



Tech challenges NCAA rulings



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Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson and Athletics Director Dan Radakovich at a press conference following the announcement of the rulings on July 14, which penalized the men's football and basketball programs for violations.

By Nishant Prasad
Development Editor

Seeking a reduction in the penalties assessed to its athletic program by the NCAA in mid-July for major violations committed by its football and men's basketball programs, Tech submitted a written appeal to the NCAA on Friday, Sept. 9.

Tech appealed two of the four primary findings listed in the NCAA's infractions report on the case, expressed an objection to multiple indications by the NCAA Committee on Infractions that Tech officials attempted to obstruct the investigation and requested the reinstatement of the football team's victory in the 2009 ACC Championship Game.

"Tech takes its compliance obliga-

tions very seriously and accepts responsibility for its mistakes. These mistakes, however, were made in good faith while Tech took what it believed to be reasonable and appropriate steps under the circumstances," the appeal said.

The findings that Tech chose to challenge stemmed from an incident involving impermissible benefits provided to two former Tech football players, wide receiver Demaryius Thomas and safety Morgan Burnett.

Thomas accepted clothing and other items valued at \$312 from either his cousin or a friend of his cousin; the confusion over this detail was a major point of contention between Tech and the NCAA and factored into the NCAA's ultimate conclusions. Burnett was investigated for a similar incident, but the NCAA found that Tech had tampered

with the investigation by notifying him about a pending interview with an NCAA official.

In appealing the NCAA's findings, Tech challenged the assertion of the Committee on Infractions that Tech deliberately manipulated the information presented to both the ACC and the NCAA to justify the decision to keep Thomas eligible. The appeal presented Tech's rationale for choosing not to declare Thomas ineligible based on the information available at the time.

"While the Committee [on Infractions] ultimately determined over a year later that [Thomas] should have been withheld, when viewed under a 'real time' prism, [Tech's] decision was reasonable," the appeal said.

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Block seating regulations finalized

By Kamna Bohra
Managing Editor

Effective for the 2012 football season, groups seeking block seating in Bobby Dodd stadium will receive 0.5 bonus attendance points for arriving at games at or before kickoff and a minimum requirement of 15 students per block will be enforced. The block assignments will continue to be based on overall block attendance for the final six home games of the 2011 season and new groups will still be treated as having zero attendance rates for the 2011 season. SGA will continue to make block assignments when season ticket registration closes in the 2012 season and entrance into the North end zone will still require a wristband and Buzzcard.

While considerations were made to examine attendance rates as averages over two or three years to reward long-term involvement and school spirit, the decision was made to continue using attendance only from the preceding season.

Furthermore, the bonus point system for early arrival is intended to improve school spirit.

"I anticipate that there will probably be some students [who] are not incentivized by arriving at the game before kickoff, but the main goal of the extra half bonus point is to reward students who are in their seats by kickoff," wrote David Yancey, the Athletics chair for SGA and a fourth-year BA major in an e-mail. "Students [who] choose to arrive after kickoff will still receive a full attendance point once they arrive."

"The stands need to be filled as the Ramblin' Reck is being driven onto the field, not as the team arrives," said Charley Crosson, Vice President of Finance for SGA at the Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

According to the official block policy, many football players have approached SGA to encourage a full North end zone by the time they are led onto the field by the Reck.

Beyond school spirit, another benefit of early arrival to games is a reduction in seating confusion.

"One block got [to the game] pretty late, so the two blocks behind them had to move forward. They were confused about where their seating was," said Undergraduate Student Body President Elle Creel, citing that this and the broken BuzzCard scanners as the major issues of the first home football game on Thursday, Sept. 1.

One consideration for future policy related to the point system is the inclusion of the Dean Dull system for Greek organizations seeking blocks.

"As far as equity, we have not found a feasible way to compare and rank Greek groups that use Dean Dull and attendance with non-Greek groups that just use attendance," Yancey said. "As far as interest level, we were not able to gauge the interest of all the IFC fraternities on using Dean Dull, rather than just the few that have been in support of its inclusion."

The need for minimum block sizes arises from the logistical difficulty in arranging small blocks among large groups, which has recently resulted in less "block-like" arrangements and rather, disjointed rows of students.

iPrevent teaches students fire safety

By Madison Lee
Contributing Writer

In observance of National Campus Fire Safety Month, Tech hosted its fourth annual educational program iPrevent on Wednesday evening. The event gave students an opportunity to participate in fire safety training sessions, learn about new technology in fire detection and witness a demonstration in which a fire, supervised by the Atlanta Department of Fire Rescue, was staged in a model dorm room.

The Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHS) at Tech developed the program to inform students on the importance of basic fire safety procedure, and the risks presented by negligence in this area. The mock dorm room fire was the highlight of the event, increasing awareness of how quickly flames can spread and result in property damage, injury or death.

Oftentimes, lack of awareness and operator error are the greatest causes of fire alarms in campus housing. In the past year, there has been one kitchen fire in the Graduate Living Center and three micro-



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The Atlanta Department of Fire Safety hosted a mock dorm room fire for iPrevent, a program that is a part of the National Campus Fire Safety month.

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wave-related fires in other dorms. According to the EHS website, cooking equipment causes 72 percent of fires in residence halls. Even incidents that do not result in a fire breaking out can produce enough smoke to trigger the smoke detectors and prompt a total evacuation of the building.

"Nuisance alarms are caused by occupant actions that typically result in an accurate response from the fire alarm system. On [most] occasions students were attempting to heat or cook food in a microwave in their dorm room," said Campus Fire Marshal Larry Labbe.

For this reason, incidents concerning fire alarms going off outside of scheduled drills due to mishaps in the kitchen or other various causes have become business as usual for students on

campus. While these events are a source of frustration, they have not yet become a recurrent disturbance.

"Fire alarms are set off a lot in North Ave. People burn things, and we all have to leave, but it's kind of normal. It doesn't happen often enough for anyone to get really [upset] about it, though," said Sapphire Liu, a third-year IAML major.

Fire alarms that are pulled without cause can be problematic as well. Not only are these incidents disruptive to the inhabitants of the building, but the misuse of fire safety equipment serves to compromise the legitimacy of fire safety procedures in general.

"Every time we have an alarm that turns out to be illegitimate, we have a [situation] where the building occupants start to doubt the reliability of the fire alarm system. Complacency sets in, and

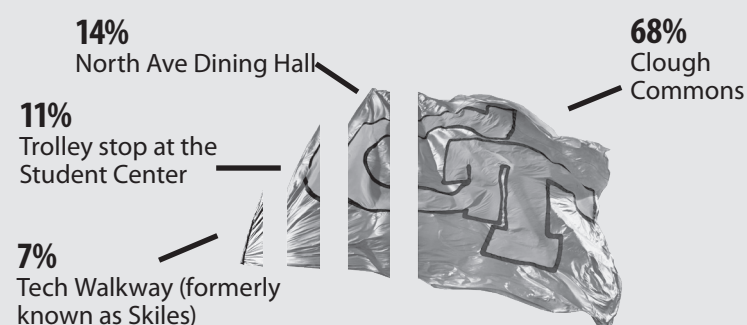
this is where the real danger begins. With complacency comes delayed or no evacuation of the occupant...in the event of an actual fire, complacent behavior could cause the occupant his or her life," Labbe said.

The safety procedures emphasized during the iPrevent program provide valuable information, but it is up to students to implement them in case of an emergency.

"The majority of the students are performing well during evacuation drills... [but] just like in athletics, you play how you practice," Labbe said. "Take the evacuation drills seriously and practice how you would actually respond to a fire in a building. We have had a few occasions where either the occupant did not hear the fire alarm or chose to stay inside. Most belongings can be replaced...the only thing I know we cannot replace is your life."

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Council Clippings

This week in Student Government

By Emily Cardin, Staff Writer

Each week, this section includes coverage of different aspects of Student Government, including the Undergraduate House of Representatives, Graduate Student Senate and the Executive Branch of both governments.

Bill Summary

Bill	Amount	GSS	UHR
Condolences Resolution	--	Pass	Pass
SHPE	\$2353.62	31-0-0	46-5-1
NROTC	--	Veto	Veto
Prior Year: \$521,904 Capital Outlay: \$846,994			

Executive Order

A Joint Executive Order, proposed by SGA Undergraduate Student Body President Elle Creel and Graduate Student Body President James Black and presented to UHR members Tuesday night, detailed new plans to streamline accounting policies for campus organizations. The stated goal of the outlined policies is "to verify that money allocated to student organizations is spent in ways consistent with the decisions of SGA," according to the order itself.

Joint Finance Committee Chair Charley Crosson will be working alongside the Student Organization Finance Office (SOFO) accountants to establish a comprehensive reporting structure that all accountants, excluding those that handle Tier I budgets, will be required to follow. This includes all accountants that handle Student Activity Fee

revenue and SOFO.

The timeline established in the order states that said reporting structure will be created by Oct. 15, and there will be a meeting in early Dec. to discuss the effectiveness of the changes made and any issues that could possibly arise.

After concerns were raised last year about allocations being given to campus sports organizations, the order will also address some of the potential problems that could arise from sports-oriented and other groups using separate accounting methods in determining allocations and budgets.

The second provision of the order affects Tier III sports clubs and organizations, in that a reporting structure will be established between CRC Accountants and SOFO by the beginning of Oct.

"I really want to emphasize clear communication and trans-



Photo by Sho Kitamura / Student Publications

Rep. Matt Mills speaks to his fellow UHR representatives on Tuesday night about the proposed changes to block seating allocation regulations, specifically the new attendance incentive system.

parency," Creel said. "The intention of the Executive Order was to ensure that our policies are being applied consistently to all organizations, no matter what department manages their accounts."

Presidential Veto

Naval ROTC submitted a funding request totaling \$141.66 in order to pay for a sailing competition this weekend. The Naval ROTC will be competing in a regatta at the University of South Carolina this weekend and requested the money to pay for the registration transportation costs.

Because the organization is not an officially chartered student organization, JFC policy states that the Naval ROTC cannot receive funding from SGA.

Joint Chair of Campus Orga-

nizations Aaron Greenwood supported waiving JFC policy and passing the bill.

"We should fund organizations even if they aren't chartered because we collect student activity fees from every student, not just those that are a part of officially chartered organizations," Greenwood said.

The bill passed both the Senate and the House, at 31-0-1 and 40-1-3 respectively. Creel and Black said they will be vetoing the bill.

"It's not within SGA policy to fund student organizations that are not chartered. As undergraduate student body president, I see it as my duty to uphold the SGA bylaws," Creel said.

"I'm open to considering reasons for allowing non-chartered organizations to be funded

through the SAF, but for now we need stick to policy. If existing large student organizations want to access the SAF as a funding source, all they need to do is get chartered," Black said.

SHPE

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) submitted a bill asking for funding to attend a national conference in Calif. SHPE Treasurer Mark Vaisberg gave details about the conference itself, at which Provost Rafael Bras will speak.

The UHR and GSS both amended the bill to a finalized amount of \$2353.62 to reflect the new federal reimbursement rate and the maximum allocation possible for campus organization conferences before passing the bill.

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Not sure if I should stop to open the umbrella or just keep on walking...

I'm a little freshmen, excited and curious- Here is my campus map, here is my Buzzcard. When I get all school-spirited, hear me shout! Just Ramble me over and Buzz me out! -jkh

I wish frats would unite for a semester and not ask any GT sororities to mixers and invite GSU, UGA, and Kennesaw instead These girls need a lesson...

How to date a girl at Tech: be white, in a frat, a football player or all of the above.

MEXICAN TYPHOON

Pika pika!

ew huge cockroaches

Zombies v humans is how nerds get exercise

Thank you, Tech Trolley, for taking 15 minutes to arrive, and then being packed full of people so I couldn't even get on. Made my day

I should sleep but I can't stop slivering

attn freshmen: it's not cool to peel T's off of signs. it doesn't make you a badass and it makes our campus look like crap seriously? centralps bins are organized by last name initial, first name initial? wtf? of course nothing at tech can be as simple as alphabetical order

statistically speaking, one of my slivers is bound to get printed

i just need some place where i can sleep

when in doubt, log in to facebook

stumbleupon

i have too many passwords

y u do this to me tho

Im such a boss

Selling my soul for good grades!! Any satans out there?

looking for a sort of faustian bargain for grades! Eternity in hell would be a vacation!

Are there any non-christ-ey, non-sorostitute, non-mouth-breath er girls out there?

is there a sliver app? the browser eats my phone's battery

slivers? more like slaving idiots! badum tishh

"I'm going to slap you with a fish!"

i have 1 terabyte of stolen movies, yay piracy! i totally couldn't have bought that many, ever

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Zipcar provides transportation alternative

By Nalin Verma
Contributing Writer

As the world's largest car sharing service, Zipcar provides automobile rental to its members, billable by the hour or day, and has been on Tech's campus since 2007.

There are 12 Zipcars parked at five different locations around campus, with Kias, Nissans, Mazdas, Toyotas and Volkswagens included in the fleet. Zipcars are parked at the Graduate Learning Center, at the Ferst Drive-State Street intersection, near the corner of North Ave. and Techwood Drive, in the Parking and Transportation office lot at Tech Square and in front of Brown Residence Hall and Center Street Apartments.

The goal of the program is to actively change the way students approach car ownership on campus.

"Zipcar and this whole notion of car sharing would help supplement and enhance the whole alternative transportation program that we have been working to set-up," said David Williamson, Associate Director at the Tech Parking and Transportation Services.

Zipcar promotes the idea of commuting in a different way, according to Williamson. The number of Zipcar vehicles on campus has increased by more than 50 percent since last year. There are more than 1,700 Zipcar members at Tech, including students, faculty and staff.

