looks like...but we need to work things out...to market [it] to the students," Smith said. "We have to continue to attract the very, very best, if it does not do that then [the honors program] is not successful."

Smith said he hopes to focus on academics. "We have done a lot to improve student life, now we have to enhance academic life," he said.

He also plans to continue faculty development. "I'd like to see us take

a look at what we need in faculty training. [Finding] someone junior faculty can ask about issues with [administration], personal life and research. Senior faculty that [can serve as] mentors," Smith said.

Smith said he hopes to improve faculty teaching by increasing response to student evaluation surveys. "We must make the student evaluation of faculty work," Smith said. "Students need to take responsibility; if they are not satisfied they need to fill out the evaluation. This is a way we can reward good teaching and stop the bad."

Smith said that teaching is an important part of the tenure process. "We need [the teaching] to work and [it is] required in tenure and promotion packages," he said.

Breaking the Bubble

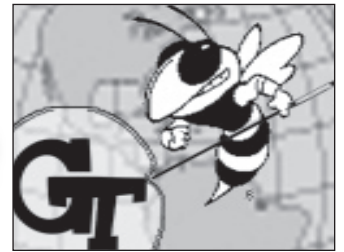
A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Here are a few important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Private sentenced to three years for abuse

American Private First Class Lynndie England was sentenced to three years in jail Tuesday for abusing prisoners of war in Iraq. England was the ninth low-level soldier that was court-martialed in the trial of detainee abuse in the Abu Ghraib prison.

She was originally charged with up to nine years, but the prosecution asked for four to six years in trial England, who said that she was acting to please her boyfriend, Private Charles Graner, was convicted on six of seven counts.

According to CNN, she said that Graner took advantage of their relationship, making her pose with Iraqis in the questionable pictures taken by American guards at Abu Ghraib. "I was used by Private Graner," she said, as quoted by CNN. "I didn't realize it at the time." One of the pictures depicted her holding a naked prisoner on a leash. In another, she stood with a pyramid of naked prisoners, pointing at one man's genitals. England apologized to American soldiers and to the families of Abu Ghraib prisoners



at the trial. "I heard attacks were made on coalition forces because of the photos. I apologize to coalition forces and their families that lost their life or were injured because of the photos," she said.

Ask Jeeves changes image, drops Jeeves

InterActiveCorp, the company which bought Ask Jeeves Inc. in July, plans to change the www.ask.com website's image to get rid of Jeeves, the British butler it features.

CNN reported that chairman of InterActiveCorp, Barry Diller, said that InterActiveCorp would be getting rid of Jeeves and changing the website's official name to Askor Ask.com at an investor conference during the past week.

Diller said that the overweight and balding butler does not represent the image that the company wants to represent the search engine. "Not that I don't like that fat butler," he said.

Research done by the company, Diller said, showed that users tended to associate Jeeves with inconsistency, which was characteristic of the search engine before its technology was upgraded to match that of Google and Yahoo.

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