Members between the ages of 18-20 can only use the Zipcars on campus. However, members who are 21 or older have access to cars belonging to the Zipcar network around the world.

Moreover, members have 24/7 access to Zipcars. There is an on-



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The Zipcars on campus are available at several different locations to members at any time of day or night and are both regularly serviced and cleaned in compliance with the company's standards.

line reservation process for Zipcars, where one can see the available cars at different locations for the desired time slot. Members have automated access to Zipcars by using an access card called a Zipcard. They just have to tap it on a sensor on the corner of the windshield and the keys are already located inside the car upon entering.

"I've used Zipcar a lot—be it trips to restaurants or even to a different state; Zipcar has definitely been a very handy resource when it comes to getting things done quickly," said Daniel Bernard Hickman, third-year AE major and Zipcar member.

Every Zipcar reservation includes gas, insurance and 180 free

miles per day. Members are held financially responsible for the first \$750 of any and all damage to the vehicle.

"I really dislike Zipcar for its extremely stringent rules. An inconspicuous scratch on the bumper could cost you \$750 even though it could be painted to look as good as new; but no, Zipcar has to replace the part," said Hickman.

Furthermore, Zipcar refuses to take a member's word or give a first-time warning, according to Hickman.

There is a reduced \$15 one-time application fee for Tech students, faculty and staff when they join Zipcar. Hourly rates start from about \$8 per hour and daily

rates from \$68.

"This whole generation is moving away from this idea that they necessarily would want to even own a car," said Aaron Fowler, Alternative Transportation Coordinator for Parking and Transportation Services.

The Parking and Transportation Services Department has not received any complaints regarding the operations of Zipcar since it was adopted at the campus four years ago.

There are no financial or money transfers between Zipcar and Tech. Zipcar provides the cars, maintenance and marketing and Tech provides them with the parking spaces, according to Williamson.

NCAA

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Tech denied the allegation that Institute representatives took a "combative" approach when dealing with NCAA investigators. Tech also indicated that Institute President G.P. "Bud" Peterson was never informed of any such issue and therefore had no opportunity to address it.

Separately, Tech requested that the NCAA restore the lone win vacated as a result of the violations—the football team's 39-34 victory over Clemson in the 2009 ACC Championship Game—on the grounds that such a sanction was not appropriate.

"The Committee [on Infractions] abused its discretion by imposing this penalty. The Appeals Committee has previously identified factors...in determining whether to vacate victories, and vacation is not appropriate in this case," the appeal said.

Several times within the appeal, the Institute noted that if it had declared Thomas ineligible when the allegations first arose in mid-November 2009, he likely would have been reinstated prior to the ACC Championship Game.

Based on the success rate of previous appeals, Tech's odds of success are slim. On Jan. 1, 2008, the NCAA instituted new, tougher standards for successful appeals, and since then only one of 13 appeals has been successful.

The only successful appeal was submitted by Alabama State in 2009. The school successfully argued that a five-year probationary period was excessive and had it reduced to a three-year period.

Now that Tech has submitted its written appeal, the Committee on Infractions will have 30 days to submit a response. A final decision will be rendered by the NCAA's five-person Infractions Appeals Committee following an in-person hearing once all materials are reviewed.

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Block Seating

SGA control deserves praise, requires caution

For student organizations at Tech, block seating is an important part of the ticketing process, which SGA has taken partial control of in order to ease the logistical strain on the AA.

SGA deserves a great deal of praise for taking on part of the workload of this issue, when the AA would just as soon have seen it die out. Watching football with friends—particularly those in your organization, fraternity or sorority—is a big part of college life and SGA should be commended for protecting it. They should be careful, however, not to underestimate the difficulty associated with managing this. The ranking process that decides who has first pick of blocks is an inherently political one and could very easily result in inter-organizational tension.

Moreover, SGA should resist the temptation to tinker with the system unnecessarily. The system works fairly well as-is and should not be changed without reason garnered through student

feedback. SGA can reach the leader of each block and vice-versa, so SGA should refrain from modifying the policy or process unless a block leader raises a problem, and the solution is verified by the others. The last thing organizations need is a solution in search of a problem, making the system needlessly complex.

A potential modification currently in the works is an excellent example of this. Some thought has been given to letting Greek organizations shift in the block ticketing ranking with other Greek organizations by using Dean Dull points (which are awarded to greek organizations based on GPA, community service and other metrics).

However, there is no particularly driving reason as to why Dean Dull points should be applied here. Their addition would unnecessarily complicate the process for non-Greek students, whose block priority would be judged only using attendance.

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YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Remembering 9/11” ignores key points

“Consensus Opinion: Remembering 9/11” compares the past decade to those endured by WWII and Cold-War generations, before concluding “the threat . . . is no longer the driving issue . . . [its] effects . . . diminish over time.” The advice to students is to “focus on growing from the children of 9/11 into the adults who will shape the post-9/11 world,” by developing technology to improve the world. This view avoids unpleasant facts and duties, making it less useful than it could be. Allow me to outline a contrary view.

A decade after 9/11, we and our allies remain in what is called “our longest war,” with the stability of the outcome still in doubt. Why this is so, and how it may affect the future of today’s students, are questions which may refuse to “diminish over time.”

The usual description of 9/11—“An attack on innocent men and women, terrorism”—however accurate, is adequate only for children. No one calls Pearl Harbor a terrorist attack, not even the *kamikaze* attacks later in the war.

“Remembering 9/11” tells students to explore “ways of using technology to fight those things which fuel terrorism” enumerating these as “poverty, hunger and poor education.” Much as “terrorism” fails to describe 9/11, the attackers did not experience poverty, hunger or lack of educational opportunities. They came mostly from wealthy and privileged groups of their homelands. Nor do they cite these factors as grievances of their supporters.

The motives that they (and their allies) do claim for the attacks need not concern us. Published statements must be regarded as wartime propaganda, and in any case do not affect the unpleasant choice before us — that we must fight them or retreat.

The campaigns of the USA-led alliance—the successes and setbacks, troop escalations and withdrawals, the horrendous casualties—are all too familiar. Our own campus has its Tyler Brown Pi-Mile Trail, commemorating the SGA President (1999-2000) who as an Army first lieutenant was killed in action in Iraq on Sept. 14, 2004. Yet, a decade on, our students can confront these awful adult questions: Why so long? Why so inconclusive? Is it really over? If not, then why have we failed thus far?

Could a mobilized USA and close allies have applied overwhelming force to settle this matter completely, as in 1941-1945? Having drained the swamps by 2006, one might today read a commemorative “Liberation Plaque” while strolling the main square of a Tehran or Damascus. If this seems preposterous, then what (besides ignorance or bigotry) makes one think the peoples and places of Beirut or Baghdad any less deserving than those of Berlin or Kyoto?

Even as recently as 2008, could the region’s few democra-

cies (Turkey, Israel and Iraq) have stood together to drive out the ‘terror-regimes’ that plague them? Students-as-adults can face unwelcome facts: We remain “at war” with Iran, even if we don’t say so in front of the children. Israel remains openly “at war” with most of its neighbors. Iraq is undermined. Modern Turkey, historically under threat from within and without, is preparing to assert itself, in Syria and who-knows-how-far beyond. The insistence that these undiminished aspects of recent history are “not 9/11-related” rings as childish as would a post-1941 claim that only the Pacific war needed to be fought. Could you imagine asking, “When did the Germans ever attack us?”

Coming back to our own duties, “Remembering 9/11” advises Tech students to “look at how to use technology to show the stranger across the globe as an actual person,” presumably as a way to combat propaganda on both sides. Lovely. But in wartime, or under tyranny in general, such communications are the first shut down. Even in good times, what we show them of ourselves may be used against us as evidence of our decadence or emasculation (how the world sees us through our popular entertainment), or to arouse envy of our affluence and a desire to seize it as spoils of war or to reveal points of actual vulnerability.

“Remembering 9/11” considers the war originating from that “day of terror” only in the past tense, as ending with the “death of bin Laden.” That we should be so lucky, to escape this burden, even as our allies remain under threat! Alas, adult-level consideration of recent (and not-so-recent) military history suggests an equally likely outcome: Students of today may be called upon to use their advanced education and experience in serving their country—its institutions and broader civilization — against emboldened forces of barbarism and tyranny. Keeping alive a mindfulness of this possibility is another good and grown-up way of “Remembering 9/11”.

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News watered down for entertainment

Have you ever noticed that news networks have theme songs? Do you read the ticker-tape scroll bar or Twitter log at the bottom of the screen during broadcasts? Have you noticed the flashier intros, sharper graphics, faster transitions and more energetic guitar riffs in between stories of utter desolation in Afghanistan and celebrities gone wild? You are no longer watching news, you are watching entertainment.

24 hour news networks follow a very long and subtle trend in communication, dating back to the time of telegraph lines and Morse code. Mass communication attracted people with the thought of instantaneous, unlimited information. The possibilities were limitless; the man in London could now talk to the man in New York at a moment's notice.

But what exactly do they need to convey to one another on a minute-to-minute basis?

A large information void that comes with mass communication ultimately leads to it being filled with fluff. Think about Twitter. What information from a tweet has ever changed your life, or even changed what you did that day? How many useful tweets are there compared to the number of useless ones? This is what Neil Pottsman calls the "information to action ratio," meaning what you see on tele-



"What you see on television and read on the internet no longer directly relate to you in any way..."

Alexander Kessler
Asst. Focus Editor

vision and read on the internet no longer directly relate to you in any way and you have no means to act upon the information you learn.

Now, news networks have 24 hours of content to fill, and more often than not they fill it with fluff. Celebrity scandals, human interest stories and far-off disasters occupy a majority of airtime, complete with commentary and analysis from "specialists."

Except for the weather, the stories run on-air have no connection to you. Television, by nature, is a passive medium. There is no input necessary from the viewer for it to work. Unlike a book where words and arguments are permanent, on television a quote or image is a fleeting memory, present for only a moment.

In result, the news has become a source of passive entertainment. Networks spend far too much time on irrelevant, sensationalist events like murder trials and scandals. The information is meant mostly for entertainment at this point;

only the most gruesome or surprising of stories make it to the headlines and, once there, remain there for weeks.

What needs to happen is a serious reevaluation of what our culture wants and where our technology is headed. The more "real-time" and "HD" broadcasts become, the more images we get of the outside of a courthouse, waiting for Casey Anthony to walk from the door to her car. Facebook and Twitter permit conversation with anyone else in the world, and yet we prefer to speak exclusively in 140 character comments and "Likes."

Why? We are addicted to entertainment, and the smaller the bit of information, the quicker we absorb it and get a rush. However, information presented in such a format lacks substance. It is hollow. However, if news were portrayed in a completely serious medium (like CSPAN) then no one would want to watch it. In some ways there is a trade-off; people have to be willing to watch the news to figure out

what is going on the world. The problem lies in the fact that network news has set the bar too low.

We have to find equilibrium and, at some point, be willing to put in the effort to understand the content presented so that it need not be cut down into pure entertainment. We have been a culture of convenience for so long, bent on making things better, faster, stronger and sooner. Now the issue is finding a purpose for all this new technology. Otherwise, it ends up just becoming another form of entertainment.

NASA got men to the moon with slide rules. We use smartphones to look up videos of cats. Somehow I do not think we are applying our electronics to their fullest extent.

News has the same problem, and unless we stop watching, it will continue in the wrong direction. There are plenty of online sources for updates on world events and politics. We have to make an effort to pursue alternatives until the television relies less on sensationalism and more on content to attract viewers. That requires more of a shift in culture than anything else, but I believe one day we will all be too frustrated with Casey Anthony and O.J. Simpson coverage to continue watching.

Tech "Bubble" impedes professionalism

Stealing the T, Red Jesus and clean, old-fashioned hate. All of these are "Only at Tech."

The Tech culture is unparalleled to that of any other school in the state of Georgia, and even the Southeast. We are a university with traditions that reflect our engineering ingenuity, innovation and even somewhat nerdier sense of humor. Yet, like everything, these traditions have a time and a place for them. Plotting ways to steal the T, for example, should be something that only takes place in the mind of a Tech student (though bonus points if one actually attempts and succeeds at it). Most of these jokes are all in good fun, yet, more and more, "newer traditions" have been getting in the way of Tech's aura of professionalism and even safety.

An environment of professionalism needs to be encouraged and mandated within our campus when necessary. While these ideas and notions such as "Humans vs. Zombies," stealing T's off of signs and a complete lack of discretion for proper dress may be considered quirky to those participating in these activities, a line must be drawn between when this sort of behavior is appropriate and when it is not.

At times, Tech humor and stereotypes may imply to others that our school is filled with socially awkward nerds, when obviously this is not al-



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Vivian Fan
Outreach Editor

ways the case. Those outside of the bubble may construe these activities in a negative light. As such, Tech students must use proper judgment and know when to promote a more professional image of themselves to others.

For example, last Monday and Tuesday, campus played host to hundreds of company representatives at the Tech Career Fair. In particular, this year's Career Fair seemed to have concentrated more on proper business formal dress than in past years, due to new rules on proper shoes for female participants. However, somehow, this was not the case. Yes, one can joke about the stereotypical Tech student's inability to put together an ensemble, but it's the career fair. Use some common sense. Jeans, flip-flops and a T-shirt are not appropriate at all. More so, a clubbing top that looks like it came from the H&M or Forever 21 is certainly not professional. Most fashionably offensive were the students still wearing their yellow Humans

vs. Zombies bandanas. It's common sense that one should sell his or her skillset at the Career Fair, but a bright yellow bandana certainly detracts from that. If you truly want to keep your game of Humans vs. Zombies going, then keep it outside and not in front of someone who may be offering you a job.

Along the same lines, the growing popularity of the game "Humans vs. Zombies" has increasingly irked me. Over the past few years, the game has gone from a small group of people to a full-on campus event. I realize that this game is a great way for people to socialize, but lately the game and its participants have gotten too extreme in their role-playing for the game. For example, I've seen students toting sock-grenade holders and marshmallow guns around campus (in front of job recruiters, at that). Most dangerously, these students have taken to the streets to dodge zombie attacks, literally. The other night, I was driving

home, and almost ran over a group of players who weren't paying attention because they were dodging marshmallows. I personally refuse to go to jail or be sued because someone playing "Humans vs. Zombies" decides to do a spontaneous barrel roll into the street in order to avoid a zombie attack and my car happens to hit them.

On a more legally meaningful note, the other trend of stealing T's off of signs is another so-called tradition that I would love to see eliminated. After all, vandalism is not something to be enjoyed. Last year, a T was removed from a lighted sign from one of the entrances of campus. The sign, obviously taken down by brute force, as the removal was very messy, cost thousands of dollars to fix out of Tech's own budget. There's a difference between the actual tradition—stealing the T—and this. Stealing the T requires innovation and skill, and stealing T's is nothing other than just plain vandalism.

While many of these activities are perfectly all right, the participants should realize when the behavior, act or "tradition" is appropriate and legal. Students are doing no help to themselves or to the Institute by acting without common sense and consideration. After all, there comes a point when the Tech bubble of jokes has to burst.

BUZZ

Around Campus

How was the career fair?



Clinton Hodges
Sixth-year AE

"It's like Google, filtered for a good job. And I just went to work out in my suit."



Jignesh Patel
Third-year ME

"It was very organized, very efficient [and] the lines moved quickly."



Nadia Khan
Fourth-year BIO

"It was a very good experience knowing that companies actually want you, especially after all that studying."



Jinshu Cui
Masters, ECON

"I talked to the recruiters [and] found some that I want to apply to."

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OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT⁻ or ⁻NOT

Rank up

While overall, Tech might have fallen in the U.S. News and World Report college rankings, several programs got a bump this year, while others retained their high statuses. ISyE, AE and CEE remained ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd, respectively. ME and BME both moved from 3rd to 2nd in their disciplines, EnvE moved up two places to take 3rd and CompE moved from 5th to 4th.



Sun burn

Students studying in the Clough Commons in the early evening have discovered a slight design flaw in the fire prevention system. At approximately 7:15 p.m., the setting sun shining through a window trips a smoke alarm. While the issue is known to Facilities, fire codes require the evacuation of the building. The issue should be resolved soon, but no temporary solution is in place.



Winning record

Tech's football fans have reason to be pleased with the start of this season. With Tech's record standing at 2-0 (with both wins coming with a solid difference in score), Tech's team appears to be set for a solid winning season. If that weren't enough to make a hardcore Tech fan smile, UGA seems to be off to an abysmal start to the season, with its record standing so far at 0-2.



Bug out

Ants might be expected guests at a picnic, but not in a college dining hall. Not to be outdone by Brittain's failing health inspection score, Woodruff dining hall has a bit of an ant infestation. Woodruff's embarrassment has been shared on the web, as one Tech student uploaded a video entitled "Woodruff ant infestation," showing a trail of ants in the dining hall to YouTube.

Skimming through Tech without passion a waste of finances, time

It's 2:45 a.m. and I'm already sweating bullets. Bright red numbers are flashing all over my screen. I'm scanning through charts of currencies, gold and oil, all the while patiently waiting for London market trading to begin. Japanese currency intervention has become the norm, while Europe's financial situation is quickly imploding. Investors are rushing to gold in fears of more downgrades from the rating agencies, and oil, well, is always moving higher. It's now 3:00 a.m. Markets are a go. My focus is uncanny as I observe, recognize patterns, and battle other traders for the best prices. Two hours later and I'm back in bed trying to catch some sleep before my 8 a.m. ISyE class.

Sounds like the life of a typical Tech student, minus the trader references, of course. Always moving, working and learning. Heck, that is why employers love us so much. During any of those late night cramming sessions, though, have you ever taken a moment to really consider whether the time (and money) you are investing now will actually benefit you in the long run?

Being one of the leaders for the largest student-run endowment in the nation, I get to talk to a myriad of students that want to get into the world of finance. Whether it is investment banking, wealth management or trading, I love talking about it all. Each semester I have been a part of this group, though, I never fail to hear the most mind-blowing response to a simple question. I will ask an older member, "So what are your plans for after Tech?" After a moment of silence they respond, "Not sure; maybe something in finance."



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Geoffrey Horton

Senior Financial Director, Student Foundation Investments

Don't get me wrong, I understand that picking a career field is an expansive task, but I thought college is where you come to realize your passions in life and go after them. With student loan debt quickly approaching one trillion dollars and an economy that can barely stand on its own, you would think you might want to spend your money (and time) a little bit more wisely. Just because I am an ISyE student does not mean I am stuck on the conveyor belt to become the next employee at UPS. My goal in life is to be a hedge fund manager, trading and investing in markets all over the world. How am I supposed to escape that fallacy that I must find something within my major to enjoy, though? Not by applying to random leadership groups or by finding jobs I have no interest in, but by applying myself to organizations where I know I will enjoy myself, while at the same time grow.

There are a plethora of talented individuals that come through our committee every semester, yet so few of them have that determination to do whatever it takes to succeed. Nearly every major on campus is represented within the group, including a couple of Masters and Ph.D. students. 95 percent of those people love the idea

of becoming professional investors and running their own fund one day, but they do not want to put forward the effort to get there. So what if you are taking six classes and a part of two other organizations? If you are really passionate about something, you will make time for it. This philosophy applies to any and every student on campus, even teachers if they are reading. You are never too young or old to muster the motivation to change yourself for the better and go after what you desire.

This overbearing rant has come from watching countless individuals float through life, foregoing all their distant dreams for the comfort of a mediocre life. America is in a time of need for innovation, creative thinkers, and leaders who believe not only in themselves, but also their people. I still believe we are the greatest nation in the world, but we have lost the passion and desire to keep moving forward. Tech provides you with the utmost solid platform for jumping into the pool of success; you just have to decide whether you want to take the first step. Do more than your buddies at that school in Athens and realize what you want. Make a plan toward that goal and execute to the best of your ability. There are no excuses in life.



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slurp is the best word ever, it just sounds dirty
hey anyone wanna help me make a ascii picture made of slivers?
I'm the words with friends world champ, I estranged all of my friends via scrabble!

BOOM NO MORE FRIENDS! Words with friends champion!
Hey, sliver-reader, are you a girl? I'm autistically amusing! Also, i can cook really well

Its true, we hold cookoff competitions, I won the first one with creme brulee
wanna date? I promise i won't say slurp more than a couple times!
There needs to be a sliver app for android, and it should display in real time the slivers that are being submitted!

Think theres enough time in 1 last semester to learn java, and work with the 'nique to make a sliver app?

"I told myself, now I'm telling you; this is the last time; I'm nobody's fool!"

DIANA

can you read ip addresses associated with sliver submissions?
ALLCAPS ALLITERATION

I need to write children's books, is there money in that?

Water sprinklers on the loose! Pedestrians beware!

Seriously, quit stealing the t's off every little sign. It isn't part of the tradition, and it makes the school look like crap.

to whoever called "dibs" on the cute papa john's girl: My last day is Sept 10th because they wouldn't let me have game days off.
Hope you like football more than pizza :)

My roommate is really mean. Like really REALLY mean.

The North Ave Lemon Pepper Wings are SO GOOD.
its FOOTBALL time!

Creators, hobbyists gather for "Faire"

By Lauren Townsend
Contributing Writer

A life-sized replica of R2-D2 and a dress made entirely out of recycled cans were merely just the tip of the iceberg at this year's Mini Maker Faire which took place on Saturday, Sept. 10 in the MRDC parking lot.

The Faire, organized by Eric Weinhofer, a fourth-year ME major, was comprised of the inventions of an eclectic group of creators. All of the participants were "Do It Yourself" (DIY) enthusiasts who gathered to show off what they loved to do as a hobby. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the "Makers" in the Faire showed off their skills to excited visitors. The Faire also had many kid-friendly stations for those who brought the whole family.

The Faire featured all sorts of creations from all kinds of venues. Several exhibits featured the hobbies of different engineers who built robots and other interesting contraptions. One group had a talking robot (which delivered speeches to groups of people), mini-cars and toy robots that drove around the Faire floor,

thereby entertaining visitors and other Faire participants.

One especially fascinating tent was that of the R2-D2 builders, who made life sized replicas of the well-known Star Wars droids.

Dave Evert, a participant in the R2-D2 group, explained that he had made a hobby of building these robots.

"I am an engineer and in my free time I enjoy doing this. I would encourage engineering students to take time to enjoy hobbies. Building robots is a great way for mechanical and electrical engineers to learn more about engineering," Evert said.

"This is something I do because it's fun. All of this is non-profit, and we wanted to come to this faire today to showcase our machines and show students that they can have fun doing more with their hands," said Sean McHealey of Freeside Atlanta.

The machines McHealey referred to were small robotic mechanisms that could perform an array of functions, from drawing pictures in pen to sewing intricate designs.

In another exhibit, "Maker" Jo blended the world of engineer-



Photo by Kevin Bandy / Student Publications

The Tech Mini-Maker Faire hosted a multitude of hobbyists eager to show their creations, including a working R2-D2 model.

ing and art. His exhibit was comprised of artistic creations made simply of metal and electrical materials. The banner hanging above the entrance of this exhibit read, "Electro-mechanical Alchemist."

On the more artistic spectrum of the faire, Caroline Starmer had an exhibit of clothes comprised solely of recycled pieces. Several students stopped to inquire if the

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Mascot Buzz remains mysterious figure

By Breanna Poteet
Contributing Writer

Arguably the most beloved member of the Tech community, aside from the Ramblin' Reck, is Tech's mascot Buzz.

Whether it's performing at football games or hanging around the Clough Commons, Buzz remains a fixture around campus to both students and outsiders alike.

Everyone from first-years and graduates to professors and administrators has sighted him at some point.

However, there are still many questions about Buzz which remain unanswered, piquing the curiosity of students and professors alike.

These questions range from the ordinary to the outlandish and everything in between.

Buzz is played by a number of students, none of whom are able to reveal their identity. According to Professor Doug Williams, Interim Chair of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the identities of are re-

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Photo by Joey Cerone / Student Publications

Buzz, the world-renowned mascot of Tech, leads a secretive life underneath the costume. Little is known about his true lifestyle.

Tech offers options for thrill seekers

By Ben Goldberg
Contributing Writer

For students at Tech, the monotonous labor of classes, homework and late-night studying in the library can become all too familiar as any and all hopes of discovering new ways to have fun on campus slowly fade away.

However, unbeknownst to many students, a variety of clubs on campus want to cure this lack of adventure in rather unconventional ways and add a certain thrill and excitement to a student's life.

In thinking of the typical Tech student, images like calculators, textbooks and even Pokémon may come to mind. But what about jumping out of an airplane from 10,000 feet?

The Sport Parachute Club is an organization that was formed in 1969 and has since become the most decorated non-military sport parachute club in the nation.

"Skydiving is definitely the most thrilling thing a person can do," said John Nahabedian, GT Sport Parachute Club president and a fourth-year BIO major. "I'm still amazed that humans can even do it."

Night and high altitude jumps, along with those involving biplanes, balloons and rafts, are just a taste of the variety of adrenaline-packed stunts the club offers students.

However, the requirement of possessing a \$1,300 skydiving certification in order to par-

ticipate in the club often deters even the most adrenaline-craving from joining.

"If people could know what it feels like before paying the money, they wouldn't mind the \$1300. It's really a novel experience," Nahabedian said.

If jumping out of an airplane scares you more than your upcoming Differential Equations exam, then perhaps ditching the concrete jungle of Atlanta and heading into the wilderness with fellow Tech students might be what you've been waiting to do.

Outdoor Recreation at Georgia Tech (ORGT) offers a variety of day trips and longer expeditions to students of all experience levels who yearn for adventure and the chance to connect with peers outside the school's walls.

An eight-day trip to Zion National Park in Utah this summer and trips to Moab, Utah, and Yellowstone National Park in Wyo. last summer are some examples of the expeditions ORGT hosts.

Day-trips and instruction classes also constitute a large part of what the organization does at little to no cost, thanks to heavy funding by alumni and Tech associations.

While ORGT prides itself in being a cheap and invigorating way for students to have fun, Matt Marcus, the Adventure Recreation Coordinator at the CRC, believes the organization

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Campus Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011

WHAT: Home football game

WHO: Tech vs. Kansas

WHERE: Bobby Dodd Stadium

TIME: 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Jackets return home after a win over Middle Tennessee State and will look to avenge last season's 28-25 road loss to the Big 12 Conference's Kansas Jayhawks, who are 2-0 on the season.

Monday, Sept. 19, 2011

WHAT: Company Information Workshop

WHO: Library

WHERE: Library Room 521

TIME: 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This free workshop will focus on ways to find information on target companies for jobs and research through a variety of sources and strategies.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011

WHAT: En2Em Coffee & Conversation on International Microfinance

WHO: En2Em

WHERE: Clough Commons Room 205

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Regional Director of Opportunity International, the world's largest microfinance firm, will be featured in this event.

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011

WHAT: Successful Interview Strategy Workshop

WHO: Career Services

WHERE: Clay Theater, Student Center

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tech Career Services is hosting a session to assist students with preparation for interviews. Attendees will learn tips and tricks to help in finding a job.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011

WHAT: Tech's open forum on separation of church and state

WHO: Open forum

WHERE: Clough Commons Suite 205

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For those curious about others' opinions about religion or looking to express views on the subject, this free event will offer open discussion on the subject of separation of church and state.

Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011

WHAT: Tech Farmer's Market Fall Festival

WHO: Student Center and Dining Services

WHERE: Tech Walkway

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

The Tech Farmer's Market is celebrating the first week of fall. Chef demonstrations and locally grown food will be featured.

Friday, Sept. 23, 2011

WHAT: GT Parents' Weekend

WHO: Parents Program

WHERE: Events across campus

TIME: All day

The Parents Program hosts the families and friends of Tech students for the 2011 Family Weekend, allowing all guests to experience a glimpse into the lives of Tech students.

Get Healthy Series, Part Three: Stress, tension management

By Amanda Clausen
Contributing Writer

The third and final part of the "Get Healthy Series" focuses on the importance of dealing with stress and its importance to overall wellbeing.

As one of the premier research universities in the nation, Tech harbors a community whose overall stress level is inevitably high.

Learning to prevent and manage stress can go a long way towards improving overall health as it negatively affects the body, feelings, and behavior.

According to a 2010 study conducted by the American Psychological Association, the most common physical symptoms of stress reported were irritability (45 percent), fatigue (41 percent) and lack of energy or motivation (38

percent).

Stress is a universal phenomenon, and though it can be overwhelming at times, there are resources available at Tech that can prove useful in combating it. The Counseling Center offers a regularly scheduled Stress Management Series Outreach workshop to all members of the campus

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Photo by Jonathon Cornwell / Student Publications

Mental health is an integral part to overall well-being. Learning to deal with stress in a constructive way can help deal with the challenges of school, deal with relationships and enhance quality of life.

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vealed only at graduation.

"When a student who played Buzz graduates, they are allowed to wear the trademark black high top sneakers, thus alerting the crowd of their past involvement. The current Buzz will make a big deal about it, running up to him or her and pointing at the shoes," Williams said.

Tryouts for Buzz are held each spring in conjunction with cheerleading tryouts, as Buzz is technically a part of the cheerleading program.

Students who do not participate in cheerleading are still allowed to try out for the part and the only requirements are that the student be able to fit in the costume.

On game days Buzz maintains a tight schedule.

Around two and a half hours before the game begins, festivities begin at Yellow Jacket Alley, where the team arrives and follows Buzz to the stadium. Afterwards, he roams campus visiting with students and alumni, as well as appearing at any scheduled events," Hylton said.

Forty-five minutes before the game he performs with the marching band, until five minutes till when he heads to the field.

During the course of the game Buzz wanders the stands, carrying Tech's spirit with him.

Buzz's favorite events to appear at are the home football games, as well as the pregame shows where he shows off for the crowd and body surfs.

According to Hylton, Buzz has never been dropped while crowd surfing at games.

"Tech fans are generally pretty good about taking care of their mascot and not dropping him," Hylton said.

When asked how he felt about being undefeated to date in the Capitol One Mascot Challenge, Buzz gave two thumbs up.

Tech's Buzz is not the only famous figure to bear the name, though.

"Buzz has yet to cross paths with the Buzz of Honey Nut Cheerio fame to date, but he is definitely interested in meeting the other Buzz at some point," Hylton said.

There are still some questions surrounding Buzz that remain unanswered. Does Buzz live in a dorm like the other students or a hive? How hot does the temperature get inside the costume? Beyond that, how do students go about actually putting the costume on?

In addition, no one knows if Buzz gets nervous when Tech plays a team with an avian mascot, whether his favorite artist is Sting and who the "Buzzette" is in his life.

Male or female students may portray Buzz if they can effectively convey his mannerisms.

For information on tryouts, students may visit www.ramblinwreck.com/spirit, and for booking information, Mindy Hylton, the Director of Marketing at the Athletic Association and Buzz's manager, may be contacted at mhylton@athletics.gatech.edu.

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Thrill

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has a larger impact on members.

"I think many students only take into consideration the fun aspect of ORGT, but it goes deeper than that. ORGT offers students the chance to gain valuable leadership experience that would impress employers when looking for a job; skills like risk management, marketing, and others, that you may not get from a class or even an internship," Marcus said.

"A lot of people say they will go on a trip when they have time but by their third, fourth, or even fifth year when they finally do get involved, they wish they had sooner," said Katelyn Randall, a third-year CE major who joined ORGT on a trip to Zion National Park over the summer.

There is also a way students can hit the beach during the weekends, and that is through GT Surf Club.

"People are usually pretty surprised that the club exists at a

land-locked university," said Ben Emerson, Treasurer of Surf Club and an AE grad student. "We offer students the chance to surf whether they are experienced or have never touched a surfboard before."

Emerson recently returned from a surfing expedition seeking out big waves caused by Hurricane Irene.

The recent installation of Magicians at Georgia Tech (MGT) adds yet another opportunity for students to get a thrill by showing off their tricks to fellow students and friends.

As the only collegiate magic club in the state of Georgia, MGT strives to entertain and inspire students via magic tricks.

Irving Anaya, a fifth-year EE major, helped to unofficially establish the club in 2008 and is now president.

"Magic is a great ice breaker and a unique skill that helps students with self-confidence," Anaya said. "It's the perfect de-stressor."



Photo courtesy of Ben Lee

There are many thrill-seeking opportunities available at Tech. Skydiving, in addition to surfing and magic, is one of the many.

Faire

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clothing was for sale — it was not.

"I just wanted to do something different," Starmer said. "I'm in design, and I go to Southern [Polytechnic State University] so I wanted to do a hands-on design project that would inspire students at my school."

Starmer's exhibit had several dresses comprised simply of recycled Coke bottles. Others were made from material such as recycled paper.

The event was very successful and attended by many people from the Atlanta area, expanding beyond just the ranks of Tech students. Several students were also inspired by the DIY attitude.

"Coming to this Faire makes me really want to take on a hobby building and creating things outside of what we do in the classroom," said Andy Westmire, a second-year EE major. "I think it would be awesome to build robots in my free time."



Photo by Kevin Bandy / Student Publications

The Faire was organized in an effort to promote the Do It Yourself (DIY) spirit amongst students, putting engineering into action.

Weinhoffer, the event's organizer, hopes the event will continue to expand.

"My goal in organizing this event is to inspire students to

make things with their hands. This Faire is really just a celebration of the DIY movement, and I want more students to become a part of it," Weinoffer said.

Stress

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community.

These Stress Management workshops are typically held on Thursdays at various locations around campus. The topics of discussion include overcoming the stress of perfectionism and using psychology to enhance academic performance.

For those whose counseling needs are beyond the scope of the workshops, individual counseling is available at the Counseling Center in the Student Services Building. The Counseling Center additionally offers life skills workshops specifically for its current clients.

Time management can dramatically lower stress levels. Finding time for work and starting projects ahead of time will prevent late-night cram sessions and rushing anxiety.

Madelyn Mock, a fourth-year BA major, makes the most of her down time between classes.

"When I have classes in both the morning and afternoon, I stay on campus rather than go home. That allows me to get a lot of schoolwork done and saves me the commute time," Mock said.

A number of students make use of websites or apps to help them manage their time.

"I have post-its on my home screen to tell me what needs to be finished by when," said Meghan Rizzo, a second-year ChBE major.

"I use Google Calendar to budget my study time in with all the other activities I'm involved with. I always leave time to relax and socialize," said Hunter Wojohn, a fourth-year BA major.

Students suggest that spending time with friends who offer encouragement and support is a

great way to help beat stress.

"I can always talk to my friends about the issues that are stressing me out. Most of the time they have been through similar situations so they help me deal with the stress of life through advice and kind words," Mock said.

Maintaining an active social life can help to considerably reduce stress.

"I like to relax and relieve stress by playing cornhole in the front yard of my fraternity," Wojohn said.

Exercising is another sure-fire way to beat stress. Adding a form of exercise that is enjoyable is a good way to pump up endorphins in the body and shed tension.

At an institution that places high demands on its students, being able to apply stress relief methods is and will continue to be critical to success.

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I have been running the same experiment for 4 weeks. It still hasn't worked

You moved up the sliver box! Good job.

Whoever sprinkled glitter all along the sidewalk outside Matheson, I don't know whether to love you or hate you.

Now the sidewalk outside Matheson is all shiny with glitter. Pretty cool.

Apparently the definition of "gentleman" for most Tech girls is "doormat: to walk all over"

Recruiting a cuddle-buddy: preferably female, blonde, and cute. Or just female.

have we officially come up with a name for Clough?

Reddit or Stumble? You decide

Why is next week test week? I'm trying to turn 21, dammit.

PUT SUDOKU IN THE TECHNIQUE!!!

I'm so hot 4 prof that it disgusts me.

o man... so this is what empty lust feels like. #letdown

THWG - that is all

i could be anyone!

sliver spasm!

I'm the wizard who's gently slapping your face and whispering in your ear

Yesterday upon the stair

I met a man who wasn't there

He wasn't there again today

I wish, I wish he'd go away

You seriously don't know about Mount Doom?

maybe daniel radcliffe

girl on the bus winks at me, I salute her

real men play fantasy football

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OUR TAKE: ★★★★★

By Chris Ernst
Contributing Writer

Gordon Biersch explores the lighter side with their new menu featuring many dishes under 575 calories. Using their signature made-from-scratch method, the health-conscious menu is flavorful, fresh and healthy. While the slightly upscale eatery is not exactly cheap, eating "On the Lighter Side" offerings can be about \$14 dollars per person, but showing your BuzzCard will get 10% taken off the bill—but remember to tip on the full amount. The brewery-cum-restaurant is conveniently just a stone's throw from campus between 6th and 7th Streets on Peachtree Street.

All of the options on the menu this reporter decided to sample were phenomenal. The freshness of everything being made from scratch is a huge success. The food at Gordon Biersch explodes with a homemade quality that is hard to get when going out to a national chain. The flavors are individual and mix in your mouth, not on your plate.

According to Jenny, Gordon Biersch waitress extraordinaire, the Creole Chicken, Mediterranean Chicken and Spicy Shrimp Stir-Fry are the most popular dishes.

The Creole Chicken explodes with awesomeness. It has a simmering heat, not a wildfire. The flavor and heat perfectly combine in the chunky jambalaya sauce that crowns the chicken. The sauce has okra and sweet peppers to give the dish a little crunch.

The Moroccan Salmon is spiced with cinnamon, coriander and others. It does not slap your mouth with these flavors, but leaves you guessing what it is. It is a subtle and curious seasoning that will entertain your mind as well as your tongue.

The Ahi Salad has an Asian feel with baby greens, carrots, taro, sprouts, thinly sliced ahi tuna and is

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Images courtesy of Gordon Biersch

Hallyu Wave breaks in Japan

By Jonathan Peak
Contributing Writer

This past year marked a huge turning point for South Korean entertainment as its musicians turn their sights on the lucrative Japanese market and overseas expansion. Seemingly almost every major K-Pop "idol group" has already put out or is planning some sort of major release in Japan, often singles—still a common format in Asia.

The Korean music industry is a world where record labels are akin to families. They sequester their signees away, often training them for years before their debut.

It is where fan clubs have puzzling names including Kamilia, ELF, Cassiopeia and HOTTEST and, under these monikers, wage war on the blogosphere.

Though solo artists do exist, a majority of K-pop is comprised of a series of rival idol groups—most easily described as expansions of the 90's wave of boy and girl bands in the States. The average idol group's roster is usually six to ten members whose roles range from leader to singer to rapper to dancer. Yes, some members just dance.

But they are integral to each group's success, which hinges more on their appearance, style and pre-

sentation than their actual musical abilities. Each single is released as a music video, featuring choreographed dances and storylines that can only be described as tragic. The video and the reaction to it define the success of the song. It's only a hit if people are performing the dance routines—otherwise the artists might as well just sing ballads for TV shows.

The influx of Korean media first began in Japan a few years ago with the introduction of TV dramas and has been dubbed the Hallyu Wave. Though some artists like BoA and

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Smooth jazz to soothe Atlanta

By Yameen Huq
Contributing Writer

This Saturday, Sept. 17, is the 2011 Jazz Grooves Atlanta Smooth Music Festival, an opportunity for students hear a cadre of smooth jazz musicians across the country. Held at the Mable House Theater in Mableton, Ga., it is an eight-hour concert starting a 1:30 p.m. and a chance to hear a type of music that's both high energy and filled with a rich, cultural history.

Smooth jazz is the contemporary descendant of traditional jazz, which is normally associated with musicians like Miles Davis, the jazz trumpeter. It often features popular music like pop rock and R&B, but sets it to a jazz cover.

While often conflated with elevator music, smooth jazz styles can range anywhere from relaxed and low-key to energetic and festive.

"I would say the most interesting aspect is the fact that it's a music festival rather than a concert. We have a festival

atmosphere [and] it's an outdoor event," said Joe Cleveland, Managing Partner of Marietta's Jazz Grooves, presenters of the Atlanta Smooth Music Festival.

The entire festival is dedicated to smooth jazz and features national and internationally renowned artists. This year's show includes performances by Fattburger, Nick Colonne, Steve Oliver, Jackiem Joyner and Jeff Sparks.

"For any great pop or R&B song, there's probably a smooth jazz musician who's covered an instrumental version of it," Cleveland said.

Fattburger, the headline act, is a musical group that plays a fusion of Latin-influenced jazz and funk. Another of the more notable musicians is guitarist Nick Collione, a fan favorite of the festival. His most commonly played piece is "Rainy Night in Georgia," a popular, slower song and one of the few in his standard with vocals. Like Fattburger, his

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BIGBANG SPECIAL EDITION



Images courtesy of YG Entertainment

Contagion thrills, lacks cast development

FILM

Contagion

GENRE: Thriller, Sci-fi

STARRING: Matt Damon, Kate Winslet, Jude Law

DIRECTOR: Steven Soderbergh

RATING: PG-13

RELEASE DATE: Sept. 9

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★☆

By Patricia Uceda
Staff Writer

Steven Soderbergh's *Contagion* is a science fiction thriller that dramatizes the worst nightmare of every germaphobe. The sudden outbreak of a deadly viral disease that is virtually unstoppable. It is scary because unlike apocalyptic films that feature zombies or aliens, a worldwide epidemic could happen.

Soderbergh clearly did his research; throughout the film we are given an inside look into how some of the world's leading medical researchers would react to such a catastrophe. However, because he fails to truly develop any of the characters and focuses a little too much on the scientific aspects, this movie almost comes across as a boring documentary in some parts instead of a sci-fi thriller.

Like many of Soderbergh's previous films, *Contagion* is packed with A-list stars. Matt Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow play Mitch and Beth Emhoff, a couple with some serious marital problems. It is Beth who initially contracts the disease while on a business trip in Hong Kong, unknowingly spreading the highly virulent disease to anyone and everyone around her. Soderbergh doesn't

waste any time with this disease, opening his film with a singular cough from Beth, followed by her rapid descent towards death marked by horrific seizures.

As the disease quickly spreads, we are introduced to members of the Center for Disease Control Dr. Ellis, Dr. Erin and Dr. Ally, played by Laurence Fishburne, Kate Winslet and Jennifer Ehle respectively. They don't waste any time beginning to work on a cure, although it proves to be more difficult than they initially think.

The World Health Organization also gets involved, sending epidemiologist Dr. Leonora, played by Marion Cotillard, to Hong Kong to try to find out what caused this disease and how it spread.

Using video tapes from the casino where Beth contracted the disease, Dr. Leonora maps the spread of contagion from each now-deceased host to host, the transmission achieved through seemingly harmless acts such as passing a glass or blowing on dice.

Jude Law plays Alan Krumwiede, an overzealous internet blogger who is convinced that the government has a cure to the disease but is hiding it from the public because of a secret deal with pharmaceutical companies seeking to profit tremendously.

This film excels in its realistic portrayal of the characters, refusing to polarize any of them. The heroic medical researchers all have their flaws, just as expected from any real people. The fear-mongering blogger Krumwiede is similarly an authentic character, coming across as genuinely concerned for the people despite his questionable tactics.

However, the stories of the main characters are never fully developed, as the movie jumps from

location to location. This creates the effect of chaos and urgency, but it also cheats the characters of valuable screen time that is important in order for the audience to become attached to them and actually care about their fate.

Soderbergh used a panel of real scientists when preparing for this film, and it shows. The movie is full of scientific terms and references that are quickly explained, however, most people usually attend movies for entertainment, not a science lesson. Additionally, the methodical way in which the story moves from research laboratory to research laboratory to military personnel becomes a bit documentary-like.

The actors all did a fairly commendable job with their limited screen time. As seen in the trailers, Paltrow doesn't last long, but her performance is chilling and well-delivered. Damon does a decent job as her distraught husband, however, as the film progresses he turns into an overprotective dad whose sole concern is making sure

his daughter has no contact with the outside world. Fishburne and Cotillard were both good in their scientific roles, although much was left to be desired in terms of their back stories.

Winslet did a very good job as the dedicated CDC scientist, although her role was comparably small; she shot all her scenes in only 10 days. Law also performed well as the fanatical internet blogger, even donning some fake crooked front teeth that added a lot to his character. His intensity was very real, and it really helped convey the desperation and anger people were feeling.

Overall, this movie is an interesting and realistic look into what would happen if such an epidemic were to ever break out. At times the scientific terms become a bit too much to bear, and the characters could have been more developed, but the realism of this film ultimately succeeds in adding a chilling effect that is sure to have the audience buying some hand-sanitizer.



Image courtesy of Warner Bros.

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served with soy sauce.

The Margarita Steak has a very subtle hint of lime to the great cut of beef. The lime slice garnish can augment this flavor even more if you squeeze lime juice on the steak.

The Spicy Shrimp Stir Fry has an interesting tomato flavor not expected in a stir fry. This pleasant surprise makes it feel more American, but the teriyaki flavor proves its Asian influence.

The only disappointment on the "On the Lighter Side" menu is the Mediterranean Chicken, which lacks both flavor and inspiration.

This new menu is great. It offers healthy food at a reasonable price. While it's not Taco Bell-cheap, Gordon Biersch makes the food from scratch with fresh ingredients, which makes the price of admission worth each cent.

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music is an eclectic mix of R&B, funk and blues. On the other end of the spectrum is guitarist Steve Oliver. Playing more pop-oriented songs, Oliver can make his guitar sound like a drum or piano.

The festival opens with a more local flavor through a performance by saxophonist Jeff Sparks. His music, while very easy-going, has a traditional jazz sound.

The last musician, saxophonist Jackiem Joyner, typically performs songs that are much more bluesy and beat-heavy with a healthy dose of the modern R&B sound.

This will be the festival's fourth year operating. It's an exciting opportunity to hear a type of music integrally tied to America and Atlanta's musical history.

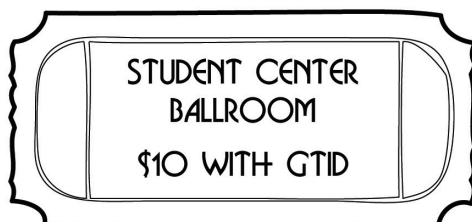
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Bionic powerful but imperfect

By Andrew Akker
Contributing Writer

It's been nine long months since the world has gotten the first glimpse at what Motorola and Verizon have called the future of mobile computing. Now, the long-awaited Droid Bionic has finally been released and it's time to find out if the phone lives up to the hype it's created over the past few months.

The Droid Bionic was supposed to be one of Verizon's first 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) phones, but unforeseen problems with the original design forced Motorola to scrap it and start over. The resulting device is sleeker and more robust looking.

On the front, the Bionic has the standard Android button layout, along with a 1.3-megapixel front-facing camera for video chat. The screen is a 4.3-inch quarter HD (qHD) display with a resolution of 960x540, the highest of any Android phone out on the market today. The screen is also PenTile matrix, which allows for a brighter display while using less power.

On the back, there is an eight-megapixel camera with a flash that's capable of shooting full HD 1080p video. The pictures taken were crisp and colorful and the video taken was sharp and lifelike.

The design includes a dual-core Texas Instruments one GHz processor. It's also got one GB of desktop-grade RAM and 16 GB of internal storage as well as an included 16 GB MicroSD card for even more storage.

The Bionic is running the latest version of Android, Gingerbread, along with Motorola's custom BLUR user interface (UI). It has been severely modified from previous versions of Motorola's

BLUR UI. The look itself has been updated to a darker blue that feels much more polished.

Verizon's network has always been stellar when it comes to service and reliability. The Bionic is no different in that respect. Calls were never dropped, signal never lost and call quality was superb.

What makes the Bionic stand out is also the fact that it runs on Verizon's new 4G LTE network. One of most exciting features of this phone is Wi-Fi-like speeds from Verizon's network. It's definitely an impressive thing to experience in person.

The build quality, as with other Motorola phones, is exceptional. It feels very smooth and nice in the hand, and it's not as heavy as one would think when they saw a phone of this size. Motorola has really paid attention to the attributes that make a phone easy to handle and the Bionic is a perfect example of this.

There are some issues that need to be addressed, though.

The screen is a little big, so it could take some getting used to. Coming from something like an iPhone, it's a huge leap. The screen also has a slight balance issue with green and blue. The colors in between the two, such as turquoise and teal, are poorly displayed.

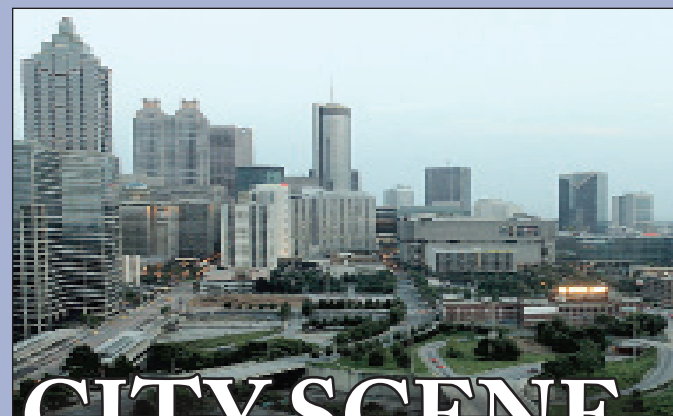
The battery life is also a big issue for users of the phone. With switching between Wi-Fi and 4G throughout the day, the average seemed to be about eight to nine hours from when the phone comes off the charger until it shuts down to conserve power. Comparatively, this is excellent battery life for a 4G smartphone.

There are a couple software bugs, such as higher-than-normal cell network battery usage, but they should not affect normal usage and are bearable until Motorola issues an update within a month or so.

A final note is the price point. This phone is definitely expensive at \$299 with a new two-year contract.



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CITY SCENE


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Wicked enchants audiences at the Fox Theater

Everyone knows no good deed goes unpunished, so for the next few weeks until Oct. 9 audiences can be Wicked at the Fox Theater. The emblematic spectacular started Sept. 14 and has nightly shows with matinees on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. With tickets as cheap as \$45, any card-carrying thespian/college student can get in for less than an arm and a leg. An even better deal is the lottery, which accepts entries two and a half hours before show time and draws lucky winners half an hour later. These winners get orchestra seats for \$25 with a limit of two tickets per winner.


Elbow blasts Center Stage to promote new album

Elbow pumps up the volume in Atlanta at Center Stage on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 8:30 p.m. Getting tickets before the door will save three dollars off the \$34 price of admission. The all-ages venue will also be hosting Glasser that night. From across the pond in the UK, Elbow formed in 1990 and have been playing ever since. They are currently promoting their new album, *Build a Rocket Boys!*, which, at the time of this writing, has a Metacritic score of 82. Center Stage is located near Atlantic Station on the corner of 17th and West Peachtree Streets.



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Lady A woos country fans

MUSIC

Lady Antebellum
Own the Night

LABEL: Capitol Nashville

GENRE: Country, Pop

TRACK PICKS: "Friday Night,"
"Wanted You More"

OUR TAKE: ★★★★★☆

By Sara Roberts
Contributing Writer

Lady Antebellum's third studio album *Own the Night*, released Sept. 13, follows in the footsteps of the band's other powerful albums and provides the striking emotion now expected of the country trio.

Playfully called "Lady A" by their fans, Antebellum emerged on the hit music scene in 2008 with its self-titled album. The album was enriched with lyrics about life and love and boasted number one hit "I Run to You." In 2010, the popular *Need You Now* was released and went platinum four weeks later, with hit singles "Need You Now" and "American Honey."

Antebellum mixes words of motivation while blending vocal and instrumental notes to deliver a great album in *Own the Night*. Country music enthusiasts and fans of the country and pop crossover alike will be singing these songs long past the changing

leaves of fall.

The track "Just a Kiss" will come as no surprise to current country music fans due to frequent airplay. In this enchanting love song, the band uses the emotion and longing to roll into other songs such as "Dancin' Away With My Heart."

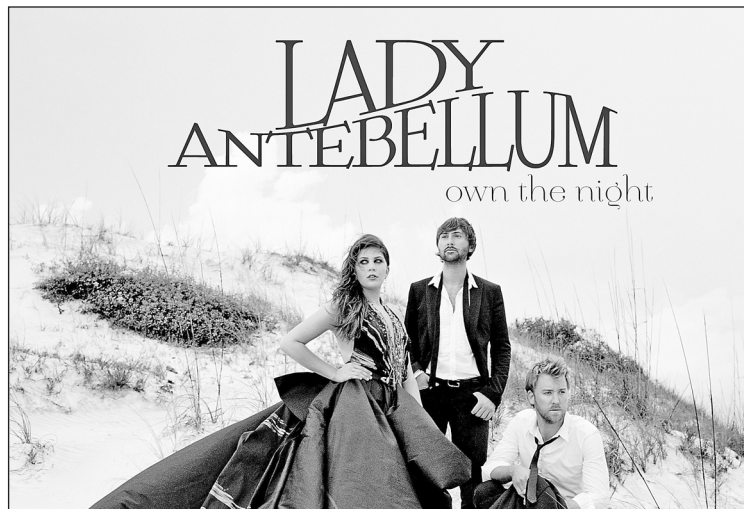
There are also examples of the very upbeat and more "tap your feet" side of Antebellum. If you want feel-good and dancing the night away type of lyrics, listen to "We Owned the Night" and "Friday Night."

However, if you crave songs with slow southern drawl and meaningful lyrics like those in *Need You Now*, *Own the Night* certainly will satisfy your desires. The album complements previous

releases with tracks like "Wanted You More" and "As You Turn Away."

The duets of Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley re-create the country power ballad in the various tracks of this album. Even if you think country isn't really your cup of tea, the inclusion of pop instrumentals help listeners ease into the country twang. The songs really have something for everyone to connect with intertwined with the melodies.

As the group plays to its strength and sings about love, loss, happiness, good feelings, tragic memories, dancing and Friday nights, *Own the Night* could well be enough to help Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood snag a seventh Grammy.



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Wave

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Tohoshinki (TVXQ) were major presences in Japanese media long before the Hallyu Wave hit, it was not until these dramas arrived that Korean culture became popularized in Japan.

The Hallyu Wave has already swept over much of Southeast Asia with no need for translations from Korean, as language groups are often smaller and native music industries are sometimes nonexistent. Japan is the first major market that Koreans are targeting where there already exists a well-established, homegrown music industry. Girl groups KARA and SNSD kick-started the trend of re-releasing past hits in Japan with translated lyrics in late 2010 with their respective singles "Mister" and "Gee."

Each was hugely successful, largely due to SNSD's "leg dance" and KARA's "butt dance," both easily imitated, recognized and parodied. Korean debuts have since become a mainstay on Japanese charts. Many groups simply re-release translated past hits, which basically amounts to greatest hits albums. Original material is rare, but constitutes some of the best releases, showing a striking dedication to a new market. Boy band BIGBANG's recent Japanese album featured brand new material. It was No. 1 in Japan and is a highlight of the year's releases.

Many releases are still slated for the rest of the year including girl group T-ARA's re-release of "Bo Peep Bo Peep" and TVXQ's new Japanese album "Tone" (both

Sept. 28). Girl quartet 2NE1's (pronounced 21 or To Anyone) second mini album re-release on Sept. 21 is one of the most anticipated debuts of the year and could be a major indicator for the future success of K-pop worldwide.

In Europe, pop groups are regaining traction and the Korean phenomenon has already hit with sold out shows in Paris from groups Super Junior and SNSD this summer. Americans have been able to remain intolerant of foreign music. Combine that with an apparent aversion to Asian entertainers and the chances of the Hallyu Wave's success would seem slim. However, K-pop fills a role America is currently lacking—a pop group has not debuted successfully in years. 2NE1's debut in Japan is an important touchstone as they are the ones most likely to find success in America.

It is doubtful CL, Minzy, Dara, or Bom will become household names to the extent of Ginger, Posh, Scary, Baby and Sporty Spice. In Japan even the biggest K-pop stars have not overtaken native super groups Exile or AKB48. But any success in Japan is huge considering generations of tenuous relations between the countries. Even now Japanese are back lashing against the Hallyu Wave with multiple gatherings in the past month at Fuji TV to protest airing of Korean dramas, citing a destruction of Japanese culture. But hopes are still high and if all goes well in the next few years it is quite possible America could become the next to ride the Hallyu Wave.

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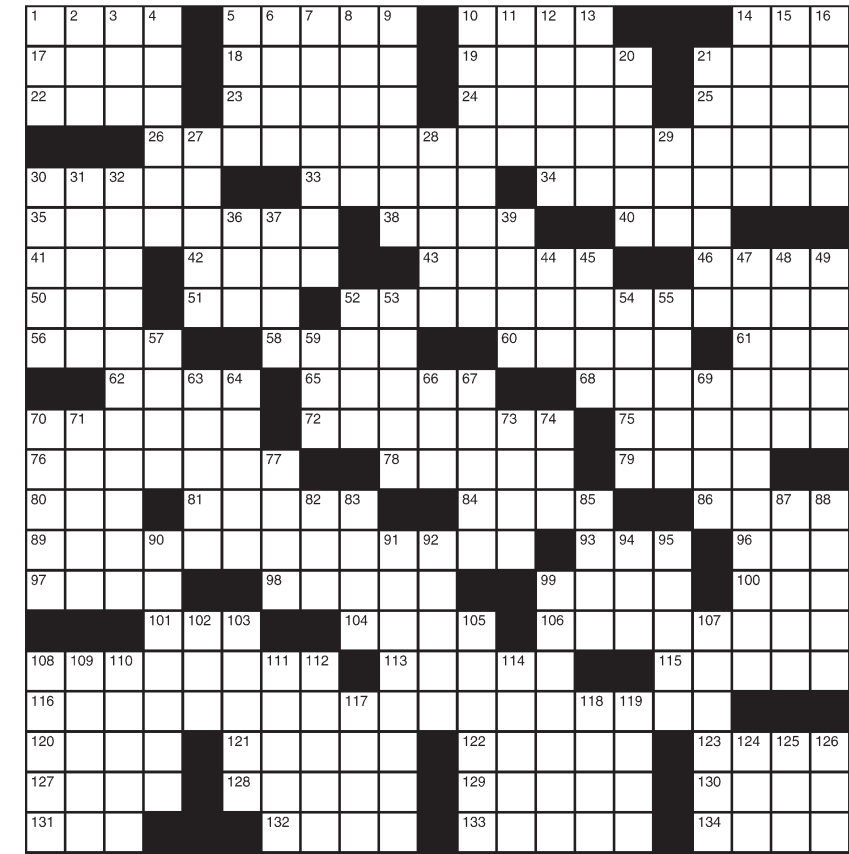
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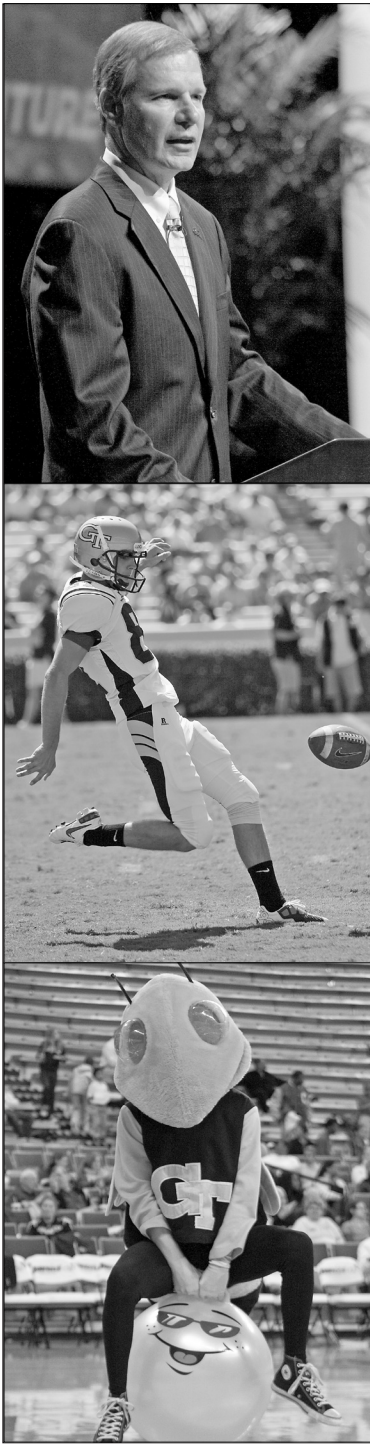
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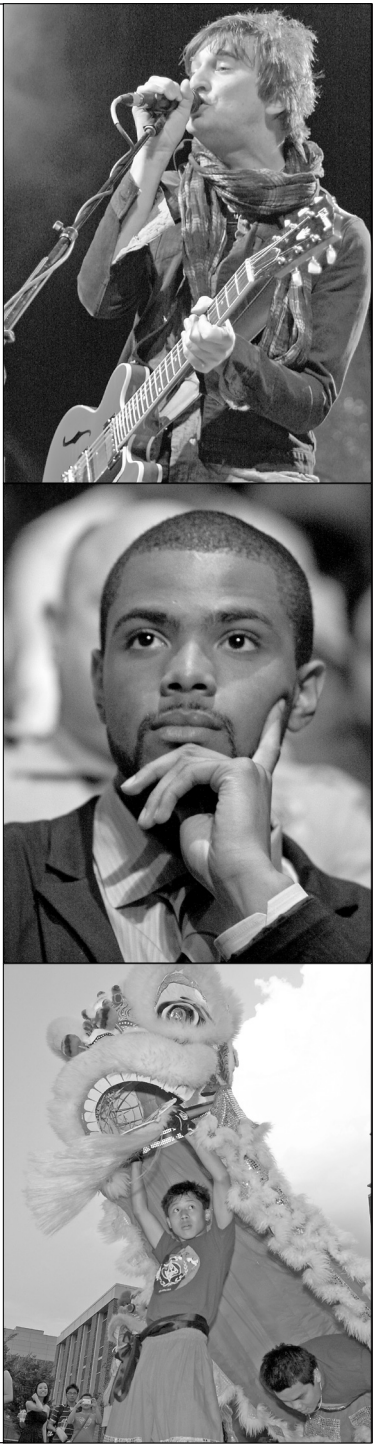
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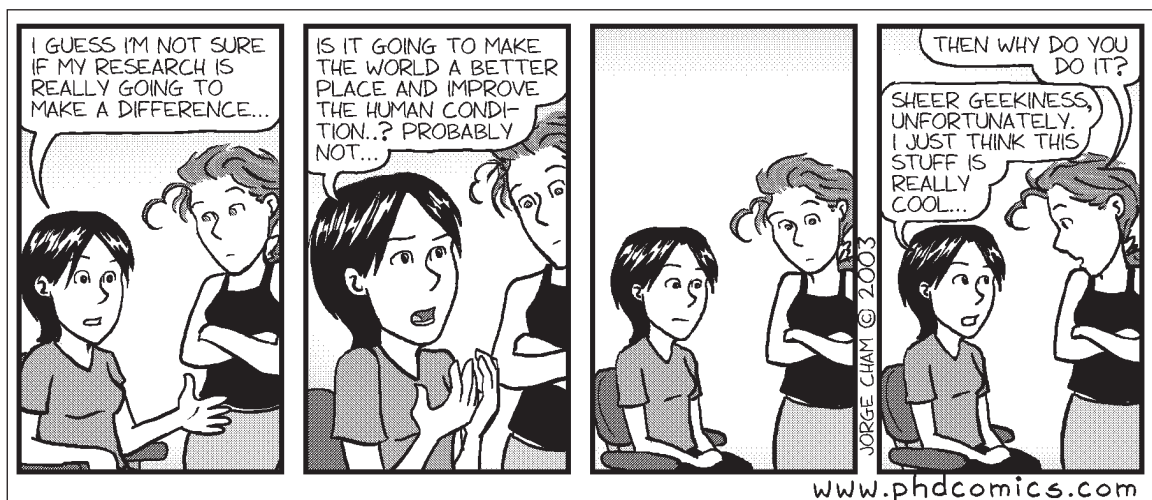
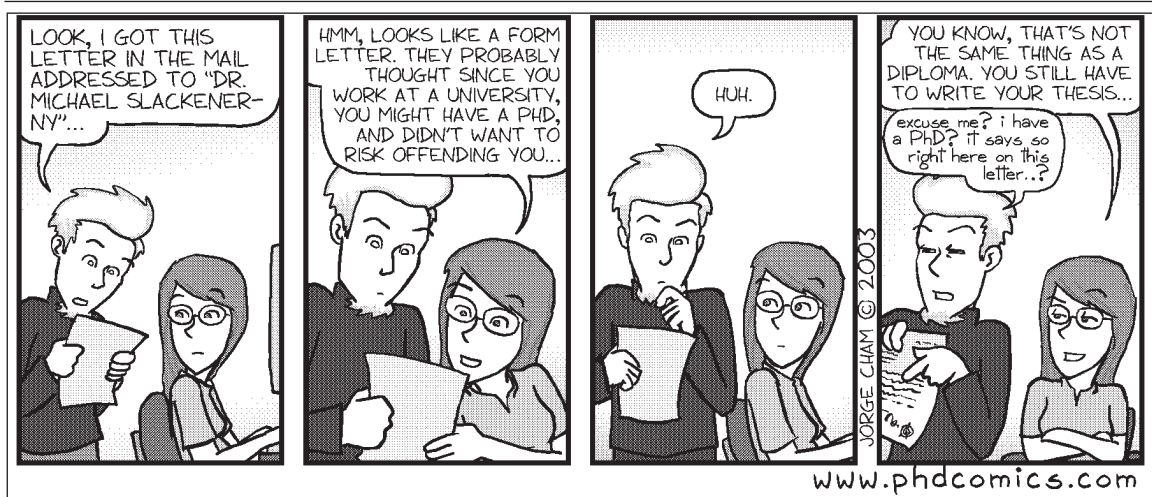
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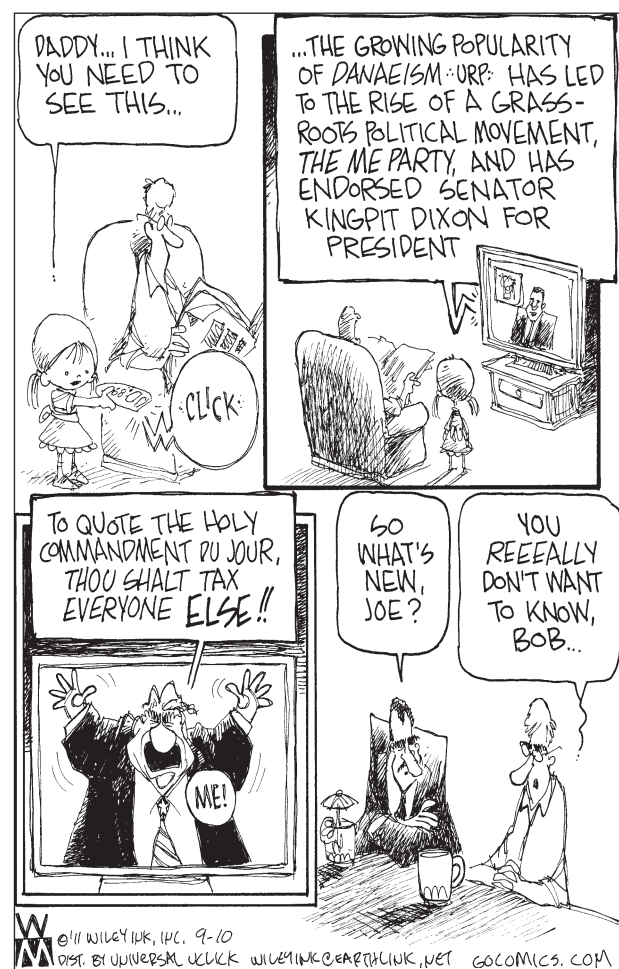
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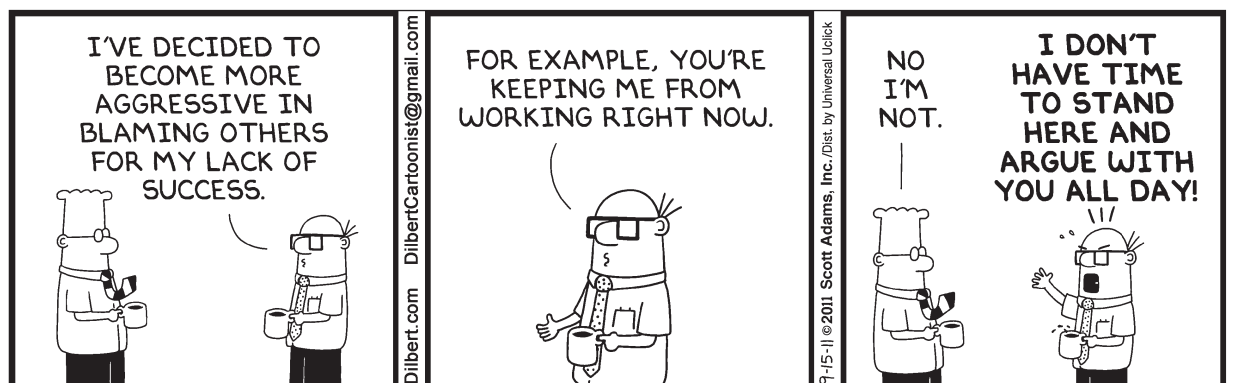
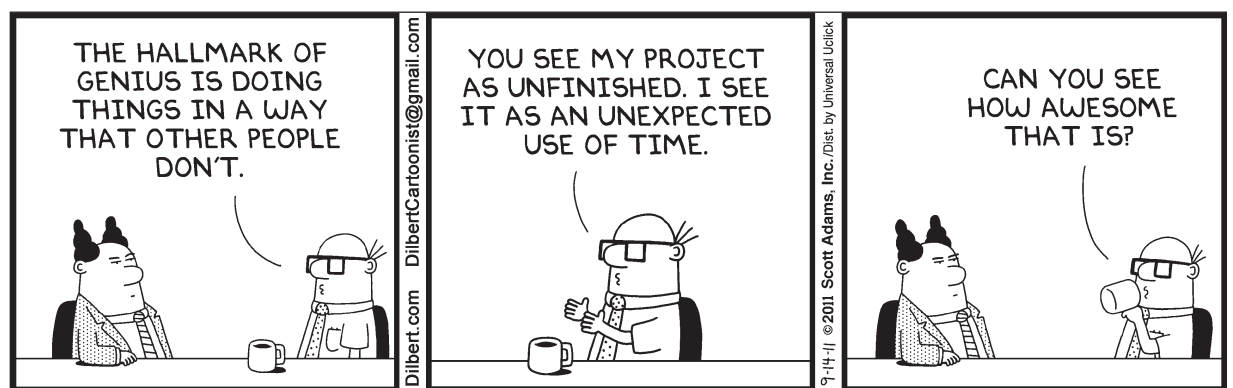
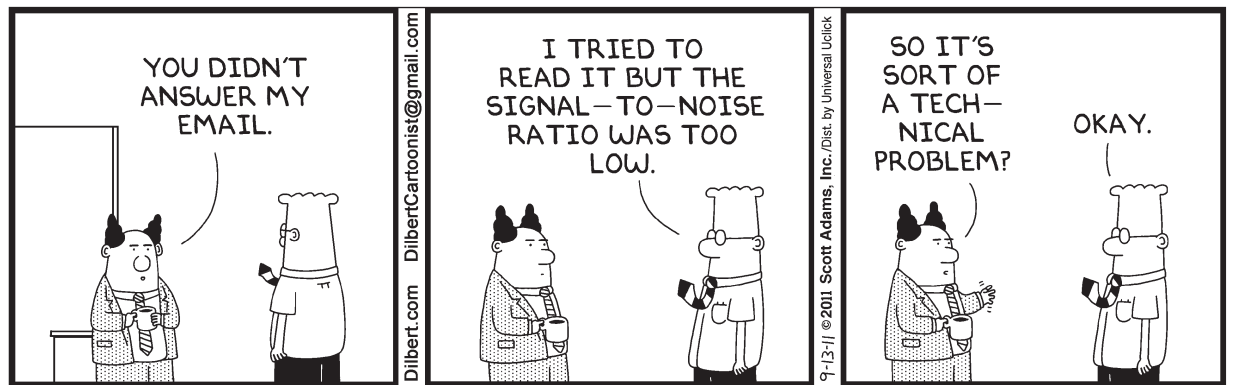
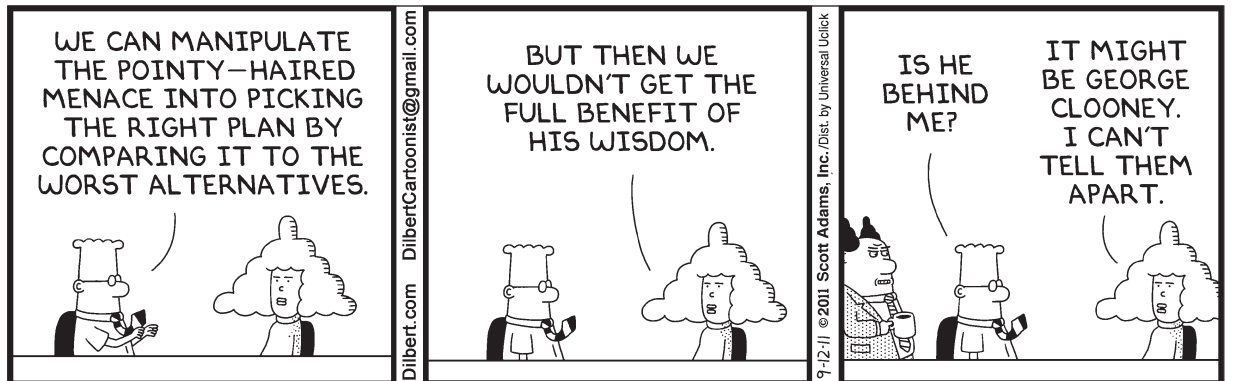
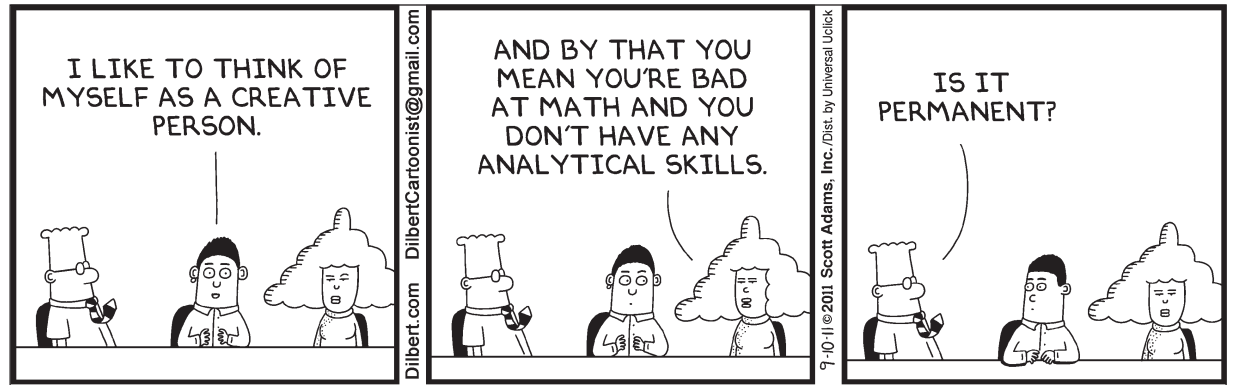
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"It was something we saw on film, and we knew [Zenon] was going to be matched up on a line-backer," Johnson said.

After forcing a quick punt by the Blue Raiders, the Jackets began their second drive from their own two yard line. Tech exclusively ran the ball and had its longest drive of the season, a 17-play drive that lasted 9:25 and ended in a two-yard keeper by Washington for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

MTSU responded with a 31-yard drive to the Tech 29-yard line, but missed a 46-yard field goal attempt. Tech capitalized on the mistake, and responded with a deep 71-yard pass from Washington to junior wide receiver Stephen Hill for a touchdown.

"Stephen has really come along really nicely. He's stepping up and making big plays when we need them," Washington said.

The Blue Raiders returned the ensuing kickoff for 38 yards and started off at their own 44. MTSU, led by quarterback Logan Kilgore, drove 25 yards to the Tech 31. On a third-and-long play, Kilgore threw a pass behind his receiver and sophomore safety Isaiah Johnson intercepted the pass at the Tech 10.

The Jackets capitalized on the turnover and capped off their first-half scoring with a seven-play, 90-yard touchdown drive ending in a seven-yard rush by Washington.

The Blue Raiders responded before the half was over, with a 68-yard drive of their own, ending in a 15-yard run by D.D. Kyles, to bring the score to 28-7 at halftime.

MTSU received the ball to



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David Sims stiff-arms a Middle Tennessee defender. Sims led the Jackets in rushing with 91 yards on 12 carries, a 7.6 yard average.

start the second half but was forced off the field after a quick three-and-out. The Blue Raiders kicked a 54-yard punt to the Tech 15, where Washington led the first Tech drive of the second half. Redshirt sophomore B-back David Sims carried the ball five times for 34 yards during an 85-yard touchdown drive that ended on a two-yard run by junior A-back Orwin Smith and brought the score to 35-7 in Tech's favor.

The Jackets forced another punt by the Blue Raiders, and redshirt freshman quarterback Synjyn Days took over under center for the remainder of the game with 5:40 left in the third quarter. Days led the offense to a score, rushing for 55 yards on a 63-yard drive to end the third quarter. The Jackets had their biggest lead of the day with the score at 42-7.

The Blue Raiders responded in the fourth quarter, forcing a fumble by redshirt freshman B-back Charles Perkins at the Tech 38.

MTSU then executed a trick play for 27 yards before punching the ball in for their second touchdown of the game with 12:57 left.

Days then came out to lead the Jackets on their last touchdown drive of the day. The Tech offense marched down the field, trying to use up as much clock as possible en route to a 16 play, 9:41 touchdown drive. Days and Zenon accounted for 63 of the 73 yards on the drive, and they converted two third downs and a fourth down.

The Blue Raiders took their last drive with 3:16 left on the clock and used their hurry-up offense to quickly score a touchdown with 53 seconds left in the game. Middle Tennessee kicked an onside kick, but could not recover the kick. Tech ran three last plays to finish the game and set the final score at 49-21. The Jackets finished with 596 yards of offense.

The Jackets return home to face the Kansas Jayhawks on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 12:30 P.M.

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two kills and recording two service aces to help put Tech ahead 7-3.

Georgia battled back to cut the lead to one point at 13-12, but Tech got kills from Mead, Colson and sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Percy to expand its lead. Georgia closed to within two points near the end, but a Mead kill on set point gave Tech a 25-22 set win and a match victory.

With the Georgia game out of the way, the Jackets opened Saturday play with an afternoon contest against Mercer. The visiting Bears kept the final two sets close and pushed them to extra points, but Tech went on to complete the sweep 25-15, 26-24, 28-26.

In the first set, Mercer jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Tech went on a 15-5 run to build a comfortable advantage. Behind six kills from Mead, the Jackets won the set 25-15 to take an early lead.

The second set was more closely contested, as neither team opened up a lead of more than three points. Down 14-13, Tech went on a four-point run fueled by a Percy kill and three Mercer errors, and Tech held onto the lead to reach set point at 24-22; however, Mercer notched back-to-back points to tie the game at 24. The Jackets managed to pull out the set, though, as Colson and junior middle blocker Alexis Woodson landed kills to give Tech a 26-24 victory.

The third and final set proceeded similarly to the previous one. This time, the Jackets found themselves trailing late, as Mercer pulled ahead 24-21 to reach set point. The Jackets rallied back be-

hind a strong finish from Mead, recording four kills in the final eight points of the game as Tech won 28-26 to take the match.

Mead led Tech on the offensive end in the match, recording a game-high 22 kills as Tech hit .283 as a team while holding Mercer to a .171 mark.

Facing Samford in the finale, Tech had a chance to close the weekend out undefeated against an opponent that went 14-17 in 2010, but instead Samford upended the Jackets with a 3-1 victory.

Samford built up a quick lead, but the Jackets fought back to tie the score at 9-9. After that, though, Samford went on a 6-2 run to open up a lead, and Tech was unable to recover as Samford won the opening set 25-20.

Tech got off to a better start in the second set, pulling ahead 11-8, but three Tech attack errors contributed to a six-point Samford run. The Jackets kept the set close, but with the score tied at 23 points apiece, Samford won the next two points on back-to-back kills and took the set 25-23.

Facing a possible sweep, Tech fought back to win the third set 26-24 after Samford reached match point at 24-23. It was not enough, though, as Samford led through the entire fourth set en route to a 25-18 victory that sealed the match and gave Tech its first home loss of the season.

Statistically, Tech was strong both offensively and defensively, but 34 errors contributed to the losing effort.

Tech will go on the road this weekend for a tournament at Clemson, S.C., where they will face Furman and then open ACC play by facing Clemson.

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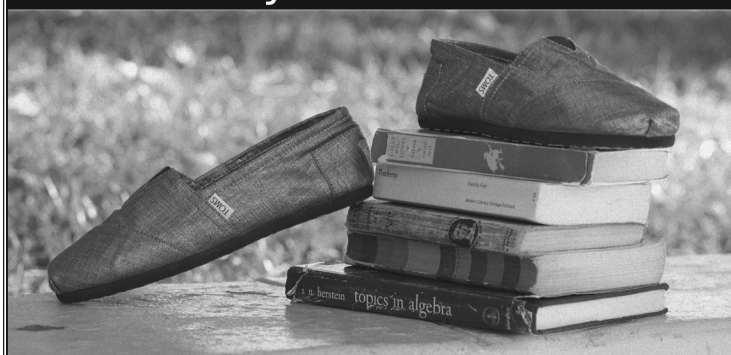
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TIME OUT

with Alex Mitchell



Alex Mitchell is a MGT major in his fourth year at Tech. He has watched sports his entire life, and takes a critical view towards many of the trending topics in the sporting world. To contact Alex with your opinions about **Time Out**, email him at timeout@nique.net.

Welcome back to another installment of Time Out. I have thoroughly enjoyed the college football season thus far and nothing has made me happier than watching Georgia open up the season 0-2.

This week I am going to take a step back from the field and talk about an issue that is on the forefront of fans' minds. I am sure that a lot of you have been following the recent drama with Texas A&M and the Aggies' eventual move to the SEC and rather than bore you with the details of all the recent ESPN reports, I want to formally declare that conference expansion is ruining college football.

My biggest gripe with conference expansion is the detrimental effect that it has on the traditions of college football. College football is built on traditions and rivalries: Michigan versus Ohio State, Alabama versus Auburn. Everybody loves a good rivalry because everybody knows that

anything can happen in a rivalry game. It does not matter how good one team is—its rival will always stand a chance to win.

Unfortunately, one or more of the great rivalries may never happen again if the conferences realign. Take Texas versus Texas A&M for instance. Should the Aggies move to the SEC, they would no longer want to play Texas every year on top of LSU, Alabama and Arkansas. Fans look forward to the rivalry game all year, so removing it from the schedule could affect fan morale for those teams and take away from the excitement of college football.

Another way that conference expansion could ruin college football is the outrageous scenarios that could arise in the bowl games. If conference expansion runs rampant and four 16-team "super conferences" are formed, then we could have postseason situations that are worse than they are today. Teams in these super conferences will be hard-pressed to go unde-

feated and in all likelihood, there would be four or five 10-2 teams at the end of the season. What would the BCS do with these teams who all ended up with identical records with almost identical conferences? They would do what they have always done: just use some incoherent computer formula to determine who will go to the National Championship Game. If the voters and computers cannot figure out which team is best now, then there is no way they will be able to figure out which two teams are the best when all the teams are in super conferences.

Oh, and do not kid yourself in thinking that four super conferences could lead to a playoff because the BCS is under contract until 2014 and the bowl games make far too much money. The heads of college institutions will also say that a playoff would never happen because it would force students to miss too much class time. Like they really care about that...

Another problem that conference expansion poses to bowl games is the predetermined bowl game tie-ins. These tie-ins decree that the ACC Champion goes to the Orange Bowl and that the Big 12 Champion will go to the Fiesta Bowl. With the inevitability of super conferences, the big wigs behind these bowl games will have to find a new tie-in should the ACC or Big 12 get destroyed. What is most egregious to me is that the Rose Bowl, the granddaddy of them all, might get two teams that are neither from the Pac-12 Conference nor the Big Ten Conference. I shudder

to think about the possibility of Texas Tech playing Rutgers in the biggest bowl game of the season.

The next problem I have with conference expansion is that it would widen the gap between David and Goliath. Should four 16-team super conferences form in the near future, it would widen the already cavernous gap between the haves and the have-nots. Normally, I am not entirely democratic but when it comes to college football, I want to see every team get an equal opportunity to win the championship. Boise St. and TCU have done their parts the past few seasons to bust the BCS, but neither will get a chance again if they are left out of the super conferences. They will be playing even more cupcakes because no super conference team will want to play them along with

the teams in its conference. TCU and Boise will not be able to get enough BCS points and well, you get the idea.

Also, everyone is talking about the possibility of Texas and Oklahoma leaving the Big 12. That would be exciting for fans of those teams, but what about Baylor, Iowa State and Kansas State? Will those schools be forced to play in Conference USA, or what is left of it? No one knows the answer yet, but that great performance two weeks ago by Baylor's Robert Griffin might be one of the last Baylor games ever televised.

While some fans are excited about the possibilities of conference expansion, it is important to think about issues like these and truly consider whether a super conference system would be good for the game.



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If conference realignment occurred, teams like Florida State might switch conferences, endangering old conference rivalries.






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KANSAS at GEORGIA TECH - SEPT. 17 (12:30 p.m.)

By Joe Sobchuk, Contributing Writer

JAYHAWKS

The Kansas Jayhawks come into this Saturday's matchup against the Jackets off of a high scoring thriller against Northern Illinois. Trailing 42 to 38 with 14 seconds to go in the game, sophomore quarterback Jordan Webb completed a six yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver DJ Beshears on 4th and goal to earn Kansas the victory. This marks the first time in Head Coach Turner Gill's reign that Kansas has won back-to-back games. If the Jayhawks want to continue their early season success, they will have to execute the following.

First, the Jayhawks defense will have to step up and prevent the Jackets from making big plays. The Jayhawks defense currently ranks 96th in FBS for points against and have given up 882 yards of total offense in two games, neither of which was against an automatic qualifying school for the BCS. They must improve on pressuring the quarterback and disrupting Tech's option attack. If Kansas does not address its defensive shortcomings, the Jackets' backs and receivers will exploit the one-on-one matchups for big yardage.

Second, the Jayhawks must continue to find success in their running game. Their rushing attack, led by sophomore running back James Sims, ranks 10th nationally in rushing yards per game with 227. In two games, Sims has rushed 45 times for 214 yards and three touchdowns, averaging 4.8 yards per carry. The Jayhawks will also rely on freshman running backs Darrian Miller and Tony Pierson, who have both rushed for over 100 yards and found the end zone this season.

Third, Kansas is counting on junior wide receiver/kick returner D.J. Beshears to have another stellar performance. Last week against Northern Illinois Beshears had a career game, catching seven passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns, which are all career highs. He also accumulated 197 yards in kickoff returns, including a 51-yard return that led to his game-winning touchdown catch. If he can elude the Tech defenders and have another breakout performance, Kansas will have a legitimate chance at winning this Saturday's game.



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The Jackets enter their first Saturday home game hoping to avoid a repeat of last year's matchup against Kansas, in which the Jayhawks upset the then-No. 15 Jackets 28-25 in Lawrence, Kan. In blowing out its first two opponents of the season, Tech has frequently demonstrated the big-play capabilities of its offense this season. The Jackets will need to address three points to start the season 3-0.

First, the Jackets will have to pound Kansas's defense with a consistent rushing attack. Tech currently ranks third in the nation with 340 rushing yards per game. Six rushers have scored for Tech so far this year, including freshman quarterback Synjyn Days and junior running back Orwin Smith, who each have three touchdowns. Last week at Middle Tennessee State, the Jackets went on a 98-yard touchdown drive that bled 9:25 off the clock and lasted 17 plays, all of which were rushes. If they can continue to sustain drives, win the time of possession battle and keep the opposing defense on the field with their running game, their chances of winning will only improve.

Second, Tech must continue to throw the ball effectively. Though Tech is traditionally a running team, the Jackets' passing game leads the nation in passing efficiency, with junior quarterback Tevin Washington throwing for 473 yards and five touchdowns in two games. Washington threw two long touchdown passes last week against Middle Tennessee, including a 73-yard completion to freshman A-back Tony Zenon on the first play of the game. Junior wide receiver Stephen Hill has also played well, amassing 307 yards and three touchdowns on seven catches in two games. If Washington can connect on another long pass early, it will open up the middle of the field for Tech's running game.

Finally, the Jackets' defense must be prepared for everything the Kansas offense can throw at them. Kansas, like Tech, has one of the most potent rushing attacks in the nation. Led by sophomore James Sims, the Kansas running backs will face a defense that has given up 125 rushing yards per game. The defense will also have its hands full with one of the nation's most efficient passing teams. Kansas quarterback Jordan Webb has the fourth-best QB rating in the country at 209.17. If they let up a few scores early, this game could turn into a shootout.

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Jackets cruise past MTSU, 49-21



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Synjyn Days gains 28 yards on an option play during his first drive of the third quarter. Days was put into the game midway through the third quarter, and tied David Sims as the leading rusher against MTSU with 91 yards on the ground.

By Alex Sohani
Sports Editor

Following the second-best offensive performance in school history on the season's opening weekend, Tech went on the road on Sept. 10 to face the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The Jackets hit the ground running, scoring on their first four possessions and

cruising to a 49-21 win.

The Jackets had 596 yards of offense, with 382 coming on the ground and 214 through the air. Tech held their ranking as the nation's leader in pass efficiency, averaging 21.4 yards per pass attempt against the Blue Raiders. The defense also limited MTSU's offense, allowing 342 yards in the contest and only seven points through three quarters.

Head Coach Paul Johnson emphasized improving ball security through the week leading up to the game, and Tech reduced its fumbling from six times the previous week to twice on the road.

The Jackets received the ball to kick off the game and started off as quickly as they did the previous week against Western Carolina. Redshirt freshman A-back Tony Zenon

lined up at the B-back position and ran a deep route on the first play of the game, and redshirt junior quarterback Tevin Washington hit Zenon in stride for a 73-yard pass down the sideline for a touchdown. It was the second time in two games that the Jackets scored on their first offensive play from scrimmage.

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PLAY OF THE WEEK



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After a short kickoff by Middle Tennessee State to start the game, the Jackets lined up on offense with redshirt freshman A-back Tony Zenon at the B-back position. Redshirt junior quarterback Tevin Washington snapped the ball at the MTSU 27 yard line, and Zenon ran around the offensive line, towards the sideline. Zenon, matched up against a much slower linebacker, outran his defender as Washington delivered a perfectly thrown pass to him. Zenon caught the ball at the Tech 40, and a key block by senior wide receiver Tyler Melton ensured Zenon went untouched all the way to the end zone. The touchdown gave the Jackets a 7-0 lead one play into the game and immediately put momentum on Tech's side.

Men's golf finishes third in season debut

By Adam West
Contributing Writer

Coming off of a successful campaign in 2010 that included an ACC Championship, the men's golf team kicked off the 2011 season at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Ga. from Sept. 9-11.

Tech completed a final round 14-under-par rally to finish third in the tournament after starting the final day in seventh place. The Jackets finished with a total score of 857, seven under par, behind Auburn and Tennessee.

Tech competed against 12 of the country's most competitive teams; six of the teams that competed in the event rank in the top 25 nationally.

The Jackets opened up strong on Friday, taking the lead with a 286 stroke, two under par showing. Chattanooga and Clemson tied for second, only one stroke behind Tech. The entire 12 team field was separated by only 15 shots.

Sophomore Drew Czuchry and freshman Ollie Schniederjans both shot rounds under par on their first day playing for the Jackets. Czuchry finished the day with a share of second place with a three-under-par 69 performance, only one shot behind Stephen Jaeger of Chattanooga.

Tech lost its early lead on Saturday, when the team posted a score of 297, nine-over-par, and sank to seventh overall in the tournament.

Freshman Anders Albertson led the team with a two-under-par score, but the rest of the team struggled to complete holes. At the end of the day, Albertson was tied for 15th individually, the highest spot of any Tech player. Czuchry and Schniederjans finished five-over-par and six-over-par, respectively, and dropped to 26th place in the individual standings.

Redshirt sophomore Seth Reeves, who had struggled the previous two days, led the Jackets on Sunday with two eagles. Reeves posted a total score of 65, seven under par. Albertson and Schniederjans both finished with scores of five under par. Schniederjans was also able to score a pair of eagles, one of which he chipped in from the rough to finish out the final hole.

The total score for the team was 274 strokes, a team record for the event.

The Jackets will travel to Burlington, Iowa for their next match to play in the Golfweek Conference Challenge from Sept. 25-27.

Volleyball wins sixth straight over UGA, improves to 6-3

By Nishant Prasad
Development Editor

Returning home from a week-end tournament in Houston, Texas, the Tech volleyball team picked up its sixth straight win over Georgia and went on to win two out of three matches in the Georgia Tech Regency Suites Invitational on Sept. 9-10 at O'Keefe Gym. The Jackets swept Georgia and Mercer but lost 3-1 to Samford, closing out the weekend with a 6-3 record on the season.

Facing Georgia on the evening of Friday, Sept. 9 before a sold-out audience, the Jackets looked to extend a winning streak that dated back to 2006. In each of Head Coach Tonya Johnson's first two seasons, the

match had gone down to the wire and Tech had pulled out a five-set victory, but this time Tech ended the match with a three-set sweep.

The match was close early on as the teams traded points. Sophomore setter Kaleigh Colson set up senior middle blocker Asia Stawicka well for strong kills on Tech's first two points. With Georgia up 10-8, Tech went on a five-point run, getting kills from Stawicka and senior outside hitter Bailey Hunter to pull ahead 13-10.

For the remainder of the set, neither team was able to string together more than two points in a row and Tech held onto its lead to the end. Stawicka recorded five kills in the opening set, most on sets from Col-

son, while the setter herself had 10 assists and recorded the final kill to give Tech a 25-22 first-set victory.

The second set was far easier for Tech, as the Jackets jumped out to a 7-3 lead behind two kills by junior rightside hitter Monique Mead and three Georgia attack errors. Up 12-7, the Jackets went on a 6-0 run behind kills from Stawicka and Mead, two Georgia errors and two Colson service aces. Georgia made a comeback, going on a 10-4 run to pull within striking distance, but the Jackets held a five-point lead even after that and went on to win the set 25-19.

Stawicka powered the Jackets at the start of the final set, picking up

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Zoey Morton posts a dig against rival UGA. Morton finished the match with three digs while playing in all three sets.